Window
to the World

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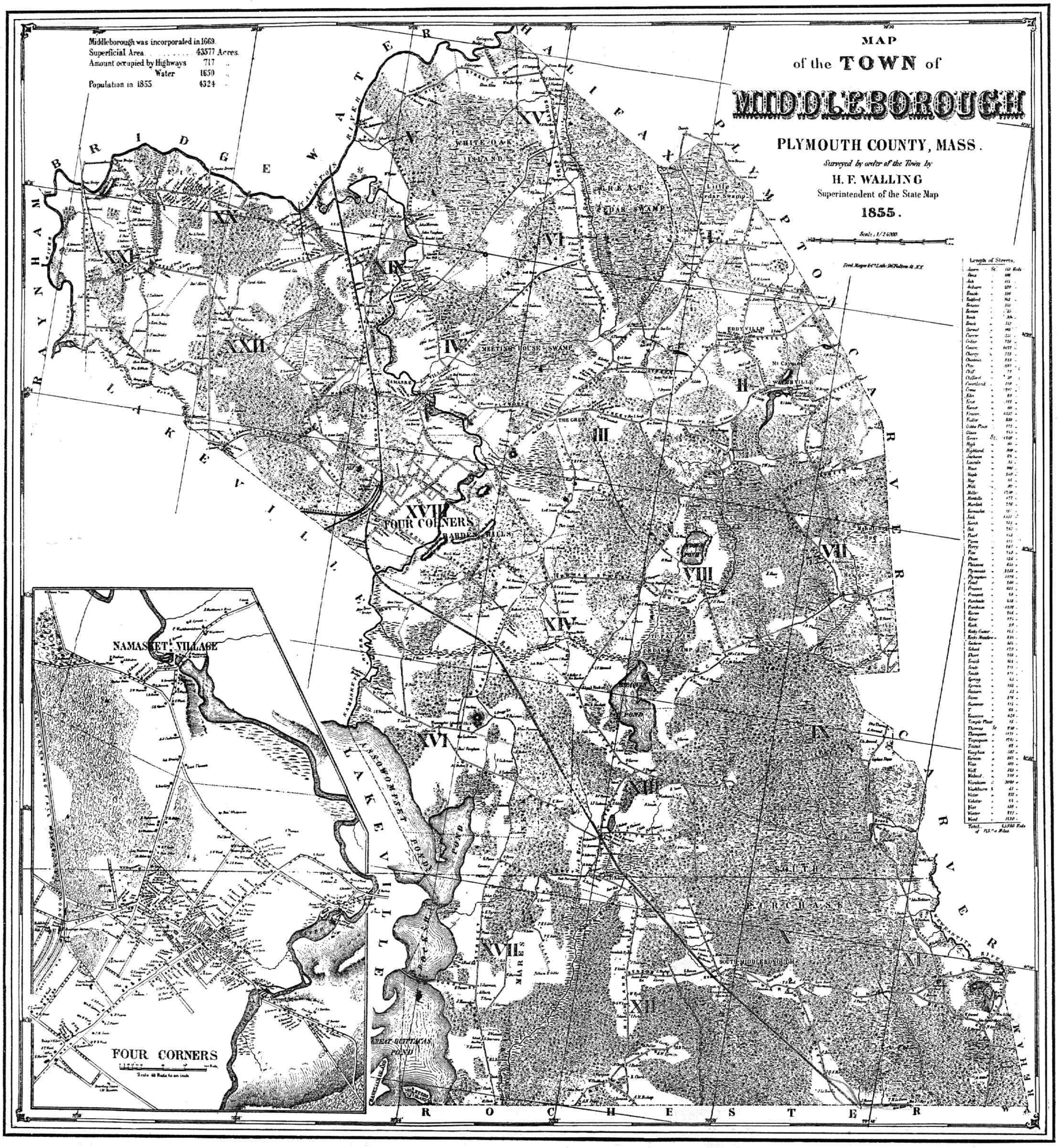
The Walter Thompson slide and photo collection started about 1983 with the acquisition of a post card that my sister Dorothy had left on the table at my mother's home. As the collection grew, I had them made into slides for safer viewing.

My father's knowledge of local history inspired me to continue, and because of my mother's faith in me she encouraged me to put on my first slide show. Therefore, I'm making an outright gift of my collection to the Town of Middleborough in memory of my parents, Walter and Dorothy Thompson.

Also, I'm dedicating this CD ROM as a memorial to the life of the late Clint Clark whose efforts will keep the past, present as well as the future in the minds of all Middleborough people.

The collection is meant to be a cornerstone, a catalyst if you will, to attract others to continue a pictorial history for everyone for all time. This collection is a mixture of not only buildings or architectural shots, but of personages who helped to inspire the children of Middleborough to go on to do greater things.

Walter O. Thompson, Jr.


MAP
of the TOWN of
MIDDLEBOROUGH
PLYMOUTH COUNTY, MASS.
Surveyed by order of the Town by
H. F. WALLING
Superintendent of the State Map
1855.
Scale 1/24000
Middleborough was incorporated in 1669.
Superficial Area 43577 Acres.
Amount occupied by Highways 717
Water 1650
Population in 1855 4324
Length of Streets.
BRIDGEWATER
HALIFAX
PLYMPTON
CARVER
WAREHAM
ROCHESTER
LAKEVILLE
RAYNHAM
WHITE OAK ISLAND
GREAT CEDAR SWAMP
Little Cedar Swamp
MEETING HOUSE SWAMP
EDDYVILLE
WATERVILLE
NAMASKE
THE GREEN
FOUR CORNERS
BARDEN HILLS
ASSAWOMPSET POND
SOUTH PURCHASE
SOUTH MIDDLEBOROUGH
NAMASKET VILLAGE
FOUR CORNERS

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This, very controversial, to say the least, was finally built by January 2, 1798 and served until 1872 when the new Town Hall was built. JobBraley bought the lumber and erected the old house on North Street that Albert Soule's family lived in so long. It was torn down to make way for the Oak Hill Nursing Home.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume IV. June 1962. Number Three. Page Two
Volume XXIII. Mar. 1984. No. 3 Page 3.

2. Solomon Eaton

The new town hall committee selected a native of North Middleborough, Solomon K. Eaton, then living in Mattapoisett, to be a builder and architect of the New Town Hall. The building committee consisted of Horatio Barrows, Albert Alden, Zebulon Pratt, and Ivory Harlow. The project had not progressed far when Mr. Eaton died. The work was carried out successfully under the direction of Horatio Barrows, chairman of the building committee.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXIII. March, 1984. Number Two. Page Five

3. Town Hall Tower Featured in Clint Clarks Column "By the Way"

The tower held a fire bell until it was sold in 1917 when the electrical alarm system was installed.

4. Air Horn in Town Hall

Air Horn in the town hall steeple was used for fire alarms. During WWII it sounded air raid warnings. Every neighborhood had its own air raid warden who checked for any visible lights. JosephKehoe was warden for the Forest and Everett Streets area. At noon the whistle sounded for the shoe shops to get out for lunch. You could set your watch by it it was so punctual.

Source: Walter Thompson

5. Whistle Stop House

Clint Clark photo of Whistle Stop House was taken from his column, "By the Way". It was through Clint Clark's dedicated efforts that the Whistle House was saved from destruction and moved to the Middleborough Historical Museum grounds.

6. Whistle Stop House Alarm

"Where and what is the device?" Clint Clark asked in his column "By the Way." It is the whistle on top of the whistle stop house used for fire alarms and no school signals. The building was moved from the corner of May Ave. and Vine St. to behind the historical association's Museum grounds.

Source: Walter Thompson

7. Whistle Stop House Alarm

Whistle from atop the Whistle Stop House that signaled alarm and school closings.

Source: Walter Thompson

8. Town Hall, 1875

Original painted wooden siding has been disputed as to color. An old postcard printed in Germany shows it as red.

Source: Walter Thompson

9. Town Hall, 1890

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume IV, June 1962, Number Three, Page Two

10. Town Hall Auditorium

Production of the "Frog Prince" in 1895 was a successful musical that packed the town hall auditorium to capacity. Tin lined the area above the gas lights to prevent fire.

Source: Walter Thompson

11. Shakespeare Cameo

Shakespeare Cameo installed over the town hall auditorium stage as dedication to the arts.

Source: Walter Thompson

12. Civil War Monument

The civil war soldiers monument was built of Quincy granite in memory of those who died in the war. The cost was about $5000.00.

Source: Weston's History of Middleborough

13. Soldiers Monument

The Quincy granite monument rises 40 feet 11 inches high. Its base is 9 feet square. It was dedicated May 30, 1896 with an address by Ex-governor John D. Long. The postcard shows the towns first high school, later called Bates School.

Source: Weston's History of Middleborough

14. **Cannon Balls on Soldiers Monument**

Granite cannonballs at the base of the soldier's monument on the front lawn of the town hall.

Source: Walter Thompson

15. The Soldier Figure on Top of Soldier's and Sailors Monument

Clint Clark has captured the beauty many of us never notice.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXIII November 1984 Number Four, Cover, Page One.

16. Town Hall

Town Hall photo in year 1907. In the rear you can see the original Union St. School. Temple Way shows in foreground, which went up to the front door of the Baptist church. View of horse and buggy are tethered to Temple Way fence.

Source: Walter Thompson

17. Town Hall

This view of the town hall shows the snow of winter, which has gathered on Temple Way.

Source: Walter Thompson

18. Town Hall and High School

The first high school was built in 1887 next to the town hall on land donated by the Washburn family.

19. Town Hall and High School

This picture depicts the close proximity of our first high school to our town hall in which high school classes were held before the school was built. By the way, did you realize that Nickerson Avenue was first named Washburn Avenue, then Town House Avenue before it got its present name..

20. Middleborough High School Class of 1908

Front Row, Left to right: Annie Pasztor, Harry Belmont, Sadie Surrey, Martinia Donahue, Walter Sampson, Principal – Mildred Cushman, James Williams, Myra Andrews, and Reginald Drake. Second Row: Frank Harrington, Florence White, Bessie Norton, Archie Godfrey, Russ Murray, Rose Pasztor, Leo Quindley, Clarence Wilbur and Pearl Phinney. Third Row: Gladys Shockley, Edith Cushing, Gertrude Cox, Evelyn Reed, Lillian O'Neil, Annie McQuade, and Ethel Norris. Fourth Row: Helen Robbins, Alice Howes, Zilpah Letcher, Albert Alden, Marjorie Davis, Gilbert Ramsey, Theresa Sheehan, and Mattie Snow. Fifth Row: Ethel Pratt, Ruby Keedwell, Bradford Swift, Willis Holcomb, Leland Barney, and Mildred Martin.

21. Middleborough Skating Rink

The indoor skating rink was located on the Union Street side of the future high school. George Lewis Soule bought the building in 1884 and rebuilt it on Cambridge Street as the George Woods Organ Company.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XVII July 1976 Number 3 Page 3

22. Middleborough Town Hall, 1908

Sources: Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXIII, March 1984, Number 2
Volume XXIII, July 1984, Number 3
Volume XXXIII, 1995 Number 1

23. Band Stand

Bandstand later moved to the rear of Memorial Jr. High School

Source: Romaine, History of Middleborough, page 332

24. School St. School Students

Marching to D.A,R dedication. The little drummer boy is Clifford Winberg. In the photo one sees the bank block, Peirce Block and Nemasket House.

25. Revolutionary War Memorial

Nemasket Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, participated in raising the funds for the memorial tablet and dedicated it on May 5, 1915. "Standing beside the boulder are the Misses Thalia Stetson on the left and Catherine Bates on the right. Mrs. C.D. Kingman, far right, made the presentation. Among others in the background may be recognized Mrs. Ruth Cushman Holmes, Center; Mrs. Edward H. Cleveland, Mrs. Charlotte Ellis, and Mrs. Charles H. Bates. "

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XIV, May, Number Three, Page Eight

26. Daughters of American Revolution

This is a photo of the bronze plaque on the boulder, which is a memorial to Middleborough's service men that fought in the war for American independence.

Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine, pages 481-482.

27. Reviewing Stand

Reviewing stand set up behind the town hall to review the 1919 Armistice Day Parade.

28. Bandstand Behind Town Hall

The bandstand was sponsored by the Maerican Federation of Musicians, Local 491 just before 1920. It was very well used and popular until the 1930's. It was moved to the playground off Lincoln Street in 1934..

Source: History of Middleborough – Mertie Romaine, Page 331-332

29. Middleborough Junior High School Class of 1930

This photo was taken in front of the Middleborough Town Hall showing the 1930 graduating class of Bates Junior High School. Wirt B. Phillips music director on left; Principal Henry Bendt Burkland on right of the photograph.

30. Middleborough Honor Roll World War II

Honor Roll was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club as a memorial for the service men and women who served during World War II. It is located on Town Hall lawn. Photo shows the dedication exercises as performed on Memorial Day, May 30, 1943.

Source: History of Middleborough-Mertie Romaine

31. Memorial Services

Scene of unveiling day service is one of the many cartoons that were drawn by local artist Nicholas Panesis. A TOWN HONORS IT'S WARRIORS – Under a big elm tree on the Town Hall lawn, Middleborough unveils its World War II honor roll, donated by the Kiwanis Club. On the stand are the Rev. David J. Julius, State Rep. Ward Stetson, Father Vincent McCarthy, and Congressman Charles L. Gifford. Officiating at the unveiling is the community's first gold star mother, Mrs. Hiram Archer, whose son Lt. Thomas Archer, was killed in an airplane crash in theAleutions.

Source: The Middleborough Gazettes, Reflections (1940 to Present), Page Eight, March 28, 1985

32. Middleborough Town Hall

In this time period the Town Hall was in good shape. Photo shows the Soldier's Monument, Central Baptist Church on right and Union Street School on left.

Source: From a postcard.

33. Town Hall Auditorium

This is a picture of the auditorium as it looked in 1984 after being cleaned up. It had been in disuse since the erection of the new High School on East Grove Street. It was being used for plays and school department displays, etc. It was going to be closed down by the Fire Department. Peirce trustees gave them new fireproof drapes for the stage. Finally it was shut down because of the danger of the steeple coming through the ceiling and for general instability of the hall as a whole.

34. Town Hall Auditorium

This is a picture of the town hall auditorium being used as a depot for holding supplies until they were taken as needed.

35. Fletcher Clark Jr., 1922-1974, Town Moderator

This is a picture of Fletcher Clark Jr. presiding as town moderator for the last time in the town hall auditorium in 1974. He only missed one town meeting in his term of 52 consecutive years.

36. Town Hall

This is a photograph showing the front façade and steeple of the town hall.

Source: New Bedford Standard Times, Sunday, October 27, 1985.

37. Town Hall

Town needed more space for its'offices and meeting hall so as a result the present town hall was built in 1872, at a cost of $49,000, and dedicated in December 1873.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume X, September 1968, Number Two, Cover, Page One

38. Corinthian Column on Town Hall Façade

This unfortunately is a photograph of one of the Corinthian Columns on the town hall façade; and in very bad need of scraping and painting.

39. Corinthian Column on Town Hall Façade

This view of the town hall Corinthian Columns gives you the feeling of being on the Aegian Sea in Greece. As in the other photo they need to be scraped and painted.

40. View Towards Town Hall Steeple

This is a photo looking past the Post office showing the Thatcher Printing block on left before ending at the Town Hall steeple.

41. Central Baptist Church Clock Tower and Town Hall Steeple

This is a beautiful scenic view showing original clock tower on Central Baptist Church and the Town Hall Steeple against a beautiful sky of clouds.

42. Town Hall

This is a nostalgic view showing the beautiful Kwanzan Cherry Trees forming a picturesque view towards the Town Hall.

43. Town Hall – Christmas Décor

In early 1940, Mrs. Sylvia Matheson had the idea of her junior and senior classes making Christmas displays for the Town Hall façade and lawn. This photo shows the three panels on the lower arches with the carolers on the façade balcony. The Gas and Electric Company made the metal candles that adorned the balcony and lawn areas. They put the display up and adorned it with the greenery.

44. Sylvia Matheson's Art Class of 1949

This photo shows the class of 1949 of Middleborough Memorial High School preparing the Christmas panels in the art room. Upper center is Sylvia Matheson and on her left is Delores Veronesi.

44a. Sylvia Matheson's Senior Art Class

Member of the senior art class, on the third floor of Memorial High School, pictured in 1950 painting the nativity figures. Front row sitting; Joanne Gomes, Donald Houghton, Naomi Haynes, Earl Banta, Irene Connolly, Dolores Corsini, and Walter Thompson. Second row standing; Mrs. Sylvia G. Matheson, John Alley, Gerard Richmond, Dorothy Falconeiri, Eleanor Brehault, Barbara Freitas, and Eila Peltola. The Gas and Electric Department cut out the wood figures.

44b. Nativity Scene

Photographed for the nativity scene opening in 1951 are left front; NaomiHaynes, Eleanor Brehault, Irene Connolly, Unknown; left rear; Donald Houghton, Gerard Richmond, and Earl Banta. Center; Walter Thompson, John Bradford, and John Alley. Front nativity; Eila Peltola and Dorothy Falconeiri. Right;
Barbara Freitas, Mrs. LillianOsborne, Horace K. Atkins; School Committee Chairman, Unknown, Roger W. MacDonald, Town Manager, Unknown, and Mrs. Sylvia G. Matheson. The photo shows the Bates Junior High School on the left and the carolers on the balcony with the three large door panels painted by the Memorial High School Class of 1950. In the back is the 1951 class Nativity and some of the forty electric candles made by the Gas and Electric Dept.

44c. Lit-Up Nativity Scene

A Nativity scene is the main theme of the community holiday lighting project on the lawn of the Middleborough Town Hall and the after dark brilliance of the decorations has raised much favorable comment. The stately Town Hall building is used as a backdrop. The scene was constructed by art students at Memorial High School under supervision of Mrs. Sylvia G. Matheson, Art Supervisor. Workmen of the municipal light department handled construction and lighting under supervision of Joseph Brown, foreman.

Source: Quote from New Bedford Standard Times

44d. Aerial View of Town Hall Christmas Lighting

This beautiful aerial shot shows the lights in the steeple, the lit-up shrubbery and the forty electric candles lighting up the nativity scene and Town Hall façade decorations. On the right may be seen the steeple of Central Baptist Church.

44e. Children's Corner

The Children's Corner, praying for peace was painted by the Memorial High School Class of 1952, under the direction of Mrs. Sylvia G. Matheson. It was added to the main nativity scene in 1952.

45. Sylvia Matheson

This is a photograph of Middleborough's beloved school art teacher taken on an outing in Scituate by one of her students Sherwood Burnett.

46. Sylvia Matheson

This is a picture taken at Sylvia Matheson's 90th birthday celebration on April 8, 1992. She came to Middleborough in 1925 as a twenty-two year old art teacher as Sylvia Comley and taught art until she retired in 1961.

47. Nativity Scene

The annual Nativity Scene as it looks when students at Bristol Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School had repaired the figures.

48. Nativity Scene

Bristol Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School sophomore, John Papoulis, in front of the statue of Joseph minus his feet.

49. Nativity Scene

An evening view of the Nativity scene shows the star aglow.

50. Town Hall Tower Debris

These sections were removed from the town hall tower after pieces of material were braking off and falling to the ground.

51. George Philbrook

Standing beside his official "G&E" car, a 1941 Oldsmobile coupe, is George Philbrook, father of Middleborough historian Mertie Romaine and the town's fire chief as well as the "key man" in the gas and electric department.

52. Town Hall

Sepia Pen and Ink drawing handed out at a town meeting in the 1980's.

53. Town Seal

The state mandated that every town have an official seal by 1900. We do not know who designed the seal or when, only that it was used for the first time in 1909.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXIII, March 1984, Number 2, Page Fourteen

54. View from Town Hall Steeple

View toward High Street. Lower left corner shows Devlin Home; upper right corner is the Elks Building, Thomas Leonard Estate. The house, lower right corner, was moved to the lot behind onto Pearl Street, where the present Union Street School was built in 1937.

55. View – Town Hall Steeple

Lower left corner shows 3 family dwellings, behind house is Episcopal Church Parish Hall. Bert Perkin's house is in the foreground.

56. View from Town Hall Steeple

View looks toward original Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory, all of which burned in 1886. In lower right the Central Baptist Church carriage sheds and across from sheds is the Lucas Homestead, which has been replaced by the Church of our Saviour, Episcopal.

57. View Town Hall Steeple

View looking toward Union Street; lower right shows church of our Saviour Episcopal with the original Union Street School behind the church. In the distance the Forest Street standpipe can be seen.

58. View from Town Hall Steeple

View looking toward Union Street in summer.

59. View From Town Hall Steeple

View looking toward Union Street. Lower right shows Church of Our Saviour, Episcopal with the original Union Street School behind the church. In the distance the Forest Street standpipe can be seen.

60. View From Town Hall Steeple

View showing Central Baptist Church, a corner at the Glidden Building behind it and across the street Church of Our Saviour, Episcopal.

61. View From Town Hall Steeple

This view looks toward the original Central Baptist Church. On the right of church the Peirce Academy, behind the Academy is the original School St. School. On far left of picture is Otis Briggs' livery stable, the site to which the school was moved to in 1906 when the new School St. School was built.

62. View From Town Hall Steeple

View toward Second Central Baptist Church, Peirce Academy, Glidden Block with the new School St. School, Central Methodist Church and the Beehive House, which was used by the Peirce Academy for students who boarded.

63. View from Steeple of Town Hall

View overlooks Peirce Academy, Central Methodist Church, the present parsonage, formally the Wood House, with the house next to it the original parsonage. The Beehive, Peirce Academy dormitory on right side of School St. Lower right is Central Baptist Church manse (parsonage) built by Levi Peirce for the Baptist minister.

64. View from Steeple of Town Hall

Looking toward Peirce Street with Centre Street in foreground. Lower left shows 2-storied Thatcher Block, Middleborough clothing store, Tripps Confectionery and Bank block on corner. In the distance Peirce House.

65. View from Steeple of Town Hall

In foreground are Thatcher greenhouses, later moved to Wareham Street and presently Creedon's Florist Shop.

66. Steeple of Town Hall

Current view of slide #65.

67. View from Steeple of Town Hall

This view is focused toward the Four Corners over the roof of the Thatcher Homestead. In the far left is original Jones Block. At the Four Corners is the building that became Bob's Diner. Coming down So. Main Street is American Block, then the 2 story Doan block, the Soule block and finally the Drake Homestead.

68. View from Steeple of Town Hall

In the distance on No. Main Street can be seen the Jones Block which burned in 1904; then crossing over to So. Main Street, first in line is the American block, the two story Doan Block and the Soule Block.

69. View from the Steeple of Town Hall

Looking towards the Peirce and Bank Blocks and returning to Homestead block, past the Washburn House to the recently vacated cellar hole of the Dr. Arad Thompson home, which was moved to No. Middleborough. Across the street the spire of Central Congregational Church and the Doan & Soule Blocks.

70. View from Town Hall Steeple

On the left Unitarian Church to Thatcher Block to Homestead Block, Bank and Peirce Blocks. Returning are American, Doan and Soule Blocks and the Drake Home.

71. Central Congregational Church and Chapel

Looking toward Webster Street shows church and chapel which was the original church. The church itself was raised a story in 1891 and 1892. On December 23, 1923 it was hit by disastrous fire. Among improvements after remodeling was installation of a new organ. Church was rededicated on November 19, 1924.

72. Central Congregation Church

View of Central Congregational Church with Mayflower Bank on the site of the chapel, which was moved to the rear of church in 1928.

73. Central Congregational Church and Philander Washburn House

Through the trees on left side of Webster Street we see the Central Congregational Church and across the street on the right the Philander Washburn Home, which in the year of 1998 is serving as office space of Middleborough Gas and Electric Dept.

Source: Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXIV, Nov. 1980

74. Thomas Covington House

This house was owned by Philander Washburn and lived in by Thomas Covington who stood up at Town Meeting declaring that he would sue the town if they did not vote a High School. Henceforth the house moved and the school built.

75. Thomas Covington House

This house was owned by Philander Washburn, lived in by Thomas Covington and today is on the corner of Clifford and Webster Street.

76. High School and Town Hall

Our Town Hall served as a high school from 1873 until 1886 when the new high school was built. From 1887 to 1907 the upper floor served as a high school, the first floor as an elementary school. School Street School, built in 1907 took over as the elementary school. The building continued as the High School until 1927 when the new high school was built on North Main Street, and continued as Bates Junior High School until it burned down in 1954.

77. Bates Junior High School

Bates School burned in the evening of September 20, 1954. Across the street when moviegoers came out of the theater they found to their amazement an out-of-control fire gutting their Junior High School.

78. High School and Town Hall

Our Town Hall served as a high school from 1873 to 1886 when the new high school was built in the adjoining lot. From 1887 to 1907 the upper floor served as a high school, the first floor as an elementary school. School Street School, built in 1907 took over as the elementary school. The building continued as the High School until 1927 when the new high school was built on North Main Street and continued as Bates Junior High School until it burned down in 1954.

79. Bates Junior High School

Henry B. Burkland, principal (aged 51) raced up to the 3rd floor to the costume room under the eaves to rescue irreplaceable costumes before the flames consumed the third floor.

80. High School

Top floor classrooms were used as a high school between 1886 and 1927. The two classrooms on the right side were divided by sliding windows that were pushed up to make an auditorium.

81. Bates Junior High School

Searchers in the rubble were disappointed not to find the bronze nameplate on the building front. The basement hole was excavated in the early 80's as it was causing flooding in the Town Hall basement. Dr. Lincoln Lynch, superintendent of Schools at the time was certain it could be found in that debris, but was unable to find any trace – concluding that the bronze plate melted in the great heat.

82. High School

1907 was the year the building was totally taken up by high school students, as the elementary school pupils were now at the newly built School Street School. (To the right rear is a good view of the original Union Street School.)

83. High School Class of 1900

Middleborough High School Class of 1900 (Not in the order of their appearance) Wendall Harlow, Mary Harper, Howard Stevens, Betsy Alden, Edna Potter, James Creedon, Marion Tillson, Pamela Caswell, William Shaw, Bessie Packard, Edith Pierce, Wardel Roberts, Mary Surrey, Sumner Coolidge, Winnifred Packard, Charles Kingsley Woodbridge, Laura Eaton, Lottie Bessie, Viola Kirkpatrick, and Fred Weston.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XVII, July 1976, Number Three, Page Nine

84. Middleborough High School Class of 1904

Middleborough High School Class of 1904; Back row, from left, Percy Jackson, Lena Macomber, Jean Surrey, Florence McDermid, George Richardson, Susie Bump, Helen Kingman, Minerva Sisson and David Cunningham; Middle row, from left, Mary Pierce, Josie Holloway, Edna Tirrell, class Vice-President Grace Tinkham, Ruth Martin, and Annie Dorr; front row, from left, class President Joe Hathaway, Mary Libby, Helen Ryder, Irena Cushing, Class Prophecy Writer, Abbie Lucas, Edith Whitman, valedictorian Edith Orcut and Wallace Wright.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXVII, September 1989, Page Thirteen

85. High School

Note the American flag flying from the top of the building. Later a pole was erected in the middle of the lawn for displaying the flag.

86. High School

This was the period (1901-1927) that Charles H. Bates was the Superintendent of the Middleborough School system and for whom this building was later named.

87. High School

This beautiful view shows the students at play, and 1906 was the last year for elementary classes on the ground floor. School Street School opened in 1907.

88. Middleborough High School Class of 1914

Middleborough Class of 1914. Austen Lucas Beals, Mary Dorothea Begley, Mendall Lothrop Boehme, Edith Frost, Mildred Scott Giddings, William Arthur Lewis, Rachel Mostrom, Walter Edmund O'Hara, Wilma Marsena Osgood, Roy Francis Perkins, Bernice Madison Reed, Hannah Lucille Shaw, Melvin Leonard Southwick, Jennie Wilbur, Leon Verdell Alden, Aurelia Gladys Berry, Bertha Warren Bradford, Earle Edward Caswell, Everett Linwood Caswell, Arleen Florence Cross, Henry Murdock Cushing, Minnie Leonard Davis, Josiah Myron DeMaranville, Katherine MacKay Dowling, Lillian Rachel Foye, Bessie Francis Leonard, Adele Lillian Levey, Gladys Ashley Lovell, John Jackson Martin, Ralph Joseph McCarthy, Clifton Alfred McCrillis, Ralph Joseph McQuade, Charles Sprugeon Miner, Helen Elizabeth Lincoln Perry, Flora Gardner Porter, Sara Olive Reed, Julia Sampson, Gladys Elizabeth Shaw, Minnie Howard Shurtleff, Annie Margaret Sinclair, Clarence Edwin Soule, Alfred Franklin Tinkham, and Melville Otis Wilkins. Austen Lucas Beals is third from right (not in order of appearance.)

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXIV, March 1986, Number 4, Page 14

89. Middleborough High School Class of 1922

Middleborough High School Class of 1922. Front row, from left, Edna Kelly, Doris Sousa, Alice Robinson Shaw, Dorothy Shurtleff, Polly Stetson Wood, Thelma Weeman McGrady, Florence McGrady Mills, Annie Lewis, Alberta Hathaway; second row, Sally Fillebrown, Mildred McCrillis, Edith Gay Haggerty, Alice Rice Shurtleff, Eloise Phillips, Sara Boucher, James Dennett, Principal, Walter Sampson. Third row, Elise McCarthy, Kathleen Maddigan, Priscilla Churbuck Shurtleff, Marjorie McClusky Hanson, Mary Wood Butler, Arleen Callan, Esther Bryant, Dorothy Ellie Mitchell, Royce Oliver; Fourth row, Clyde Turner, James Peck, Sherman Monroe, Percy Churbuck, Sidney Buckman, Milford Dennett, Morrill Ryder. (Photo courtesy of Esther Bryant)

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXVII, May 1989, Number 1, Page Seventeen

90. High School

This is a rare photo showing the rear of the High School taken from Union Street. Note the two skylights on the roof, and it features some talented local riders that rode in every town parade.

91. Charles H. Bates

Charles H. Bates was known as an outstanding educator, poet and fluent speaker. He was also apparently a stern leader, for local lore has it that during one winter snowstorm, Fay Deane, a teacher on his staff who lived on nearby Oak Street decided no one should venture out to wade through the snow to the school. Her phone rang in the middle of the morning and a stern voice said: “Charles H. Bates speaking, we are all in session awaiting your presence, especially me, as I am taking your place!”

92. Walter Sampson

Lovingly known as “Sampy” Walter Sampson, born in nearby Lakeville, as a boy walked 14 miles a day to attend Middleborough High School. An alumna of Dartmouth College, holder of 3 degrees and known as a brilliant scholar, Sampson served as principal for 33 years, when ill health forced his resignation. The new Memorial High School, built in 1927 designated the auditorium as the Walter Sampson Auditorium in his honor. He died in 1931.

93. Leonard O. Tillson

Affectionately known as Spike, tall and thin, well over 6 feet, Leonard O. Tillson taught hundreds of pupils from 1900 until his death in 1941. Offered the principalship of the High School in 1931 he refused, preferring to teach his beloved science classes.

94. Bates Junior High School

This picture shows the front window behind which Henry Burkland, principal, had his 8th grade students plant nasturtiums that grew and grew giving a colorful flair to the majestic building.

95. Henry Bengt Burkland

Educator, civic and religious leader, singer, actor, director, playwright, this beloved principal at Bates Junior High School lived to see the new middle school built in 1956 named in his honor. Out of Boston as a social worker, he came to South Middleborough in the early 1920’s and married Henrietta Wilbur. Beautiful and talented she was his helpmate until his death in 1970. Of her it was said, “anything Henry could do Henrietta could do better.

96. Bates School Staff

Henry Bengt Burkland, Principal, J. Stearns Cushing, Superintendent of Schools, Frieda (Hartmann) Churchill, Martinia Donahue, Lucy Merrihew, Olive Kidd, Winifred Carver, Wirt B. Phillips, Music Director, Mark Shibles, Asst. Principal. Back row; Faye Deanne, Elizabeth Benson, Hattie Jones, and Sylvia (Comley) Matheson.

97. Bates School Staff

Row 1 – Lou Rando, Frieda (Hartman) Churchill, Irma Kenniston, Abbie Rugg Field, Gardner Sherman, Martinia Donahue, Helen Pardy. Row 2 – Faye Deane, Doris Wright, Henry Bendt Burkland, Mary Anacki, George Borges .

98. Bates School Staff

Annual faculty picture, Bates Junior High School 1950-51. First row, Mary Anaki, Frieda Churchill, Lou Randow, Martinia Donahue. Second row; Ficket ??, Ann Minott, Faye Deane, Rose Martin, Unknown, Harland Chirette. Third row; Principal, Henry Bengt Burkland, Paul Kelly, Robert Gross, George Borges, and Gardner Sherman.

99. Bates School Staff

Annual faculty picture, Bates Junior High School, 1954. First row: Frieda Churchill, Joan McNeil, George Borges, and Martinia Donahue. Second row; Rose Martin, Robert Gross, Donald Jesse, Rena Bell Walton, Lorraine Dimuzio, Ann Minott, and Mary Anaki. Third row: Gardner Sherman, Norman Lindsay, Asst. Principal, Henry Bengt Burkland, Principal, Faye Deane and Mike Hennesey. This was the last faculty picture taken at the old school on June 20, 1954. A fire destroyed it Sept. 20, 1954.

100. Bates Junior High School

This is how the school appeared in a winter scene taken shortly before the fire destroyed it in 1954. Note the forsythia bushes that were a standout harbinger of every Spring in downtown Middleborough for many years.

101. Bates Junior High School

In 1950 Robert Gross came to teach at the Bates School on the second floor in Room 5. During the disastrous fire in 1954 the entire Room 5 classroom floor ended up in the basement. The desk was then taken out and stored until Mr. Gross became Principal of the School Street School in 1956. In 1990 the desk was presented to Mr. Gross at his retirement party.

102. Bates Junior High School

After the disastrous fire, in cleaning out the cellar hole, all of the toilet bowls, urinals and lavatories were steam cleaned and installed in the basement of the School Street School, some of which still showed the marks of the fire.

103. Count Primo Magri and His Brother Baron Ernest Magri

This is an afternoon stroll in front of the high school by Count Primo Magri and his brother Baron Ernest Magri.

104. Count Primo Magri and His Brother Baron Ernest Magri

After their stroll, the Count and his brother obligingly posed for the camera in front of the soldiers and sailors monument. The high school can be seen in the left rear.

105. The War Memorial

This memorial was placed in front of the site of the former Bates School as a tribute to the Middleborough veterans of all wars.

106. War Memorial

Since its installation, the Veterans Memorial has been attractively landscaped.

107. Thomas Leonard Home

Thomas Leonard was a partner of Horatio Barrows in the Leonard Barrows shoe Factory. He built this palatial residence for his home on High Street.

108. B.P.O. Elks No. 1274, Middleborough, Mass.

The former Leonard Home was converted into the Middleborough Lodge of Elks in about 1912.

109. B.P.O. Elks No. 1274, Middleborough, Mass.

The home was a hub of activity for the local lodge of Elks until it was destroyed by fire in 1980.

110. B. P. O. Elks No. 1274, Middleborough, Mass.

On an evening in 1980 the lodge was destroyed by a roaring fire that raced through the mansion. The fire was caused by a frayed electric cord on a soda machine.

111. B.P.O. Elks No. 1274 Middleborough, Mass.

A new lodge of Elks was built in about 1982 to replace the original one that burnt to the ground.

112. B.P.O. Elks No. 1274, Middleborough, Mass.

The tree shown at the left of the Elk's Home, was but a seedling, when James Glidden planted it in the yard of his home next door. This Banyon Tree was a point of pride with Mr. Glidden, for he had brought a seedling from Texas when he was a young man.

113. B.P.O. Elks No. 1274, Middleborough, Mass.

A frontal view of the new Lodge of Elks on High Street.

114. James Glidden Home

Thomas Leonard built this beautiful home as a wedding gift to his son. It is said that the interior was very luxurious, whereas, the exterior was very plain. His father's house next door was said to be just the opposite; it was built to resemble a palace on the outside. James Glidden lived in this house for many years, until his death.

115. Glidden Barn

When the Glidden mansion was torn down to make way for the Elk's Parking Lot, the barn was moved to West Grove Street by Robert Ventura.

116. Glidden Barn

The Glidden barn is shown at its new location on West Grove Street, being moved by Bob Ventura in 1976.

117. High Street

This is a view looking North on High Street. It shows the houses along the tree-lined street.

118. Union Street School Students

"Students at the Union Street School, members of the sub-primary class, pose in June of 1915 before enjoying their summer vacation."

Source: Middleboro Gazette, Reflections supplement October 3, 1991   Pg. 18

119. Union Street School Students

Left to right standing; Melba Platt, Ruth Kelly, Ruth Dunham, Ruth White, Corrine Cushman, Evelyn Bailey, Ruth Dunkley, Nellie Rogers and Beryl DuPont. Left to right, seated; Richard Gilligan, Dana Blindin, William Paine, James Flynn ?, Melvill Wilbur, Richard Jackson, Leighton Maxim, Leslie Hinckley, Milford Logan, Howard McManus, Charles Logan and Alberto Chase. 1916-1917 First Grade five year olds at Union Street School. The small Room, on first floor at the back. The last class to start first grade at five years of age and the last class to go nine years in grammar school.

120. Union Street School

This present building replaced the old wooden structure that served the children of the community for many years. Its ultramodern design was built so as a second floor could be added when needed, which was a complete fallacy.

121. Union Street School

This picture depicts the fallen tree in front of the Union Street School in 1954.

122. Decorative Light on Union Street School

Ornamental light fixture on the front of the ultra modern Union Street School built in 1938.

123. Union Street School Teachers on a Holiday

This photograph shows four of Middleborough's finest teachers on holiday at Edaville Railroad. Pictured left to right are: Alice Begley, former principal, Lottie Lang, former principal, Bessie Bailey and Mildred Bowman.

124. Union Street School

This is a photograph of the Union Street School just prior to being converted to the Lincoln D. Lynch School.

125. Lucas Home

This picture depicts the removal of the Lucas homestead to Coombs Street; Church of Our Saviour, Episcopal was built on this site. On the left of the picture can be seen the old high school, and on the right, the old Union Street School.

126. Lucas House

The Lucas House was moved from the site of the present Church of Our Saviour to Coombs Street in about 1896-1897.

127. Lucas House

It is still a private residence and has had new siding put on it.

128. Church of Our Savior

The Church of Our Savior was built at a cost of about $40,000 mainly through the generous contributions of James E. Peirce.

129. Church of Our Savior Window

Clint Clark took this photo showing the top of one of the stained glass windows in the church.

130. Church of Our Savior Choir and Chancel Altar

This rich wood altar covers the back of the sanctuary and contains the statues of Jesus Christ in the center surrounded by the 12 apostles.

131. Church of Our Savior

This beautiful church which was completed in 1898 had as its first rector, William Bayard Hale, from 1889 to 1899; his ashes are in an urn in the crypt under the altar.

132. Church of Our Savior

Clint Clark, as a pictorial historian, took this gorgeous photo of the Church of Our Savior on a snowy winter day.

133. Nearly New Shop

This shop was originally a barn on the estate of James and Marian Peirce on South Main Street. They presented this barn to the Church of Our Savior to be used as a chapel and function hall. One interesting fact is that the church allowed the Jewish people in the town to hold their services here during the 1940's. It is now a consignment shop run by the Episcopal Church.

134. Union and Centre Streets

This street scene looks toward Centre Street and shows the first house on the left. Still in existence today it is now used as apartments in back of Steve's Sports Den. The "Erpell" house next door was moved to make way for a combined business including Shaw's furniture store. The next building once housed on the second floor, the town's first movie theatre, showing silent pictures. The last building on the right is the Glidden building. The foreground shows the fence around the Peirce Academy.

135. Central Baptist Church

Around 1828, Major Levi Peirce, then a member of the Pond Church, desired a Baptist Church at the four corners. As a result he had this edifice built around 1828. He erected this church out of his own pocket for $4,000. He erected the parsonage on Centre Street and he gave $1,000 for a church fund.

136. Central Baptist Church

This beautiful Colonial Church was used by the Baptist Society for 60 years. On January 22, 1888 this beautiful church was struck by lightning and burnt to the ground.

137. The B.M.C. Brotherhood Men's Class

This is a photograph of Central Baptist Church's Young Men's Christian Alliance posing for a group photo on the steps of the Peirce Academy.

138. Central Baptist Church

After the first church was destroyed by fire, this second Church was built almost immediately. The weathervane on the original church spire was salvaged and installed on the second church.

139. Central Baptist Church

This corner view shows the beautiful town clock steeple and rose stained glass window facing Nickerson Ave. In the foreground, typical of postcards of this era, sits the photographer's automobile.

140. Central Baptist Church

This is the Nickerson Avenue side of the church, (formerly Town House Ave.). this photo shows the roof cupola as well as the bell tower.

141. Central Baptist Church

This is one of my favorite views of Central Baptist Church. It shows the beauty of this edifice from the corner of Union Street and Nickerson Ave. (formerly Town House Ave.). It also shows the fence that also ran around the Peirce Academy.

142. Baptist Church Organ

This is a photograph of the Central Baptist Church pipe organ as it looked prior to being demolished in 1963, prior to the building of the new church.

143. Baptist Church Steeple

This photo shows the painter, on scaffolding, painting the southeast clock face of the Central Baptist Church.

144. Central Baptist Church

This is a view of the Thatcher's Row side of the Central Baptist Church. This church was built for a cost of $241,000 in 1963. The second church became structurally unsound having been weakened by Hurricane Carol on August 31, 1954, then Hurricane Edna September 11, 1954, and then Hurricane Diane on August 18, 1955, and then Hurricane Donna on September 12, 1960. William M. Byrne of Middleborough then tore down the old church.

145. Central Baptist Church

This Protestant Church was one of the largest congregations. Because of structural unsoundness due to the elements it was voted in 1963 to raze the previous church and build the present edifice. On the previous church the clock tower was noticeably swaying in the breeze.

146. Central Baptist Church

This photo shows the Nickerson Ave. main entrance door, which opens into the lobby where hangs a portrait of Major Levi Peirce, the church's main benefactor.

147. Major Levi Peirce

Major Levi Peirce was the major cause of there being a downtown business district. He was the son of Captain Job Peirce, of what is now Lakeville, who inspired him to build the first Peirce Academy. Then when the need arose, he built the first Central Baptist Church and parsonage for its pastor. The oil portrait now hanging in the church was copied from perhaps an earlier woodblock cut.

148. Central Baptist Church and Peirce Academy

This scene on Thatcher's row depicts the generosity of Major Levi Peirce; the scene depicts the first Central Baptist church and the first Peirce Academy with its gymnasium. When the student population outgrew the first academy it was moved down Centre Street between the present Central Café and a Mr. Leonard's house and became Mr. Leonard's bleachery. The gymnasium was moved over to School Street and became the home for the then fledgling Methodist society. This print is from a woodblock cut.

149. Baptist Church and Second Academy

In 1850 the first academy was sold for $335.00 and removed to Centre Street to become the Leonard Bleachery. In 1850, through the self sacrificing efforts of Professor John W. P. Jenks, the second Academy was assured of great success, until the Professor moved to Rhode Island to take over as headmaster at Brown University.

150. Peirce Academy

Source: Middleboro Gazette, 1933

151. Peirce Academy

This beautiful photo depicts the Peirce Academy at its zenith at about 1875. Under the direction of Professor Jenks it had more than 400 students from all over the United States and foreign countries. Its graduates represented every profession and all aspects of business and industry.

152. Professor J. W. P. Jenks

"John Whipple Potter Jenks – born in West Boylston, May 1, 1819, and was the oldest son of Dr. Nicholas Jenks, a physician of that place." He came to take over the management of the Peirce Academy circa 1849-1850. In 1872 he was appointed to the zoology department at Brown University. He remained a Professor there until his death on September 26, 1892.

153. Albert G. Pickens.

Albert G. Pickens was a pianoforte teacher at the Peirce Academy and in private. He lived in the Morton home in Mortontown until the town wanted to straighten South Main Street. The home was about the oldest house in town and couldn't be moved and so it was torn down. This photo is a copy of a Cephas Thompson Painting of Mr. Pickens reclining on the steps of his new house across the street.

154. Peirce Academy

This particular academy building was erected in 1850 for $10,000.

155. Peirce Academy

In 1850 the $10,000 cost of the erection, one-half of which was raised by private donations. Professor Jenks paid the rest of the cost, for which he was not repaid until 1855.

156. Peirce Academy

The building was enlarged in 1853, by adding a wing both to the front and another to the rear.

157. Peirce Academy

The cone on the front roof was Professor Jenk's observatory, in which he had a wooden telescope.

158. Y.M.C.A. Building and Central Baptist Church

After Professor Jenks left for Brown University, the school went into a decline, and closed; and the Y.M.C.A. occupied part of the building in 1875.

159. Y.M.C.A. and G.A.R. Hall

The Y.M.C.A. occupied the front first floor of the building, the Grand Army of the Republic occupied the upper floor at the front, and lastly, the Middleborough Police Department took over the rear of the building.

160. "The Beehive"

The Beehive derived its name because of its us as a boarding house for the boys at Peirce Academy, which must have been hectic at times. After the school closed Dr. Daniel H. Holmes, M.D. along with his wife and sister opened his medical office and took in roomers. After his death the house fell into deterioration and was torn down in 1965.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian Volume XVII July 1976 Number Three
Pg. One, Cover .

161. Eldridge Funeral Home

The building started life as a boarding house for teachers at Peirce Academy. Note some of the plank walls. The building has served many uses, as a Meat Market – mid 1930's, Miss Merrihews's Sewing Shop – 1940's, and since then it has remained a funeral parlor.

162. G.A.R. Reunion Invitation

This is a general invitation to the remaining civil war veterans to attend a reunion in 1896.

163. Federal Post Office

This beautiful brick post office was built in 1933 on the site of the former Peirce Academy.

164. Post Office Lantern

This graceful colonial lantern, one of a pair, enhances the front entrance of our post office.

165. United States Post Office

The post office at this time still remains a vital part of Middleborough's business and social life.

166. Federal Post Office

This is the third federal post office in this Centre Street location. The first location was next door, in one of the four shops on the ground floor. The second is in the Peirce block until 1933 when it moved to the present location.

167. Thatcher's Row

This view shows, on the left, a store next to a fenced in lot, circa 1910 and the last building is the famous H.L. Thatcher Print Shop. The present HenryCorsini Barber Shop was built on the vacant lot somewhere after 1900.

168. Milt Sherrard

Mil Sherrard was a popular and well known barber in the downtown area from 1908-1966. "For over fifty years, Milton F.B. Sherrard was the owner of a barbershop on Thatcher's Row. Willis F. Nute purchased this shop in 1908 from Charles E. Ellis. Mr. Sherrard came from Maine in 1908, and for a year and one-half worked for Mr.Nute, then became owner of the shop. Several barbers who later went into business for themselves worked at one time in Mr. Sherrard's shop. After more than fifty years of faithful service to his many customers, Mr. Sherrard closed his shop in 1966 and at the age of eighty began a well-earned retirement.

Source: A direct quote from Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, Page 114.

169. Joseph Wright

This photo appeared in the Brockton Enterprise in the 1960's and depicts the late Joseph Wright shaving a customer.

170. Registration Card

This is Joseph Wright's registration card from his shop on School Street, allowing him to ply his trade from 1907 to 1911.

171. Wright's Barber Pole

This gorgeous barber pole originally hung on Joseph Wright's first shop on School Street. When installed on Thatcher's Row it was stolen and recovered and never re-installed.

172. Joseph Wright and Crawford Wright

This photo shows the two barbers, Joseph Wright and his son Crawford.

173. View of Thatcher's Row

Looking toward Centre Street, on Thatcher's Row, to the right, we see the old H.L. Thatcher Print Shop and Wright's Barber Shop.

174. Wright's Barber Shop and H.L. Thatcher Company

This scene depicts the burnt-out shell of the well-known H.L. Thatcher Print Shop, with Wright's Barber Shop next door.

175. View Up Thatcher's Row

This view looks toward the town hall and shows a business block, Wright's Barber Shop, H.L. Thatcher Print Shop and the Little building, that among other things, once housed McNeil's Radio Repair Shop.

176. A.T. Maddigan Law Office

After the demise of H.L. Thatcher Printing Shop on July 26, 1980, the lot sat vacant for several years. Albert Maddigan bought the lot, hired Ted Eayres as architect and the law office was built on December 19, 1985.

177. Jeffrey's Law Office

This little gem of a building has held many titles since the early 1900's. In the mid-1940's, McNeil had a radio repair shop. Sometime in the 1980's it was Helen's Beauty Shop. In the 1990's it was leased to the New Bedford Standard Times, and at present, 1998, it is Anthony Jeffrey's Law office.

178. Park Theatre

Dr. Fred L. Rounds, dentist, in March 1914 tried for a motion picture house permit from the selectmen, which was rejected. In May he got the permit. On July 3, 1915 this $25,000 theatre had its grand opening and was named The Park Theatre. Also visible are the Unitarian Church and the Middleborough Cooperative Bank.

Source: Town History, Volume II, Mertie Romaine, Page. 335.

179. Park Theatre

"In those days of silent films, the pianist added greatly to the realism of the picture by rendering appropriate, highly descriptive music." The Unitarian Church Steeple, the then new Middleborough Cooperative Bank and the Central Congregational Church can be seen in the background.

Source: Town History, Volume II, Mertie Romaine, Page 335.

180.   Park Theatre

This gorgeous photo depicts the Park theatre in its glory days during the 1940's. The upper middle windows were where the projection booth was located. In the ground center may be seen the ticket office; on Saturdays, we kids would form a long snake line to buy ours. All the advertising easels were set up to notify people of coming events.

181. Middleborough Theatre Ad

This card is typical of the type of advertising of that time.

182. Christian Life Center

Martha Mitchell sold the old theatre to the Central Baptist Church. It was surveyed in 1972 by the Web Company and was built upon.

183. Christian Life Center

This is an architectural drawing of the proposed Christian Life Center.

184. Christian Life Center

This multipurpose building houses religious classes, office space, and a kitchen area for its many activities.

185. Dr. Arad Thompson

The people of the town of Middleborough enabled our first doctor, Arad Thompson, to build and live in his home on the corner of South Main Street and Town House Avenue (Nickerson Avenue).

186. Tombstone Dr. Arad Thompson

This is a slate stone erected for Middleborough's first doctor, Arad Thompson. He died in 1843.

187. Mercy Bourne Thompson

Mercy Bourne married Dr. Arad Thompson in 1816 and had four children. The Middleborough Historical Association Museum holds two pieces of her needlework. A sampler of 1798 and a large 1812 embroidery done while a student at Peirce Academy.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian Vol. XIII October 1971 Number One Page Two

188. Tombstone Mercy Bourne Thompson

This is the slate stone of Mercy Bourne Thompson wife of Middleborough's first doctor and they are both buried next to her parents, the Honorable William and Lucy Peirce Bourne.

189. Old Parker Place

This house originally belonged to Middleborough's first doctor Arad Thompson. Abiel Washburn deeded the land to him and the home was likely erected at that time. George E. Parker lived in the house in the 1890's until the house was moved to North Middleborough in 1907. The Unitarian Church now occupies the site.

190. The Eayres Home

This magnificent home situated on a knoll is now the home of Ted Eayres, Jr. It once was in Middleborough Center on the corner of South Main Street and Nickerson Ave.

191. Ted Eayres Home

This closer view depicts the beauty of this home even more clearly. Since taking it over, Ted has taken great pains in refurbishing it.

192. Unitarian Church

The church has a very different appearance today from this photo. The L-side door has been removed and a more normal porch canopy has replaced the graceful curves and columns of the entrance.

193. Unitarian Church

Through the auspices of Enoch Pratt, the building was moved in 1907. It was moved in three sections; the tower, the sanctuary, and the L.

194. Unitarian Church

The present day church looks basically the same as this photo. We note the famous Peirce Academy in the background.

195. First Unitarian Church

In this particular picture, by the contract of the Central Baptist Church protecting temple place, there is still a remnant of a fence. This beautiful photo from the left rear depicts the Peirce Academy, the H.L. Thatcher Printing Shop and on the right, the rear of Tripps Candy Kitchen and the H.L. Thatcher home.

196. Cephas Thompson

This is probably an early wood block of Cephas Thompson who acquired great stature in this country for his talent. Among the many famous portraits he painted were those of his brother, Dr. Arad Thompson and his wife Mercy Bourne Thompson which hang in the Middleborough Historical Museum. He passed away in 1856.

197. Cephas Thompson Art Studio

This art studio was across the street from Cephas Thompson's home, one of the last blockhouses, which was destroyed by fire in 1860. The carriage house across the street from his studio has been pushed back and converted into a private home.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian Vol. IX Februarey 1969 Number Four, Page One, Cover.

198. Rock Street

This is the typical scene of rural homes on a dirt road. This view looks toward South Main Street.

199. Rock Street

Note the graceful elms that created shade in the heat of the summer.

200. South Main Street

This photo shows a very clear view of the trolley tracks; on the right the fence around the Barrows estate, a partial view of the Washburn house and on the upper left may be seen the foundation of the Unitarian Church.

Source: Walter Thompson

201. Middleborough Center

This photograph shows the town in the early 1950's with the Bates School still intact and all of the usual landmark buildings still in place today.

202. Middleborough Center

This photo was on the cover of one of the town reports and shows a close-up view of the South Main Street area around the town hall. The Middleborough theatre is still there.

203. Horatio Barrows

Horatio Barrows was one of Middleborough's most illustrious citizens; he was partner with Tom Leonard in the Leonard Barrows shoe factory and when Solomon Eaton died in 1873 he took over the job of architect of the new town hall.

204. Barrow's Estate

This antebellum façade was not original to the house. When Mr. Barrows was down south he was taken by the beautiful southern plantation homes. He came back to Middleborough and took his average Victorian home and turned it into the show place we know today.

205. Peirce Block

Masons Hall probably originated when the Peirce block was built in 1900, on the 3rd floor. In the 70's the furnishings in this hall were moved to the Barrows estate, to a new hall, thanks to the generosity of Dr. Barrows. Note the tin ceilings in the picture and the large windows.

206. Cupola and Weathervane on the Barrow's Estate

This fancy cupola with the rooster on top was on the Barrow's barn behind the mansion. Perhaps besides being ornamental it may have served as a ventilation system as many of the older barns had them to help prevent fires caused by spontaneous combustion caused by the heat of the hay.

207. Barrow's Estate – Side Porch

This view was meant to show the architecture of this porch, showing the Doric capitols of the columns and the railing. The ballroom of the mansion opens on to this side porch.

208. Barrow's Estate – Window

This window is on the driveway side, next to the main entrance. It shows the floral detail over the window with the above pediment.

209. Barrow's Estate – Side Door

This photo shows the fan light and side windows by the main entrance.

210. South Main Street

This beautiful view, taken by the late Robert Beal's grandfather shows a corner of the Philander Washburn house on the left, and on the right, the Eddy house. Note the trolley tracks going down the middle of a dirt road.

211. South Main Street

This view of South Main Street shows in better detail the Philander Washburn home and the Eddy house. You see the horse-watering trough in front of the town hall and you can even see a trolley coming down the tracks towards the center of town.

212. South Main Street

This photo was apparently taken in the earliest season of the 3. Note all of the bare trees. This view shows even more clearly the Philander Washburn home.

213. General Abiel Washburn House

The General was a superb businessman and farmer. At that time he was the richest man and largest taxpayer in the town of Middleborough. He operated, along with all of his businesses, his mills on the dam. He also had 2 stores on his property. This was Middleborough's second business center. We can safely say that the bulk of his money helped finance his son Philander down at the Four Corners.

214. Washburn Store

The original store was probably half this size and was across the street. The joke is that Philander was a poor businessman here (this doesn't seem possible because of future events). He came to the 4 corners and built the nucleus of the American Hall for his store, he built his beautiful home on South Main Street and gave part of his land for the Central Congregational Church and the Town Hall.

215. Washburn Store

This old store remained for many years as a 4-apartment house. Lyman Butler remembers fondly as a boy living in an apartment on the second floor on the right. Before its demise it had been vacant and boarded up for years and then destroyed by fire on February 13, 1963.

216. General Abiel Washburn Slate Marker

This slate marker had to be installed at the time of the General's death at the beautiful Nemasket Hill Cemetery.

217. Contract Signing

This photo shows the official signing of the historical Philander Washburn home over to the Middleborough Gas and Electric Department. Joan and Jay Thompson, center, Manager John W. Dunfey of the G & E, Right, prepare to sign papers deeding the Philander Washburn house over the G&E Department. Attorney DennisRegan, Thompson Lawyer, on left, and on the right John Ryder, G&E lawyer.

218. Philander Washburn House

This was a printed invitation that the Middleborough Gas and Electric department sent out for their grand opening. They offered a complete house tour.

219. Rotary Snow Plow in Front of Washburn House

On Easter Sunday, April 4, 1915, Middleborough had a great blizzard. This view shows a trolley rotary snowplow clearing the tracks for business.

220. Philander Washburn House

This picture was used to promote advertising for the Jay Thompson Funeral Home.

221. The Philander Washburn House

This photograph introduces the new headquarters for the Middleborough Gas & Electric Light Department.

222. The Philander Washburn House Front Fireplace

This gorgeous black marble mantle piece with its ceramic tile face is in the front room of the mansion.

223. The Philander Washburn House Front Fireplace

This fireplace is in the other original front living room and is just as beautiful as the first one, but in a different way.

224. The Philander Washburn House Rear Office Fireplace

This dainty fireplace with its ceramic tile surround is located in the main floor rear office.

225. The Philander Washburn House Stairwell and Wall Niche

This gracefully curved banister railing and these decorative steps show a wall niche in the corner displaying a vase.

226. The Philander Washburn House

This shows the appearance of the house at the rear before the ramp was built.

227. The Philander Washburn House

This photo shows the new ramp for the handicapped built in 1996.

228. Philander Washburn Monument

This monument is on one of the Washburn plots; Philander and his wife Elizabeth repose here.

229. Philander Washburn Monument

One of Middleborough's most noted citizens; he was a town philanthropist, Congressman, businessman and through his efforts the first railroad station was built on Station Street. Philander Washburn and Elizabeth Homes.

230. Webster Street

This view towards the Town Hall shows a dirt road going between two rows of neat homes. In the distance may be seen a horse and wagon and the steeple of Central Congregation Church.

231. Webster Street

This shows a dirt road going up to the town hall.

232. Webster Street

This is a view showing two boys on a dirt road with the church steeple in the rear. The homes haven't changed too much today.

233. Hinckley Parade Float

This is a parade float that Myron Hinckley put in Middleborough's many parades.

234. Central Congregational Chapel

This chapel is situated on land given by Philander Washburn and in which he was instrumental in having it built. This served as the first church until 1848, when the new edifice was built.

235. View from the Steeple

This view looks towards the Menasket River and shows the new Central Congregational Church with the chapel on South Main Street.

236. Central Congregational Church

In 1891 the Central Congregational Church was completely renovated; it was raised in the air with function rooms added under. A new organ and rear rooms enlarged and refinished.

237. Central Congregational Church

This is an original view of Central Congregational Church before its renovation in 1891.

238. Central Congregational Church

In 1891, the church was raised one story, the front columns taken out and front area filled in for a staircase to the main sanctuary. A new façade was put on with the renovation.

239. Central Congregational Church

This is an early view of the church with the chapel still beside it. At this time the brick foundation was apparently painted red.

240. Central Congregational Church

This photo shows the church, as we know it today with the chapel at the rear.

241. Central Congregational Church

This view is taken over the metal candlesticks on the town hall lawn towards a beautifully lit Central Congregational Church on a wintry Christmas season eve.

242. Central Congregational Church Steeple

This view shows a very fancy church bell tower with its weathervane on the top.

243. Central Congregational Church Steeple

Central Congregational Church's spire and weathervane are supposed to be the highest structures in the center of town.

244. Central Congregational Church

This shows one of the bases built in 1891 to support one of the columns.

245. Central Congregational Church

This is one of the many views that the then Historical Commission Chairman, Janet Griffith, took of Middleborough center showing Central Congregation Church. One can note the new aluminum light-pole with its fixture in front of the steeple.

246. Central Congregational Church

This beautiful handicap ramp, with its fence was built in 1996; it goes up to the Webster Street entrance of Central Congregational Church.

247. Central Congregational Chapel

This little building now to the rear of the church started life as the church, has served as a public school, a bank, other businesses and has reverted back to church use. It was refurbished in the 1970's and named the Dr. Shepard Building.

248. South Main Street

This beautiful tree lined avenue shows old Middleborough at its very best. The dirt street shows a very busy village center with a horse and buggy in the foreground, and a vehicle in the rear and people walking

249. South Main Street

This view shows laborers laying trolley tracks on South Main Street for the New Bedford, Middleborough and Brockton Street Railway in 1899.

250. South Main Street

Yet another view of South Main Street shows a trolley car coming down the dirt road. On the left the Thatcher Home has been converted to businesses. The new Homestead block replacing the carriage houses, and the Bank and Pierce blocks on the left side. The right side is almost the same today except for storefronts added on.

251. South Main Street, Looking North

This view looking toward the Four Corners is still pretty much in tact. This area could be, with the removal of storefronts, be brought back to its original.

252. South Main Street, Looking North

This view shows the Thatcher Home on the left with its new façade. Across the street the Congregational Chapel not yet moved to the rear of the church; the American, Doane and Soule Blocks, are still pretty much free of additions. The Drake homestead, still intact today with its brick front, is the Sullivan Block.

253. South Main Street, Looking North

This view shows the parking experimentation of vertical parking on the right side of South Main Street. This was not a successful experiment.

254. South Main Street, Looking North

This picture shows the clock on front of Mayflower Bank replacing chapel and very clearly shows the Sullivan Building brick front on the old Drake House.

255. Furniture Ware Rooms Eustace Field

This is an early form of advertising. Eustace Field sold this building to George Soule, which later became Egger's Furniture Store.

256. George Soule Undertaker and Furniture Dealer

This early advertisement for George E. Soule, late 1800's shows how the furniture and undertaking business went hand-in-hand.

257. George Soule Hearse

In 1943 the Egger Co. needed more space, therefore, the Soule hearse was removed from a Peirce barn.

258. George Soule Hearse

Unfortunately, this shows the disappearance of much of Middleborough's history. The Soule hearse was taken out for much needed storage space and allowed to rot.

259. American Hall

This view clearly shows the American Hall before storefront was added. The original part of this building was built by Philander Washburn and was two stories high and half the width. The Old Peckham Market is seen on the left of the hall.

260. Barden's Market

At this period of time this building wasBarden's Restaurant. It had been Peckham's Market previously. George E. Soule lived upstairs, Mrs. Soule had a millinery shop in the rear of Mr. Soule's furniture store; the undertertaking business was in the basement. A Mr. Alger, coming from Wareham, tore it down and built the now present Alger Block.

261. Alger & American Blocks

This fairly new view shows the Alger Block and the American Block.

262. South Main Street, Looking toward Four Corners

This rather old-fashioned view shows two ladies in their long dress finery crossing South Main Street.

263. Parade

This is one of the many parades that Middleborough held. This one in particular seems to be entirely horse drawn on a Fourth of July.

264. Parade

This shows one of Middleborough's fine equestrian units, something the town was noted for.

265. Parade

This is probably another 4th of July parade, which is well attended.

266. Parade

This typical 4th of July parade clearly shows Middleborough's thriving business community with all its delivery wagons.

267. Parade

Yet another view of a 4th of July parade, showing a closer view of Middleborough's delivery wagons.

268. Doane Block 1912 Fourth of July Parade

This 4th of July photo clearly shows George E. Doane's sign on his business with parade watchers seated on the roof and on the balcony outside of Redman's Hall.

269. Parade

This view, a gift of Mrs. Winberg, shows her father on the corner (Mr. LeBaron) talking to Austin Howard and Warren Stetson. Could this mystery vehicle be one of Middleborough's first pieces of fire apparatus?

270. Parade

This photo shows the strange vehicle turning the corner of Wareham Street and the three men still talking.

271. Parade

Probably a view of the 1919 Armistice Day Parade.

272. Parade

This is an early motorized version of a Middleborough parade.

273. Parade

This parade shows some Order, (Moose, Odd Fellows, Masons?). Next to the American Block stands the wagon diner which was relocated to Wareham St. after the Alger block was built.

274. Trolley Car

This is a photo taken by Charles Warren, an amateur photographer, on a Sunday morning showing a New Bedford trolley on South Main Street. The lower left-hand corner shows a kerosene wagon making its deliveries. Behind the trolley may be seen the F.W. Woolworth 5-10 cent store.

275. Trolley at Four Corners

This view shows a trolley turning the corner by the Hathaway Drug Store to go up Centre Street.

276. South Main Street, Looking South

This is an early view from the downtown Four Corners looking south, picturing old Middleborough.

277. South Main Street, Looking South

Note building at left, the first extension of that side of the street outward toward today's sidewalk. It's the first location of the F.W. Woolworth (famous) 5 and 10. Other buildings have not been brought to the sidewalk and the Cooperative bank is still in the chapel building.

278. South Main Street, Looking South

This rather seedy view pictures the new storefront additions that had not yet been built at the time of the previous pictures.

279. South Main Street, Looking South

A more recent view showing the increase in traffic (note overhead red lights) coming down So. Main Street, now route 105.

280. "Olde Middleborough" View to Four Corners

Looking east toward the Nemasket River, note the large amount of business establishments as compared to recent decades.

281. Thatcher Homestead

Major Levi Peirce built this home as a wedding gift for his daughter Elizabeth and her husband Alan C. Thatcher, and the boy in the carriage is Henry L. Thatcher who founded the H.L. Thatcher & Co. Printing business on what is now Thatcher's Row.

282. Four Generations of Thatchers

A family portrait taken around 1882 shows four generations of Thatcher men, prominent figures in early Middleborough history: (left to right) Allen Crocker Thatcher, Henry L. Thatcher, Allan R. Thatcher, Levi Peirce Thatcher. Born in 1783, the elder Thatcher was approaching 100 years old when he sat for the family portrait in a Middleborough studio.

Source: Middleborough Antiquarian, Volume XXXII, Fall 1994, Number 2,
Cover page 1

283. Thatcher Block

At about this time the greenhouses that were in the homestead were purchased by Timothy Creedon and moved to the present location of Jim Butler's floral business, still known as Creedon's. Storefronts had also been added to the front of this building.

284. Fourth of July Parade

Our equestrian unit at a Fourth of July Parade in 1909 showing riders; EdithCushing MaCafee, Madeline Smith Alger, MertiePhilbrook Romaine and GladysShockley Thatcher.

285. Thatcher Block

Today the old Thatcher Homestead survives as a business block with apartments.

286. Homestead Block Window

The one remaining window of a pair of oval windows built into the south side of the Homestead building in 1855.

287. Homestead Block (Legion Block)

This is a contemporary view of the old Homestead building. During the depression a grocery store was located here, operated by Bay O'Toole, who, over the years hired many of Middleborough's growing young people to clerk for him.

288. Homestead Block (Legion Block)

The building today is known as the Legion Block, and houses businesses on the ground floor. Legionnaires meet on the second floor.

289. "The Corner Lot"

Levi Peirce and his brother Peter started their mercantile career in the little building clearly visible on this corner, thereby founding Middleborough's downtown business community. Many homes, visible during these early pictures became storefronts whose original structures are still apparent in the heart of Middleborough's downtown.

290. "An Old Corner"

Taken from what later became Bob's Diner corner, this photo clearly shows the Peirce Store, the peak of the H.L. Thatcher building, and the steeple of the second Baptist Church, built after the 1888 fire.

291. Site of Bank Block

The Levi Peirce building in the foreground was also used to keep town clerk monies, and thus became the site of our first "bank" robbery when thieves broke in and stole cash bonds and jewelry.

292. Bank Building Site

The buildings on the right side are the Cushman's Market and Barden's Market – the former was torn down and the latter moved to the corner of Myrtle Ave. and North Street (where it still stands as a residence) to make room for the Peirce building, built in 1900.

293. Erection of Bank Building

A tremendous change in the Four Corners came about in the latter 1890's with the erection of the Savings Bank, in 1895, and then, five years later, the Peirce Building across the street.

294. Bank Block

In the middle of the Four Corners is an incandescent light, a relative rarity for the times.

295. Bank Block

The bank building housed many professionals over the years; dentists, lawyers and fraternal organizations like the Odd Fellows. Note the trolley tracks down the Centre Street.

296. Bank Block

Clearly visible at the left is the front end of what is believed to be a kerosene wagon making the rounds for the many lamps in the village. Across the intersection in the bottom corner of the Bank Building is the long-lived Hathaway's Drug Store

297. Middleborough National Bank Interior

Typical dark paneled glass enclosed cages for the tellers operating behind the metal grills. Austere and depressing, we'd say today.

298. Bank Block

Mr. Thompson, owner of the well known four corner's Thompson's café, first beer dispensing store after Prohibition, is shown clearly supervising a gas and electric worker just outside his place of business.

299. Bank Block Entrance

This view clearly shows the uncovering of the druggist's sign of Malcolm Buck, who operated at this corner location from the early 30's until his son moved the store across the street in the 50's. The sign was uncovered during bank renovations in the mid-nineties.

300. Bank Building Ceiling

Once a commonplace material for decorating a building interior, particularly ceilings, this representation of that styling graced the interior of the Middleborough Savings Bank, now long covered or replaced with dropped ceilings.

301. Bank Block

Note the overhead traffic lights at this now busy modern intersection. It replaced the raised platform upon which ChiefSisson , early in the century, and his subsequent successors stood to direct traffic.

302. Wareham Street

Probably just pulling away from Thompson's Waiting Room, the streetcar is nicely framed by Peckham's Market, on the left on Wareham Street, and the American Hall, along So. Main Street. Note the newsboy by the fireplug in front of the Savings Bank.

303. Circus Parade

Looking east one views the parade heading toward the river past Peckham's Market and two buildings before one passes the Gazette building. Above to the left is visible the upper stories of the factory that became Lloyd Perkins Plumbing business.

304. The Armistice Day Parade

"The Armistice Day Parade" is heading east past the factory building and the Gazette building. One clearly sees the sign of a laundry business and a Good Year vulcanizing business on the right just beyond Clifford Street and Wareham Street corner.

305. Middleborough Gazette Building

Middleborough's beloved columnist and photographer of the 20th century, Clint Clark, must often have gazed out of the upstairs window behind which his small office was located.

306. Clint Clark

An intimate and characteristic pose of Clint Clark, journalist, columnist and historian. He was the beloved friend of generations of Middleborough citizens. A relative captured Clint in an off-guard moment.

307. Middleborough Gazette Staff

In 1970 the Gazette staff sent this photograph as its Christmas greeting. The photographer was Clint Clark, also pictured in the upper right. Clint set the camera on a timed sequence, and dashed to his spot to have his place in the photo.

308. Former Gazette Building

Visible to the right of the well-known Gazette building is the Gurney Filling Station successor to the Standish Gas Station of earlier years. Later dismantled, the lot is now the property of the town, scheduled to become added downtown parking space.

309. Jenk's Machine Shop

Located in the large factory building, Jenk's advertised by this picture in a collage of photos of this era published by Butman Photo Studies and made available by the courtesy of the Lakeville Historical Association.

310. Lloyd Perkins and Son

An avid wrestler, sports car lover, and owner of Lloyd Perkins plumbing business, Chet Sylvester is pictured beside his car in a line-up of his employees and their business trucks.

311. Lloyd Perkins and Son Staff

A staff picture taken fifty years after Chet Sylvester started work for Lloyd Perkins plumbing business. The photo was a part of the 1969 Tercentenary Book of Middleborough business concerns.

312. Lloyd Perkins

Established his business in 1880, Lloyd Perkins had Mr. William Gammons as his certified plumber for 30 to 40 years. Later Perkins expanded into the growing heating field. He died in 1938.

313. Chester M. Sylvester

Successor to Lloyd Perkins, for whom he started work in 1919, Chet Sylvester is pictured at the time of Middleborough's 300th Anniversary, and of his 50th year in the shop.

314. Lloyd Perkins and Son

Taken in the mid eighties, during the yearsPina and Sons were successors to Chet Sylvester in this long time plumbing business, the building was soon after renovated to become the Mello Block, with businesses along the ground floor and apartments in the upper stories.

315. Mello Block Building

Middleborough's Downtown Revitalization program, assisted by a grant from the Dukakis administration, renovated the former Lloyd Perkins building into this smart looking building now known as the Mello Block.

316. Needle Works

Organized in 1875 was the Domestic Needle Works, with its new factory building. The business was later reorganized as the Union Needle Company, but unfortunately ceased business in the early 1880's.

317. Schlueter Brothers

A manufacturing building in the late 1800's, this building was later completely destroyed by fire. It was located on Clifford Street next to the Lloyd Perkins building and made needles from 1875 until the Schlueter Brothers started a jewelry case business in the 1890's.

318. George E. Benson

Spanning years and generations this courtly gentleman ran his harness business from well before the advent of the automobile until advanced years forced his retirement by the middle of the 20th century.

319. Benson's Harness Shop

This prosperous harness shop dating from the late 1800's also specialized in repairing ladies leather handbags as harness making declined. The building was removed to Lakeville and destroyed by fire in 1996.

320. Enterprise Steam Laundry

A business card of a cleaning business is the early part of the 20th century. Another well-known laundry was the Middleborough laundry, operated by a Mr. Clark and later, his son-in-law, Roger MacAuley. That business was located by the river on Wareham Street

321. Heavy Equipment

A proud piece of Middleborough's growing highway truck fleet, this vehicle is pictured against a faintly visible Central Baptist church clock tower.

322. "Old Barden House"

This ancestral home of the historic William Barden family traces to at least 1684 when he came to Middleborough. He was a member of the first Church at the Green and was a landholder by virtue of one of the early purchases from Native Americans.

323. Cement Water Tower

The tower in the foreground was built in 1915 (and unused after the 1980's) and at the time was the largest of its type in the United States, holding over a half million gallons of water. Visible to the left is one of two additional towers built nearby in the latter decades of the 20th century. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.

324. View of Old Middleborough

This lovely old etching is taken from a point on Barden Hill looking west. One sees the cotton mill to the right, a portion of an old mill house, and a panorama of buildings highlighted by the spire of the First Baptist Church and the cupola of the Peirce Academy.

325. Deborah Sampson House

Taken in 1937, this old structure, the "Deborah Sampson Home" is honored by the Library of Congress as an ancient dwelling place of our forebears.

326. Deborah Sampson House

A detailed building plan of the historic "Deborah Sampson Home". Note the double brick ovens with their substantial brick sub-support.

327. Deborah Sampson House

This is a copy of the assessor's evaluation chart of the Sampson home.

328. Deborah Sampson House

This is a copy of the assessor's construction detail of the Deborah Sampson Home, and also a sketch of the home size.

329. Middleborough from Barden Hill

A scenic view of Middleborough Center looking from Barden Hill. Electric power plant is visible at right.

330. Old Shovel Shop Ruins

This is an amateur photographer's view of the old shovel works on Wareham Street near the power plant. Note the old water wheel at right.

331. Old Shovel Shop Ruins

This is a later view of the old shovel works, showing it in a very deplorable condition. Note the rotting water wheel.

332. Wareham Street Bridge

This postcard view shows a trolley car crossing the Wareham Street Bridge.

333. Wareham Street Bridge

This beautiful view shows the old "Ocean House" from which the boys of that era used to jump out the windows. The power plant and shovel works are also visible.

334. Electric Power Station

This is a view showing the Electric Power Station and the "Old Ocean House" in front.

335. Electric Light Station

A view of Wareham Street looking past Electric Light station. Note roof cupola is gone. Shovel works is shown at right of power plant; "Ocean House" is across the street. Note the farmer's wagon on bridge and numerous telephone poles.

336. Electric Light Station

Another view of the power plant showing tall smokestack and cupola, both of which are missing today.

337. Electric Light Plant and Nemasket River

A river view showing power plant with massive smokestack, “Ocean House”, and shovel works.

338. Electric Light Station and Mill Pond

This view of the light plant from Barden Hills shows a very tranquil scene, so different from today.

339. Gas Plant Workers

Gas plant on Vine Street in 1948: (from left to right) unidentified, Mr. Briggs, John Cordiero, Joseph J. Brown, (Gas Superintendent), Mr. Thayer, Mr. Malenfant.

Quoted from the Gas & Electric's Messenger Edition

340. Mr. Wilbur and Company Truck

“Mr. Wilbur in front of the company truck, 1942.”

341. Middleborough, Wareham and Buzzards Bay Car Barn

This picture depicts a very busy trolley barn around 1900.

342. Middleborough, Wareham and Buzzards Bay Car Barn

Possibly a later view of the trolley car barn showing men proudly standing on either side of the car in the open doorway. Note the trolley tracks coming out the doors.

343. Taunton and Pawtucket Street Railway at Car Barn

This is one of the cars (number 19) with its crew standing proudly in front.

344. Bay State Street Railway No. 1711, South Main Street

A view of one of the trolleys traveling down South Main Street.

345. At Car Barn Taunton & Pawtucket Street Railway. Interior No. 19.

This interior view of Car Number 19 shows a conductor posing in a very ornate car.

346. John David Rockwell

John D. Rockwell is one of the top intellectuals, when it comes to his hobby on the railroad and the trolley lines in this area. This photo shows John looking at one of his many scrapbooks.

347. Middleborough Auto Exchange

C. W. Maxim started his automobile business in the old car barn and did a very brisk business.

348. Maxim Motor Company

This view taken by a worker shows some of the old cars to the right and the awnings above the office windows at the upper left.

349. Middleborough Fire Department Engine

This photo shows one of the early Maxim engines parked in front of the high school and town hall.

350. Maxim Motor Division

This is a photo of the Maxim sign that stood for so many years in front of the Maxim plant.

351. Maxim Motor Company, Inc.

This shows an all too familiar view of our generation; unfortunately Maxim Motors shut down at this location.

352. Maxim Flag Pole Eagle

A view of the eagle atop the Maxim Motors flag pole, which soon disappeared after the demise of the business.

353. 1926 Maxim Ladder Truck

This is a photo of a Maxim Ladder Truck built for the city of West Hartford, CT, and sold to Simsbury, CT and later retired in 1971.

354. 1930 Maxim Pumper and Hose Wagon

This pumper and hose wagon was built for Niantic, CT. It could pump 750 g.p.m. This engine is on display at the Trolley Museum at Warehouse Point, CT.

355. 1969 Maxim Pumper

This 1969 Maxim was painted white, as was the custom of New Haven, CT. It could pump 750 g.p.m. with its two-stage pump, plus its 300-gallon booster tank.

356. Maxim Model 5-2627-C Pumper

Maxim Model S-2627-C, 750 g.p.m. pumper being delivered to MontClair, NJ.

357. Maxim Model F 2617 C Pumper

Maxim Model F2617-C Cab Forward, 750 g.p.m. pumper delivered to Branford, CT.

358. Manny and Francis Frietas Candidate for Governor

A picture of Manny and Francis Frietas hard at work at Maxim Motors, while a candidate for governor looks on.

359. Maxim's Inc.

"The last one… workman at Maxim, Inc., of Middleborough, adjusts fittings on last fire engine to be constructed at plant which is closing its doors.

Source: This is a direct quote from The Sunday Enterprise.

360. Rodney E. Southworth Carriage & Sign Painting Shop

"The above photograph was taken on June 20, 1899, of the Rodney E. Southworth carriage and sign painting shop. Mr. Southworth was the husband of Arabella Sparrow. The photograph was given to the Middleborough Historical Museum by the Southworth's niece, Mrs. Helen Wood Ashley. The property was sold in 1912 to John G. Howes, who converted the shop into a garage. It is now owned by the Maxim Motor Company."

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Page Eleven, Volume XVIII, April 1978, Number Four. Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, Page 59.

361. Lincoln Blacksmith Shop

"The Lincoln Blacksmith shop was one of the oldest such shops in town; it stood on Wareham Street for more than one hundred and forty years. Built about 1800 it passed into the hands of three generations before being torn down in 1942." (This is a direct quote from Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough)

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, page 43.
The Middleborough Antiquarian, Page Three, Volume IV, April 1962,
Number Two

362. Fraternal Order of Eagles

A bad fire in 1997 caused this building to be abandoned.

363. Professor Jenk's Schoolhouse

This building was originally on the corner of North Main and Peirce Streets and was moved to its present location on Water (Wareham) Street. The house, on its original site, was the David Thomas Farm that Levi Peirce bought. The land ran all the way to the Nemasket River.

364. James Butler Home

This old schoolhouse still stands, as a private home owned by James Butler, present owner of Creedon's Flower Shop.

365. Conversation Outside of the "Windtunnel"

This group of men sitting on the Old Bryant and Soule Grain Mill loading dock may be settling town business or just discussing the weather.

366. House Doorway

This small cape has a rather grand entrance and was a private residence for many years. Up until recently it has been occupied as a gift shop.

367. Bryant & Soule Grainmill (1910) and "Windtunnel"

This homey scene depicts a busy Thompson's Diner (The Windtunnel), not too long before its demise. In the left rear can be seen the Old Bryant and Soule Grain Mill and on its right the former Standish residence.

368. "Windtunnel"

This pretty little picture shows the Windtunnel in its former glory doing business as usual. "Tubby" Thompson (Herbert) ran it with his daughter Betty Record. Toward the end, Betty took it over entirely, ran the business, and had some very interesting menus. It was said that many a selectmen's meeting took place here. At its closing there were many sad faces.

369. Bryant & Soule Grainmill and Closed "Windtunnel"

This sad little diner is all set to be demolished. Originally it was moved from across the street.

370. House Doorway

This pretty doorway to the former Standish Home was restored by its new owner, John Forrester of Avon.

371. Refurbished Bryant & Soule Grainmill & House

This cleanup of the old Bryant and Soule Grain Mill and Standish home was accomplished by Mr. Forrester, creating a pleasant atmosphere for business and apartments alike.

372. Thompson's Waiting Room and Grocery Store

Thomas Thompson operated a highly successful grocery business and, at one point, leased the basement of the Bryant and Soule Grain Mill as a warehouse. The Bay State Trolley line listed this as a trolley waiting room. The photo also shows Earnest E. Coombs, Jeweler, who is dressed in his band uniform ready to march in the 4th of July parade.

373. A View Down North Main Street

This early 4 corners view looking down North Main Street depicts the Matthew H. Cushing Grocery Store on the left, before it was demolished in 1899 to make way for the Peirce Block. The stately columned building beside it is the former Nemasket House.

374. North Main Street View

This old view at the Four Corners shows the old kerosene street lights, side by side with the new electric light poles on dirt roads. On the right corner is the Pierce Building. The third building on the left is the former Jones Block, which was completely destroyed by fire in 1904.

375. "An Old Corner"

This view shows the same corner, later view, with George E. Doane's Hardware store located in the Peirce Building. Note the disappearance of the kerosene street lights and the appearance of the incandescent lamp over the intersection; we still have dirt roads along with trolley tracks.

376. Local Scene During Horse and Buggy Era

"Aunt Mabel" when she focused her camera on North Main Street many years ago preserved for posterity a glimpse of what life was like in a New England town as seen when automobiles were rare. Nemasket House left foreground, then was a bustling hostelry for commercial travelers or "drummers" and various business enterprises were quartered in buildings on the right, now all forgotten..In the background tall columns mark the facade of what was then the Pierce Grocery Store. All of the stately, "wineglass" elm trees eventually feel victim to disease and were removed. Unless there is information to the contrary, we believe the building next to Nemasket House later housed the early stages of the Winthrop-Atkins Photo Finishing Plant. Note… the wheel-tracked dirt road"

Source: This is a direct quote from the Middleborough Gazette

377. Pierce Building

Thomas W. Pierce, along with Harry Page, opened a hardware store at this corner in 1871. Later, George E. Doane ran his hardware business from this building until he bought the land next to American Hall, from Philander Washburn in 1875, where he built the Doane Block.

Source: Mertie Romaine's Middleborough History, pp. 88 and 89.

378. Bob's Diner

This snowy view shows the then new Bob's Diner, moved on to the former Peirce Block site by Kenneth Keedwell in 1943.

379. The Reverend William Bayard Hale

The Reverend William Bayard Hale, D.D. "The founder of the parish and builder of the church" is represented here. Reverend Hale's, ashes in an urn, are in the crypt beneath the altar of Church of Our Saviour, Episcopal.

380. Church of Our Saviour

This view shows the choir and chancel of the Church of Our Savior Episcopal.

381. Richard G. Woodbridge

The Reverend Richard G. Woodbridge, Pastor of the Central Congregational Church 1893-1901

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Volume XXI, March 1981, Number 1, Page 7

382. Doane Block

This view shows the Doane Block with its two-story front addition. At this period in time Corsinis Auto Parts occupied part of this vacant building.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, Pg. 88 and 89

383. H.L. Thatcher Company

"Firefighters arrived at the former H.L. Thatcher Company on Thatchers Row to battle the first of two fires which broke out in that vacant building Saturday."

Source: A direct quote from the Middleborough Gazette of July 31, 1980.

384. H.L. Thatcher & Company

"The corporation which owns the former H.L. Thatcher property on Thatchers Row has no immediate plans for the site of the fire gutted building that was demolished last week.

Source: Middleborough Gazette

385. A.T. Maddigan Law Office and T.M. Ryder Insurance Company

"First new construction on Thatcher's Row in more than a half-century, an office building is being built on the longtime site of Thatcher's printing plant."
Thatcher's was the first building on the row.

Source: This is a direct quote from the Middleborough Gazette

386. Middleborough Theater (former Park Theatre)

"Torn down in November was the 1915 Park Theater. While bystanders reminisced, a wrecking crew made way for a Christian education center to be built by Central Baptist Church next spring."

Source: A direct quote from the Middleborough Gazette

387. Middleborough Theater (former Park Theatre)

"Like many a movie house before it, the Middleborough Theater has fallen victim to the wrecker's ball. Built in 1915 and originally known as the Park Theatre, the downtown Middleborough landmark had seen the transition from silent movies and vaudeville shows to the 'talkies'. Its site owned by the Central Baptist Church, will now be used for a multi-service Christian education building.

Source: A direct quote from the Middleborough Gazette

388. Vacant Lot

“Building date next month was set for construction of a multi-purpose activities building, when the Nickerson Avenue site was dedicated by Central Baptist church last year. Details of the building, and its compatibility with adjacent historical structures; will be discussed by church spokesmen and members of the historical commission.”

Source: A direct quote from the Middleborough Gazette

389. Glidden Home

“Demolition dust obscures Glidden residence as it crumbles to make wayenglarging parking space for Middleborough Lodge of Elks”.

Source: A direct quote from the Middleborough Gazette

390. Elks Lodge

“Firefighters battle to keep flames, which destroyed the Elks Lodge in Middleborough early today from spreading to other buildings in the center of town”.

Source: Direct quote from the New Bedford Standard Times

391. Elks Lodge

“Firefighters pour a steady stream of water on the fire which raged through the Elks Lodge in Middleborough this morning, destroying the historic building.

Source: A direct quote from the New Bedford Standard Times

392. Former Elks Lodge

“Pitching in cleaning up the fire-blackened ruins of the headquarters on High Street was a day-long project for members of Elks Lodge and the Emblem Club Sunday. A hard-working crew pitched tons of debris into trucks, which carted it to a disposal area in Carver, while the Emblem Club served coffee and food.

393. A Corner View

This view shows the corner of North Main Street and Wareham Street, as they looked almost a century ago. Going down North Main one sees the Thomas Pierce Building with the former Jones block beyond.

394. Four Corner's Scene

There is a lot of excitement with the arrival of a trolley car, perhaps headed for New Bedford, Taunton, or Brockton. The Bank Block and the new Peirce block may be seen as well as the small Peirce Building and the old Jones Block. The Peirce block was built in 1900 and the Jones Block was destroyed by a disastrous fire in 1904; so we can rationalize that this was taken in between, say 1903.

395. A Corner Scene

This view of the Four Corners, looking down North Main Street shows the Hair Medic Building that replaced Bob's Diner. The former telephone building and Jones Block that were built in 1915 immediately after the disastrous fire.

396. Telephone Building

In 1904 when the Jones Block was burning, it took the business block on the right with it, the small business on the left was removed to South Main Street for a candy store. The four columned house, behind it, was removed to North Street where it only has three columns today. The Telephone Company almost immediately leased the new building on the site of the destroyed business. "I would go up a flight of stairs to pay the bill for my parents and grandmother; with all the electric cables, the heavy steel doors offered protection."

397. A Building View

This view shows a corner of the Jones Block, the Telephone Block and across the street, the Alger and American Blocks.

398. Jones Block

Rosenfield and Alden's furniture store is on the first floor and Kingman, Leonard & Barrows Shoe Factory occupied the second floor until they separated when Leonard & Barrows built a new factory on Centre Street at the corner of Pearl Street. The picture depicts the factory workers posing.

399. Jones Block, Group Photo

As follows, left to right, Dr. W.C. Woodward, James F. Dowsing, Upholstery, Clayton W. Barden, Jones Clerk, B. Frank Jones, Block Owner, William J. Taylor, Clerk, and Herbert S. Sylvester

400. Former Jones Block

This scene shows total devastation. The Pierce Store can be seen in the distance, the small store moved to South Main Street, the burnt out shell of the Jones Block and the building next to it. The Pierce Store is still intact.

401. Former Jones Block

The fire was so hot it damaged the buildings on Wareham St. You can see the blackened backs of the businesses and homes.

402. Former Jones Block

This view shows the total destruction and Ladbury's bicycle and sports shop minus its roof. This shop was later salvaged and built as a home on North Street.

Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine, 1969

403. Former Jones Block

The Nemasket Hotel across the street was in a blaze within a half-hour along with six other buildings.

Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine, 1969

404. Former Jones Block

Shows the burned out cellar hole of the Jones Building and the damagedLadbury's sporting store. The home between Ladbury's and Robinson's home was moved to North Street.

Source: Middleborough History, Mertie Romaine, 1969

405. Former Jones Block

North Main Street as it looks after the fire with Fred Jenny standing in front with another man.

406. Former Jones Block

Business block on the right side of the Jones Block was totally gone except for the front facade. "The position was taken by the new telephone building."

Source: Middleborough History, Mertie Romaine, 1969

407. Former Jones Block

Two days later after the smoke had cleared you can see the total destruction of the Jones Block and the business block on the right.

408. New Jones Block

This building replaced the original burned out Jones Block in 1915.

409. New Jones Block

After the great fire of 1915, this new building was built to replace the original Jones Block. This building has had a variety of tenants through the years. The upper floors have been meeting halls for churches and the Middleborough Businessmen's Club, etc.; the ground floor an assortment of businesses; Corsini's Auto Supply, Well's Furniture and various other businesses. Tom Panesis bought the block in the 1930's but I and many others remember Cleverly's Market.

410. Game Room

All the Commercial Club's possessions were destroyed in the Jones Block fire.

411. Billiard Room

Middleborough Commercial Club was on the third floor of the Jones Block, destroyed by fire.

412. The Parlor

After the fire, the Commercial Club purchased “The Maples” on the corner of Centre and Oak Streets for its new home. “The Maples” was the former home of J. Stearns Cushing's Father.

413. Parade of North Main Street

The parade is winding its way past the YMCA, the Jones Block and the Home Bakery on the ground floor of the telephone building.

414. Ground Breaking for YMCA Building

First shovel full of dirt lifted by C.N.Atwood, December 1911 for the new YMCA. He was the largest contributor to the campaign to raise funds for the building giving $5200.

Source: Romaine's Middleborough History, pg. 495.

415. Dedication of YMCA

Here they're laying the cornerstone for the YMCA building on May 28, 1912. It was a gift of John A. Washburn, who also did the masonry work on the building.

Source: Romaine's Middleborough History, pg.496

416. YMCA

Recently built YMCA still has building debris outside.

417. YMCA Decorative Spindle

One of the decorative finials on YMCA building.

418. YMCA

Five women donated $1000 a piece toward the $30,000 campaign fundraiser. They were Mrs. Elizabeth B. Cushman, Mrs. Julia H. Copeland, Mrs. C. N. Atwood, Mrs. Maria Peirce and Mrs. Deborah Thomas of Peabody.

419. Everett Robinson

He was a lawyer, who while a student studying law at the Peirce Academy, would walk over to the Eddy House on South Main Street to pick up pointers from lawyer Zachariah Eddy.

420. Robinson Home

House built by Major Ethan Earle who had a dry goods business on the corner of the present Peirce Block. He married one of the daughters of Levi Peirce. The Robinson family has decorated their home for the 4th of July.

421. Former Robinson Home

Everett Robinson, the lawyer, purchased the house from Major Ethan Earle about 1858.

422. Former Robinson Home

For a time, this gracious home was used as a kindergarten. Ms. Robinson, long time owner of the house and long time children's librarian, upon retiring, opened the kindergarten.

423. Former Robinson Home

This magnificent structure was demolished because of heavy vandalism and was replaced with a brick multipurpose building.

424. Robinson Fence

This was one of the few remaining wrought iron fences left in town. This was taken down with the removal of the Robinson home.

425. Business Block

This brick multipurpose building has taken the place of the beautiful Robinson home. Over the years it has housed doctor's offices, beauty parlors, Middleborough Housing Authority, etc.

426. Everett Robinson Law Office

This view shows the gracious home with its vine covered porch, its wrought iron fence and its little jewel of a law office.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Volume XX, June 1980, Number 4, pg.7

427. Everett Robinson Law Office

As we look at this little building on a cold winter's day, we can notice the change in the windows to what they are today; the original bowed out windows with the handmade wavy glass panes have been replaced with a more modern type.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Volume VIII, June, 1966, Number 3, pg. 4.

428. Everett Robinson Law Office

Unfortunately about the only historical remains of the law office is its brick exterior. The windows have been replaced and the originalwainscotted paneling has been replaced with modern paneling.

429. Aerial View to Jackson Street

This is a tiny corner view taken out of a regular postcard and shows in clarity the Peirce Barns, which are now a parking area. The Peirce Houses are next, only two of which remain as the Middleborough Historical Museum buildings. Midway in the picture to the left may be seen the old Starr Mill Buildings.

430. Aerial View to Jackson Street

A little different angle of the previous view. The large barn in the center front was one of the Peirce Barns. In its day, it was used and rented out by the Nemasket House for overflow. Matthew Cushings, owner of the grocery store, daughter kept her prize black horse named Black Beauty in a stall here. George Soule Furniture housed their horse drawn hearses here and in 1943 they were removed and rotted.

431. Fifty Years Ago. . . 1920

The landing of the Pilgrims 300th anniversary was celebrated in Plymouth in 1920. Middleborough's float was named "Ye Old Nemasket Choir" and won one hundred dollars, first prize, which founded the Middleborough Historical Society. Lower left: Guy Polley, New York, Mrs. Guy Polley, Charlotte Mitchell (Princess Wootonekanuske), Nellie Wicher Shaw, Etta Cushing Baker, William W. Gammons, Mrs. Edith Finney, Mertie (Whitbeck) Romaine, George Thomas, Albert Roberts, White Plains, N.Y., John Tinkham; second row: May Nelson, Mrs. William Jacob, James H. Kennedy, Mrs. Lillian Ball, Melvern Gammons, Chester E. Weston, Kenneth C. Leonard; third row: Mabel Sears Barber, William H. Barden, Helen Ryder Haley, and Bert Cushing.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XII, October 1970, Number 1, Pg. 1, Cover.

432. Officers of Middleborough Historical Association, 1973

Walter E. Soule, Member of Executive Board, Ruth E. Gates, Secretary, Charles D. Townsend, President, Alda Boucher, Treasurer, Mertie E. Romaine, Curator of Middleborough Historical Museum, and G. Ward Stetson, Member of the Executive Board.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXV, November 1986, Number 2, pg. 14.

433. Lawrence B. Romaine

Lawrence B. Romaine, founding editor at work on the Middleborough Antiquarian in the little second floor room at the public library.

434. Middleborough Historical Museum

Two mill houses built c. 1820 and restored to preserve the collections of the Middleborough Historical Association Inc. including their famous Tom Thumb Collection.

Source: Direct Quote from Museum Postcard

435. Middleborough Historical Museum

This long shot shows a good view of building #2 of the historical museum with the ell that contains the Peirce Store and the playground building in the distance.

436. Museum House Number One

Museum House number one was the first house salvaged of the mill houses and barns.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXII, July 1982, Number 1, pg. 1 cover.

437. Building Number One Front Room

This is the appearance of one of the front rooms in the first house as it looked in the 1970's.

438. Building Number One Front Room

This is the other half of the same front room in the first house. Note the beautiful Cephas Thompson paintings of Dr. Arad Thompson and his wife hanging over the horsehair Victorian couch.

439. Building Number One Front Room

"One of the front parlors with exhibits from several periods. The wallpaper is the well known Abigail Stearns design which provides a fitting background for the Cephas Thompson portraits. The "great chair" was made in Maine c. 1720, and the rosewood melodeon of Connecticut manufacture, c. 1860."

Source: A direct quote from the Museum Postcard

440. Building Number Two, Historical Museum

The contents of the Peirce Store, that was on North Main Street, are located in this ell of the second museum building.

441. Building Number Two

This is the main section of the building #2, which houses the linen room, gown room, war room and old time kitchen.

442. Building Number Two, Peirce Store

“A replica of the Peter H. Peirce Store that served Middleborough from c. 1820 to 1925. The original building, one of our outstanding architectural heirlooms, has been restored to house the courthouse and police station. The original counter, grain bins and desks for four clerks are priceless relics of the American general store of the 19th century.”

Source: A direct quote from the Museum Postcard.

443. “Old Country Store”

“The old country store of our 19th century have been rescued and have become a living part of the America's historical museums. To the best of my knowledge this was the first one properly set up for the education of future generations of students and historians.”

Could this be the store from Henry Ford's Greenfield Village?

Source: Direct Quote from The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume VI, February 1964, Number 1, pg. 8.

444. Civil War Room, Museum Building #2

This eagle was once the mascot of E.W. Peirce Post and Grand Army of the Republic and sits in the Civil War Room of the Middleborough Historical Museum.

445. Building Number One, Basement Kitchen

“Original basement kitchen restored, c. 1820, with cooking utensils both of earlier and later periods; cared for and used by many generations. The blacksmith made coffee grinder the “eared” chopping bowl are outstanding examples.”

Source: A Direct Quote from the Postcard.

446. Sproat Tavern Outhouse

For the time being, the outhouse is all that remains of the old Sproat Tavern which was torn down in 1898. The barn, on its original site, will soon meet the same fate as the tavern.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXII, July 1982, Number 1, pg. 1 cover.

447. Judge Wood's Law Office

"The little law office to the south of the main house is thought to have been built by Judge Wood about 1796. In 1965, Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan sold the property to the Fernandes Company and knew the house and lawoffice were to be torn down. They presented the law office to the Middleborough Historical Museum and Mr. Joseph Fernandes financed the cost of moving the building to the museum grounds."

Source: This is a direct quote from the Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume VII, November 1965, Number 4, pg. 1 cover.

448. Judge Wilkes Wood Law Office

This little gem of an old time law office sits on a little knoll behind the main museum buildings. The rear section has been turned into a law library as a memorial to the memory of Lawrence B. Romaine, who was the very heart and soul of the Middleborough Historical Museum and Association.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXII, July 1982, Number 1, pg. 5
Volume XIV, January 1973, Number 2, pg. 3

449. 1854 "Young Mechanic" No. 6

"Originally built by John Agnew of Philadelphia for New Bedford, it was purchased by Middleborough in 1864, rebuilt by William Jeffers of Pawtucket and used until 1880. It is now the property of the Middleborough Historical Association.

Source: A Direct Quote from the Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXIV, March 1986, Number 4, pg. 3.

450. The Carriage Shed

Mr. Larry Romaine raised the money to build a carriage house of the same design as the sheds of the old Peirce Store before he passed away in 1967. It was finished in 1978 and holds vintage vehicles along with 18th and 19th century farming tools.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXII, July 1982, Number 1, pg. 5

451. The Blacksmith Shop

"In the summer of 1981 the Blacksmith Shop was opened to the public. The late Frank Everett Buckman gave the entire contents of an old smithy.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXII, July 1982, Number 1, pg. 6.

452. The Whistle House

This photo shows the old Whistle House refitted to house the 1854 "young mechanic" and the 1934 Maxim Pumper. The Whistle House Jubilee, June 20, 1981.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXII, July 1982, Number 1, pg. 6
Volume XXV, July 1986, Number 1, pg. 1 cover.

453. Gladys Beals and Parasol

Gladys Beals of the Middleborough Historical Association models a parasol used by Lavinia Warren, the Middleborough girl who married the famous Tom Thumb of P.T. Barnum's circus fame. Next to Mrs. Beals is a dress owned by Lavinia, who grew to be 32 inches tall. Photographs, pieces of furniture and other articles owned by General and Mrs. Thumb are on display in the Middleborough Historical Museum.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette – Jane Lopes Quote

454. One of the Peirce Barns

This little building was the last in a row of the Peirce Barns that were torn down to make way for a parking lot behind the police station. It holds a tantalizing thought for me. Could this be the one room school that was in this neighborhood when the School Street School was built in 1875?

455. Peirce Barns

This view looks past the Peirce Barns to North Main Street.

456. Peirce Barns

When the Nemasket House on North Main Street had need of more space for their clientele's coaches, the middle barn would be leased.

457. Peirce Barns

Yet another close-up view of the three Peirce Barns that were torn down for a parking lot.

458. Peirce Barns

Another view of the barns that were much in demand before the advent of the automobile.

459. Peirce Barns

This is a close-up of the two busy barns behind the Peirce Store. The one on the left had many uses as a public hall and manufacturer along with the right one as overnight parking for horses and their conveyances.

460. Moody's Shoe Repair

This little building was built at about the same time as the Peirce Store but was never used by Peter Peirce. This Greek revival gem was used for many enterprises. The picture shows it as Moody's Cobbler Shop for many years and one can note the circus advertisement on the right.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XIV, January 1973, Number 2, pg. 1, cover.

461. "Day Camp"

The little building was moved to the Children's Corner at the playground and used as a day camp. It was later destroyed by arson.

462. Colonel Peter H. Peirce

Colonel Peter Hoar Peirce went out on his own to develop his own grocery store; which became the hub of the area business wise enabling his son Thomas to bequeath 1/2 million dollars to the Town of Middleborough.

463. Major Peter Hoar House

"Gigantic elm tree, more than a century old, dwarfs Major Peter Hoar House on Main Street in Lakeville. It is noted in town history that it was planted by Major Peter Hoar when he purchased the house in 1854."

Source: Clint Clark Quote

464. Major Peter Hoar Tree

“Veteran of the battle of Lexington, selectman of Middleborough for more than fifty years, Major Peter Hoar planted the elm tree in front of his home on Main Street in in Lakeville where it survived until taken down last Saturday.”

Source: Clint Clark Quote

465. Old P.H. Peirce Company Grocery

“The P.H. Peirce Grocery on North Main Street was founded by Colonel Peter H. Peirce, one of the most wealthy and influential citizens of town in his time. He served several terms in the state senate at the breaking out of the War of 1812, he was in command of a company which did Coast Guard duty at Plymouth and elsewhere. The grocery, after the death of Thomas, the last survivor of Colonel Peter's children, was purchased by Elton L. and Herbert A. Pratt who had been in the employ of the Peirce family in the store, and it now carried on under the old name.”

Source: A Direct Quote from the 1933 Middleboro Gazette

466. P.H. Peirce Store

This view shows the carriage sheds that predated Hertz Rent A Car. The farmers could leave their wagon in one of the bays to have their supplies loaded.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume VIII, November 1966, Number 4, pg. 2.

467. P.H. Peirce Store

This view shows the little building; one can note the kerosene street lamp and the town pump behind it. There was a hall on the second floor of the Peirce Store and among the tenants was the Sacred Heart Parish before their first church was built on Centre Street.

468. P.H. Peirce Store

We have a good picture of the side of the little building and in the distance a side view of the Captain Drew House before Central Fire Station was built.

469. Peirce Store Doorway

Back row, left to right; Elton L. Pratt, Chester H. Porter, William Fessenden, and Louis Keyes. Front row, left to right, Herbert A. Pratt and Arthur Coffin.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume VIII, November 1966, Number 4, pg. 1 cover.

470. Police Station

When the Old Peirce Academy building was to be torn down, (the police station was in the rear ell), the police station would have to be relocated and the Peirce Store was selected. The Thomas S. Peirce Trustees sold the building and land to the town for thirteen thousand dollars, work was begun in December 1935 and was completed September 1936.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume VII, April 1965, Number 2, pg. 5

471. North Main Street in the 1920's

This 1920's view down North Main Street shows; a corner of the police station on the left and corner of the library on the right; on the left, we see the little building, the brick building and the YMCA; on the right we see the Martinique and the stores up to the Peirce Block.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XIX, April 1979, Number 3, pg. 1 cover.

472. Court Room

This central wing of the Peirce Store housed the Fourth District Court of Plymouth County for many years until it was replaced by a brick edifice in the town of Wareham. The only thing that remains of the old courtroom are the bookcases on the back wall.

473. Police Station

This historic relic of Middleborough's past lives on as its police station.

474. Police Station

This colorful view shows the Robinson Law Office on the right with a beautiful shot of the Police Station and on to the Fire Station, flags blowing in the breeze.

475. Captain Drew House

"Where now stands the modern fire station on North Main Street once stood the homestead of Captain Edwin Drew, a commander of sailing vessels during the civil war. The house was originally owned by Allen Shaw, one of the early druggists of the town. Captain Drew's son, Elmer O. Drew was a well-known antique dealer, there was also a son, Stephen and a daughter, Elizabeth. The small white house was moved in 1925 and placed on the corner of Frank and Shaw Streets. The large barn on the property was moved at the same time to the Peirce Playground and converted into a field house, recently burned.

Source: A Direct Quote from the Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XIV, May, Number 3, pg. 4

476. Captain Drew House

The little house stands neatly on the corner surrounded by a trim hedge in 1998. The Shanks family lived here for many years and now a young family named Perkins lives here.

477. Middleborough New Fire Station

The new station replaced the old one on School Street. It's dedication on December 30, 1926 was due to the great generosity of the Peirce Trustees who gave over $76,000 for the lot, building, furniture, and landscaping. The town appropriated $15,000.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 567-568

478. Middleborough Fire Station

On the second floor the regular men (most firemen were "call" men) had sleeping and eating facilities. The bay doors at the lower right have since been remodeled to accommodate office space built behind them. The basement level, entered from the rear by sinking concrete ramps is today a maze of ports and beams to bolster the upper floor with the new long pieces of apparatus added during the years of the twentieth century.

479. Fire Station Rear

I took this view of the fire station rear from the museum grounds on Jackson Street.

480. North Main Street

Note the texture of the roadway on this main thoroughfare leading easterly to Plymouth - before the macadam covered the roadways for the auto. The beautiful elms that arched this and many of Middleborough's downtown streets were sadly decimated in the great hurricane of 1938.

481. An Old Home

The home on the right is the same home we see in slide 481. The structure visible at the right rear is the barn.

482. Memorial High School

The beauty of the colonial design of the front of the new high school highlights this photo taken a few months after its dedication.

483. Memorial High School Cupola

An excellent photograph of the cupola showing the detail of its design.

484. Memorial High School

Townspeople felt their new school built in the short-lived prosperity of the mid-twenties should be named the Memorial High School in recognition of the services of Middleborough men and women in World War I.

485. Middleborough High School

By the late nineteen fifties the gym was too small and the major addition shown here was built. It also included a fine enlarged cafeteria. By the 1990's when the long time principal Alan Lindsay was newly retired, townspeople named this structure the Alan B. Lindsay gymnasium in his honor.

486. Middleborough Jr. High School

A contemporary photo some seventy years after it was built, the school almost appears to be fading into the mist of antiquity as the bright summer sunlight reflects light from the roofline of the building. This is a view looking southeast, taken from North Main Street.

487. Front Entrance Memorial Jr. High School

This shot shows the pediment, with its dental molding over the front entrance of the Jr. High. The photographer captured in the new aluminum doors is Walter Thompson, the citizen who donated this unusual collection of Middleborough scenes spanning more than two centuries of the town's early life, including this (unwitting) self photo.

488. Talking Sachem Strategy

Talking Sachem Strategy 36 years ago were, from left the late AlFarley, coach; Henry Battis, head coach, retired, and for whom Battis Field was named; and co-captains David Smarsh, now a deputy chief in the local fire department; and Bill Washburn, who son plays this year.

489. 1916 Town Baseball Team

"The 1916 Middleborough Town Baseball Team with its star Cy Morgan (sitting, fourth from left). The team included several local familiar family names such as McAuley, Kelly, Cabral, Ryder, Witbeck, Ware, Gammons, Reed and Mendall. This photo is courtesy of Randolph Gammons who is the child on the left. Gammons' father, Mel Gammons, is the first player seated at the left."

Source: Dick Thompson Quote

490. Girl Scout Formal Dance

"Forty five years ago, Girl Scouts in Middleborough held a formal dance for their peers. Leading the grand march, from left, were AnnGoodridge, Allan Dodge, Emmy Lou Reed Harold Dunham, Miss AbbyRugg Field, Henry B. Burkland, Troop Leader, Mrs. Benjamin J. Bump and Mr. Bump.

Source: Enterprise Correspondent, Claire Rockwood

491. Old Fort Marker

Markers were placed by the Massachusetts Tercentenary Commission and this is one; it stands today as structurally sound as the day it was erected almost seventy years ago.

492. Old Fort Plaque

Located east of first base on the ball field in the rear of the Junior High School, this marks the appropriate location of the fort that overlooked the Nemasket River and was itself a part of a large stockade that housed some 65 Middleborough families during the hostile years of King Phillips War (1670-1677).

493. Hand Rock

Legend says a Native American stood on this rock making "obscene gestures" until felled by a shot from the Middleborough fort, across the Nemasket in what we must consider a remarkable feat of marksmanship it if did indeed happen. The long barreled rifle that was allegedly used is today located in the Old Colony Historical Museum in nearby Taunton. Clearly visible on the rock is the sculptured hands that we find similarly sculptured on the Great Sachem Rock at the foot of Rock Street and on the rock that juts out of Assonompsett Pond near Pocksha.

494. Erection of Town Playground

The New Deal Era made dramatic changes in some of Middleborough's historic areas. Here we look east and the line of three trees makes the eastern boundary of the historic fort that was burned to the ground during King Phillip's War. The men are working to make a beautiful ball field (getting paid $10-12 a week, good pay during the Depression) which was once the land enclosed by the stockade that housed some 65 Middleborough families during the war.

495. Erection of Town Pool

Looking northeast we see the chimney of the old Star Mill to the right and visible are houses along Coombs Street. As these men work to construct the Swimming Pool, other men are working to the left and rear of this photo reworking the land into a football field where both the High School and Mitchell Club played after World War II, and a beautiful baseball field that both the high school and the Town Twilight League played their games. Some years later another football field was built in what had been a marshy area to the left down by the Nemasket, named Battis Field.

496. Bandstand

Constructed to stand on land behind the Town Hall, now a parking lot, this bandstand dating from 1919, was moved to its present location in the early 1930's where it stands today, the unfortunate recipient of careless handling and little use for more than half a century. This view shows its location on the playground and the baseball diamond to the rear of the Junior High School.

497. Playground Offices and Bath Houses

Believed to be the barn behind the Fire Station (where CaptainDrew's house stood), this building was probably moved in the late thirties to become the field house for the new playground complex built in that period. Careful examination reveals the bathhouses to the left and right of the structure. It later burned, believed started by vandals and was replaced by a similar structure about 1965.

498. Municipal Swimming Pool

Looking east toward Indian Hall, we see the jewel bequeathed to Middleborough by the Great Depression. Its first ever municipal swimming pool (5 cents to swim!) and still in use a half century later by the youth of the town. Visible to the rear is the land apparently in some stage of leveling that later in the decade becameBattis Field.

499. Municipal Bath Houses

When the bathhouses in the field house burned in the early 1960's they were replaced by these structures. To the left of this photo is the concession stand and clearly visible are the stands and scoreboard of Battis Field.

500. Tripp House

This family home for generations located at the corner of North Main Street and East Main had the carriage sheds to the rear, common to the houses of earlier generations until very recent years, when the passage of time slowly reduced them to crumbling rubble.

501. Former No. Main Street House

After the Jones Block fire this dwelling was moved to North Street. It is minus one of its columns.

502. Ernest Pratt Home

The reason that I have this picture of the Ernest Pratt Home is because of the small garage at the end of the driveway. This small building originally was on the grounds of the old Starr Mill and housed Middleborough's first hand drawn fire engine – a tub on wheels. On the 4th of July some frisky teenage boys pulled the tub out of the firehouse and ran around the Center of Town with it. Middleborough's 1st piece of fire equipment was then thrown into the bonfire at the 4 Corners and burned.

503. Bryant Home

A view of the Bryant Home on North Main Street as it looked in the early 1900's. Today this serves as an apartment house.

504. Bryant Home

A story often told was that the resident of this home switched houses with the resident of the Victorian mansion on East Main Street.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume IX, March 1967, Number 1, pg. 5

505. Mrs. Abby T. Evans'Home

This house is still standing and is considered a Middleborough landmark on East Main Street.

506. The Old Barrows House

This was the home of Thomas Barrows. When it was taken down in the 1920's it was one of the oldest houses in town. It was a typical Garrison house of the period, with oak plank covering from 2" to 2-1/2" thick, as to be bullet proof. The house had small windows high up from the ground so that no shot could hit the family.

507. Grange Hall

The new Grange Hall was first used on April 2, 1929, and was heavily used by many Middleborough groups because of its auditorium and stage, and kitchen and banquet hall.

508. Grange Hall

The hall was built on the site of the old Garrison house owned by Miss Jennie Carpenter in 1920. In 1996 due to low membership, the Nemasket Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, #158, which was organized in February 1888, disbanded and sold the building later to become the Black and White Theatre.

509. Colonel Peter H. Peirce Residence

Colonel Peter Peirce married Nabby Sproat in 1816. Originally the top two floors of the mansion were the original home and as Peter became more prosperous with his store the house was raised and large reception rooms were added to fit his status. The porch and gallery were added to hide the discrepancy in the size between the old and the new.

510. Colonel Peter H. Peirce Residence

The beautiful building was home to only two families. Peter raised his large family here and in 1904 Andrew J. Pasztor bought the home, and upon his death Ellis G. Williams converted the building for business purposes.

511. Colonel Peter H. Peirce House

This picture was copied from the Middleboro Gazette from a business advertisement. The business shingles can be seen as one approaches the front door. The three story-floating staircase is still in use today.

512. Colonel Peter H. Peirce House

The beauty of the Peirce mansion is still visible today, thanks in part to Attorney George Decas who has his office here and has taken great interest in the Peirce family. The two top floors and rear ell are used as apartments.

513. Thomas S. Peirce

Thomas Sterling Peirce had great admiration for Chester E. Weston and this fact was the reason for Mr. Peirce's donation of a half million dollars to the town. Mr. Peirce died in September 1901.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Vol. VII, June 1965, Number 3, pg. 4

514. Library Foundations

This early photo shows cellar foundations of the public library being built in the Colonel's squash lot.

515. Library Erection

This view shows the outer walls rising to the roofline. On the left may be seen the slices of the columns that are being built on either side of the entrance.

516. Nearly Complete Library

In 1903 the new public library is nearing completion. One can see the Martinique on the left. At this time there were no homes to the rear of the library.

517. Public Library

In 1901, when Thomas Peirce died, he left $50,000 for the building of a new library, plus another $50,000 for books.

518. Staff, Middleborough Public Library

Taken at opening of new library building, 1904. Front row left to right,Myra Leonard (Mrs. William T. Tillson); Marion Tillson (Mrs. Alton G. Pratt); Edith Cobb of New Bedford; middle row, Alice Alden, Mary Eddy, Mrs. Adelaide, K. Thatcher; back row, Florence A. Robinson, Mary Farr of Philadelphia, cataloger; Joseph E. Beals, trustee.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XVII, December 1975, Number 1, pg. 7.
Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 237

519. Public Library

This view could be of a library in any small city; it was built and furnished with the finest materials of the day. Note the two autos of the 1920's parked in front.

520. Public Library

This beautiful photo of a very formal library sitting next to the Peirce mansion; note the incandescent light over the intersection.

521. Library Cornice

“Backlit by setting sun is this ornamental crown of the public library portico.”

Source: A direct quote from Clint Clark, Middleboro Gazette, July 5, 1979.

522. Library Cornice

This is another one of Clint's view of the cornices along the roofline of the library.

523. Library Pediment

This is a view over the main entrance of the library showing the pediment and circular window.

524. Public Library

In this view one can see one of the stately Elms that graced the town streets.

525. Public Library

This scene is typical showing the photographer's car at the intersection on an unpaved road. One can note the tire marks on the road, and the Elms on North Main Street.

526. Lobby Public Library

This is a view of the main lobby as I remember it. As one entered through the front doors and descended the marble steps; one was confronted by the catalog system and its three benches. The librarian's desk was at the rear and the adult reading was at the right.

527. Children's Room Public Library

This is the room where all the school children of my day did their homework and found good books to read. On the right out of view, was a central T-shaped bookcase with a statue of the “Winged Victory”; only the leaves of a rubber plant can be seen at the right.

528. “Woman’s Corner” Stair Landing Public Library

This stair landing still looks the same today minus the chairs and table, which are in the genealogy room. Note the beautiful woodwork on the staircase and balustrade.

529. Public Library Renovation

In early 1991 the rear “L” of the library had been torn down and the lot was cleared for the rebuilding.

530. Public Library Addition

This is the steel framing for the library addition being put in place in the summer of 1991.

531. Middleborough Public Library

This beautiful view, taken by Janet Griffith on a clear day a few years before the building was remodeled.

532. Public Library

This is a view looking past the old Robin’s Nest Restaurant towards the new addition, which was probably completed around 1992.

533. Public Library

This view shows how beautifully the new addition is married to the old. In the basement of this addition we now have an enlarged children’s and conference room.

534. New Addition Doors

This is the new entrance to the new lobby.

535. Middleborough Public Library

“The old and the new arched window in the entrance to the new library wing frame the graceful symmetry of the 1873 Town Hall tower.”

Source: Clint Clark Quote

536. Public Library Main Doors

This is a view showing the new aluminum doors, showing the detail on the columns.

537. Public Library Looking to Addition

This view looks to the patio outside of the children's room.

538. Middleborough Library

"Cramped quarters downstairs at the public library, as library director Marjorie Judd searches for old volumes of the Middleboro Gazette which will be microfilmed to conserve space and prevent the paper volumes from further deterioration."

Source: Bob Lessard Quote

539. Public Library Lobby

"As this view of the lobby shows, historian Thomas Weston's description of the public library as 'a large and commodious building' was an understatement. Rivaling the Town Hall's stately splendor, it was dedicated on April 26, 1904."

Source: Clint Clark Quote

540. Martinique

Major Elijah Tucker built this home in 1828 for his bride, Sarah Louise Peirce.

541. Martinique

The house was originally built as two stories. It was raised to three stories in 1881. Unlike the Peirce house, the thirdstory was added to the top; thus the floating staircase only ascended 2 floors.

542. Martinique's Staircase

Although the mansion was torn down in 1957, the staircase still exists with some of the mantelpieces and the leaded glass fan light over the front door in aLakeville home.

543. Martinique

The next owner of the home was Elijah Tucker Jenks, son of Professor Jenks, who made the Peirce Academy so world-renowned. "His son, Elijah Tucker Peirce Jenks was the last of the original family to live in the house."

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXII, July 1983, Number 4, pg. 1 and 3.

544. Martinique

As many of the old houses deteriorated, a block of stores was built on the sunken garden in 1922. Mr. & Mrs. Charles F. Martin bought the property in1939 and named it "The Martinique".

545. Martinique

Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Campbell bought the place in 1944 and conducted the business of the inn. In 1953 they found a secret stairway thought to have been a part of the Underground Railroad.

546. Martinique

The Campbell's also found in 1959 what they thought was a cellar for hiding runaway slaves, but in truth was an early cistern for rainwater for fighting fires. The Campbell's accepted an offer from the Gulf Oil Co. in 1956, and so ended the life of the Martinique.

Source: Walter Thompson

547. Martinique

In 1957 this fine old home was torn down to make way for a Gulf gasoline station. On a poignant note, Clint Clark, on a tour of the museum recognized that a square rosette design block came from the Martinique's window or door trim.

548. Robin's Nest Restaurant

Justice prevails, The Martinique was torn down to make way for a gas station, and with the advent of too many gas stations and the high cost of fuel, Gulf Oil went out and the building was remodeled into a restaurant which had several owners and is now vacant. Possibly it could become a parking lot.

549. Garnier's Market

In the late 30's to '40's, Howard Garnier operated a grocery store in the Leighton block on North Main Street.

550. Interior Garnier's Market

Coffee was 25 cents a pound in 1940 when this photograph was taken in Garnier's Market. From left, at the deli counter are Ed Begley, owner-proprietor, Howard Garnier and Arthur Wall.

551. Howard Garnier

Howard Garnier operated his market through the 1930's and into the 1940's. In the 1950's to the 1960's, he was well known throughout the town with his grocer cart. When he gave up his grocery business he became a real estate dealer until retirement. As long as I knew him he always wore a broad smile. He passed away in 1997.

552. Red Men's Parade

School children carrying the flag in the Red Men's Parade. See the corner of the Superior Cab Office and the wrought iron fence around the sunken garden of the Martinique.

553. Red Men's Parade

Marching men during the Red Men's Parade saluting to the reviewing stand on the YMCA steps.

554. Red Men's Parade

Float in front of the Thatcher Block. Homestead Grocer and Bank Block.

555. Nemasket House

The Nemasket Hotel was thought originally to be the home of Daniel Thomas who enlarged it and turned it into a hotel about 1835.

556. Nemasket House

This well-known hostelry was famous for its lodging, for its dining room and stables. Travelers going back and forth from Boston to the Cape frequented the hotel. On the right one can see the old Norris block.

557. Nemasket House

The last proprietor was Thomas Sisson, who closed its doors in September of 1929. The Peirce Trustees turned the property over to the town, and because it was a hazard, contracted it for demolition. Some of the fireplace mantels went to Sturbridge Village, and our museum has the sign.

558. Nemasket House Stables

"Stables of Old Nemasket House, James M. Leonard was proprietor of stables and the Nemasket House in 1897." Note the fancy broughams with their drivers standing proudly beside them; when there was an overflow of business the Peirce Barns, on Jackson Street, were used.

559. Middleborough Glass

This ordinary scene belies the fact that there was once a very busy hotel on this site; becoming a hazard it was torn down in 1939. It was replaced by this gas station, and due to the gas crunch it is now Bob Ventura's Auto Glass Center.

560. "Business Section – Looking South"

This view would almost be a contemporary view, if it were not for the Nemasket House, the horse delivery wagon and the old automobiles. Note the barber signs outside the present Superior Cab Co. This shop, like many, had a wall rack for its clientele's personal shaving mugs.

561. Superior Cab Company

This contemporary view shows the old barbershop, minus the roof gallery, as a cab station. The history of this little building remains a mystery; there are mail drop slots behind the inner wall paneling. Could this have been built for mail patrons when the main post office was closed?

562. Tercentenary Parade

Ken Keedwell at the Four Corners during the Tercentenary Parade. He was the general chairman of celebration.

563. North Main Street View

On the right side of the picture is a building with much history, the George Doane Hardware Store started here, Thomas Pierce, Hardware, different businesses. The last being Bob's Diner before being torn down. In 1915, after the Jones' Block fire, the telephone building was erected to the left of Bob's Diner, (the Telephone Company leased the second floor immediately). The next left is the new Jone's Block, which housed many different enterprises since its erection and finally the new YMCA.

564. Electric Division Garage

“A new modern garage at the electric light plant on Wareham Street houses a fleet of department trucks, including the highly specialized vehicles of latest design. This, together with a trained crew keep the electric division of the Middleborough Gas & Electric Department abreast of the town's growing domestic and industrial power needs.”

Source: A Direct Quote from the Middleborough Tercentenary Book, 1969.

565. “Turning the Valve”

“A landmark in municipally owned gas service occurred on September 1, 1996 when officials of the Algonquin Gas Transmission Co. and Middleborough Gas & Electric Dept. “turned the valve” sending pipeline natural gas into the town's system. For forty years prior to this, gas had been purchased from the Brockton-Taunton Gas Co. The Middleborough gas system which is over one hundred years old, originally made an enriched water gas and in the early 1900's distributed a modified oil gas.”

Source: A Direct Quote From the 1969 Middleborough Tercentenary Book

566. Don Cannon Buick Pontiac

Donald Cannon started his new garage sometime in 1955-1956; it replaced the Benson Harness Shop and the Dean Woodworking shop.

567. Trolley Track Removal

“What looked to one observer like a dinosaur spine is actually the remains of downtown trolley tracks being removed from Wareham Street by the D.P.W. prior to reconstruction of a portion of the street near the Four Corners as part of the town's streetscape improvements. Trolley cars ran from 1899 to 1929 on the Middleborough, Wareham and Buzzard's Bay Railway line and its successors, the New Bedford, Middleborough and Brockton Railway and the East Taunton Street Railway. By 1929, buses replaced the trolleys. Trolley tracks could still be seen on South Main Street until 1962, when they were torn up.

Source: Jane Lopes Quote, Middleboro Gazette

568. Major Ethan Earle's Dry Goods Shop

This woodcut was given by Mrs. NellieWicher Shaw and shows the early corner where Major Ethan Earle had his dry goods store and beyond is the well known Nemasket House.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XVIII, April 1978, Number 4, pg. 11.

569. "An Old Business Corner"

The corner was known to many of the later generation as the Matthew H. Cushing Grocery Store, but had many other businesses earlier. The building was built byHarrie Washburn, a cabinetmaker who had a good business.

570."An Old Business Corner"

This beautiful photo shows how prosperous the Nemasket House was in its day. The Middleborough Historical Museum has the sign that hung there for many years. In the distance, may be seen the early Martinique and the Cushing Grocer Store on the corner.

571. Matthew H. Cushing Grain & Grocery Store

This village scene was destroyed in 1899 when the Cushing Store was demolished and Barden's Restaurant, next to it, was removed to the corner of North and Myrtle Street. The Peirce Block was built in 1900 on the site. The Nemasket House was torn down in 1939.

572. Rev. Stillman Pratt

"Rev. Stillman B. Pratt, editor and publisher of the Gazette from 1854 to about 1862. (Photo courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. William K. White.)"

573. Four Corners View

"Winter Scene at an Old Corner". This winter scene looking toward the Four Corners shows the Cushing Store on the left and across the street the Thomas Pierce Hardware Store.

574. Looking Up Centre Street

This view shows that the Whitman-Sparrow Store had not yet been built.

575. Old View of Centre Street

This shows a very busy main street of a small New England Village. The third house from the right was a private home turned into businesses. It was torn down in 1927 to make way for the new F.W. Woolworth Block. As we go to the next building, the coastal supply is there today. Mrs. Pierce lived in the next house, for many years a drug store, now Sam's Antiques.

576. Centre Street Business's

"The above picture depicts Centre Street as it looked well before the turn of the century. The sign over the left door reads 'Gazette Office', apparently on the second floor; the one under the window is 'Oysters' and the one above it, 'Ice Cream'. On the right hand building, the sign is 'S.H. Sylvester, Hair Dresser'. This building is remembered by later generations as the location of Peter Ramsey's Barbershop. The first left hand figure is not identified; the gentleman with rolled maps beside him is indicated as 'an agent for maps,' the next three figures are unidentified; the gentleman in the doorway is Solomon H. Sylvester, proprietor of the barbershop. The next is not identified, but the last figure on the right is Henry H. Sylvester, son of Solomon H.

Source: A direct quote from the Middleborough Antiquarian
Vol. XIII, Jan. 1972, Number 2, pg.1 (cover)

577. Peirce Block

This photograph was taken shortly after the building was built in 1900 and shows off its sparkling architectural details.

578. Post Office Block

The U.S. Postal Service leased the ground floor of the Pierce Block almost immediately after it was built in 1900.

579. Post Office and Centre Street

For many years the third floor held the Masonic Lodge and the Peirce Trustees had an office suite on the second floor with rooms for other offices.

580. Post Office

In about 1932 when the U.S. Post Office moved to their new building on Centre Street an interesting story developed; across the street the Middleborough National Bank decided to expand into Dupont's Dress Shop. The bank tellers used the postal clerk's windows in the old post office; each morning a police officer would escort the removal of the money from the bank vault to the temporary bank across the street and back again at night.

581. Parade

We have no knowledge of this old parade, but we have a panorama of the old post office up to the old pagoda steeple of Central Methodist Church.

582. Old Drake House

This is the Old Drake Homestead. The smaller original home was connected on the right in this picture and was torn down to make way for the Middleborough Cooperative Bank. The present building has a two story brick front added and is now the Sullivan Block.

583. South Main Street View

This is about the only section of the downtown business district that could be restored, back to the original, with the removal of all the storefronts.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXVIII, Spring-Summer 1990, Number 1, pg. 11.

584. Bank Block

The Bank Block decked out for this parade looks like a giant birthday cake, either that or 4th of July rockets heading for the moon. The third floor was the lodge room for the odd fellows and their 3-ring symbol hung over the Four Corners for many years.

585. Odd-Fellows Parade

This shows one of the equestrian units in the Odd Fellows extravaganza; one could for example, get a turkey dinner for a whopping 5 cents at the Nemasket House dining room and at other points in the business center.

586. Odd-Fellows Parade

This picture shows the huge size of the parade and the parade watchers.

587. Odd-Fellows Parade

Isn't this a gorgeous view of the four white horses pulling a wagon full of delegates from the Odd Fellow Lodges. Note the group in the rear with their opened umbrellas.

588. Odd-Fellows Parade

Note the arrival of the group with the opened umbrellas! This was about the largest parade that Middleborough ever had. This great parade was held to celebrate the anniversaries of the state's 100th birthday and the Middleborough Group's 25th.

589. Odd-Fellows Parade

With this view we finally come to the Middleborough contingent celebrating the 25th anniversary. The Middleborough commercial band is leading the men of Middleborough in their finery.

590. Odd-Fellows Parade

Yet another band goes through the Four Corners, and the music goes on, reverberating against the buildings.

591. Odd-Fellows Parade

The Odd Fellows march along in their finery before an overflow group of spectators.

592. Odd-Fellows Parade

As the parade passes through the Four Corners one can note the trolley tracks, the bunted buildings, and the overflow crowd.

593. Odd-Fellows Parade

Another band another Union!

594. Middleborough Clothing Store

In 1894, Middleborough Clothing Store was moved to its present location from the American Block. Standing in the doorway is Miss Ruth Martin (Mrs. Ivan Rogers), John Erickson, clerk; Frederick D. Martin, store founder; last figure is unknown.

595. Peirce and Glidden Blocks

The first two buildings are fully dressed for the parade. On the Peirce Hardware Store one may notice a Thibault large window to let light into his studio. Beyond the Glidden Building one notes the building that housed Middleborough's first theatre. Beyond that is the old School St. School.

596. Glidden Building

This building which housed the Glidden Store for many years looks very impressive with all its bunting. One can note the side of the Central Methodist church to the right.

597. A Parade

"In the good old summer time" of an era long gone, flowery hats, long skirts, and straw "skimmers" for gents, were in style for spectators of a parade led by a six-horse hitch as it passed through the Four Corners.

Source: A direct quote from Clint Clark

598. Looking Up Centre Street

A very early view looking up Centre Street. On the right may be seen the giant horse chestnut tree that stood in front of the Baptist church manse. On the right corner is the U.S. Post Office in the new Peirce Building.

599. Looking Up Centre Street

At this wintry time of year one can see the leafless horse chestnut tree and the trolley coming down the street.

600. Looking Up Centre Street

The automobile has come to Middleborough

601. Looking Up Centre Street

As you can see, the automobile has definitely come to Middleborough, and the famous horse chestnut tree is still casting its shading bows over Centre Street; and the trolley cars are still running.

602. Bank Building

"Elaborate details of the Savings Bank building are the work of 19th century artisans, when terra cotta was molded into the attractive forms shown here."

Source: Clint Clark Quote

603. The Bank Block

This is a corner view showing the curved windows in the Romanesque style of the Savings Bank Block.

604. The Bank Block

This is an architectural shot showing the decorative sandstone columns that flank either side of the doors on South Main Street and Centre Street.

605. The Bank Block

This picture shows the bank days coming to a close in this block. The Middleborough Savings Bank is now the Plymouth Savings Bank and the Middleborough Trust Co. shortly became the Rockland Trust Co. and ended their tenancy in the building.

606. Financial Office Building First Floor Plan

"Proposed first floor plan for the financial office building shows how the town clerk's office would be arranged. The building committee and town officials hope that relocating the clerk's office to the Centre Street building would increase foot traffic in the downtown area. Parking will be available at the Town Hall and eventually at the former Gurney gas station lot on Wareham Street."

Source: Middleboro Gazette Quote

607. Financial Office Building Second Floor

"Second floor of the bank building would house the Planning Board, Building Department, Health Department, Conservation Department, and Veteran's Agent while providing space for meetings and for an employee's kitchen. The third floor could be leased to one or more private businesses. The elevator serving all three floors, as well as handicapped bathrooms, are being paid with a state grant. About $200,000 in additional funds would be spent on the building."

Source: Middleboro Gazette Quote

608. Downtown Middleborough

This is downtown Middleborough's "last hurrah".

609. Four Corners

This clever cartoon, drawn by Nick Panesis, one can note Officer Pittsley directing traffic through a busy downtown area, in the lower right is seen Elmer Drew, a well known antique dealer and "Gramp" Goodwin on his ever present bicycle. One can also note the sign on the left advertising Thompson's Café and across the street in the Bank Block Buck's Drug Store; the three rings are symbols of the Odd Fellows hanging over all.

610. Centre Street

The well-known John Sullivan, with pipe, is probably discussing politics with Bay O'Toole, owner of Homestead Grocery around the corner, while Tom Panesis is bending to serve a customer.

611. "Nick" Panesis

Nick Panesis put Middleborough on the map with his drawings of the town natives which appeared in the Boston Traveler; he became "a well-known Hollywood artist when he died in 1967".

612. Fourth of July Parade

The town celebrated the 200th Anniversary of the town's incorporation, the Fourth of July and the return of Troops from WWI with a gala two-day celebration with a parade on each day.

613. Fourth of July Parade

One of the military units in that famous 4th of July parade in 1919.

614. Fourth of July Parade

This picture shows the enthusiasm of the 4th of July spectators as they welcomed the "doughboys" back from WWI.

615. Looking Up Centre Street

On this wintry day one can see that business had slowed down a bit. TheCharlton Dress Shop on the right, Walk-Over Shoes and the Park Café and across the street one can see Panesis Grocery and Middleborough clothing.

616. Looking Up Centre Street

This beautiful view shows the town testing parallel parking on Centre Street, it did not work however; note the telephone poles that existed before the “great white way”. On the second story of the Bank Block one can note Dr. Cunningham’s name on the window and the Central and Park Café’s across the street.

617. Looking Up Centre Street

In this continual picture of Centre Street, we overlook the view of a trolley car toward Morse's Drug Store and First National Store, Ryder's Dept. Store and in the right rear the pagoda steeple of Central Methodist Church.

618. “Proud Clydesdales”

This beautiful six-horse hitch pulling the Anheuser Busch delivery wagon has been a main stay of many Middleborough Christmas parades over the past years.

619. A Summer Trolley on Centre Street

This view shows an open summer trolley passing the Bank block on its way to Thompson’s Waiting Room on Water (Wareham) Street.

Source: Middleborough Antiquarian, Volume 1, June 1959, No. 3, Pg. 3.

620. 4th of July Victory Parade

The post office is in the Peirce block where it stayed until 1932 when they moved into the new building. The scene has much changed with the pagoda steeple of the Central Methodist Church in the background. The 4th building from the corner was torn down to make way for a business block, which in 1998 holds Reedy’s Archery.

621. Business District Center

See Walkover Shoe on the right, F.W. Woolworths, Park Café, Rexall Drug, Ryders and the Glidden Block with all of the vintage cars lining both sides of the street. This was the main thoroughfare to the Cape and all of the businesses were very successful on this main stem.

622. Business District Center

The A&P is in the former U.S. Post Office of the Peirce Block, Endicott Johnson is in the same place as in 1935. A new corner to the business center was Sherwin Williams. F. W. Woolworth has taken over the entire block, added a lunch counter and modernized the whole store.

623. Tripp's Panesis

You would know what time of year it was by the changing displays in the front window of Tripps Candy Store. They'd have Easter bunnies for Easter or a large Christmas tree around the holidays at the end of the year. My personal favorite candy was their coconut cremes.

Source: Walter Thompson

624. Tripps Candy and Lunch Store

Tripps Candy Store was one of the favorite lunch spots for the people who worked downtown. Also, a heavy hangout for teenagers in the back section where the booths were.

625. Sullivan's Newsstand

It was nothing but a door going into an alley with a roof over it. Long and very narrow, magazines were stacked flat against the wall held there by wooden dowels. They also sold pipe tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and corncob pipes. The corncob pipes could be used for blowing soap bubbles in the spring by the youngsters of the time.

626. Panesis Delicatessen

Panesis Fruit and Vegetable stand started in a building next to the Bank block in the spring of 1906. Tom Panesis is the second one on the right. The wagon on the left is his delivery wagon.

627. Panesis Delicatessen

One year later we find Tom at the same building, note that he has more help, he is still the second one from the right. He had become so prosperous he had to use the sidewalk to display his produce. Later he moved to larger quarters.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXIV, July 1985, Number 2, pg. 14
Volume XXIX, Spring 1991, Number 1, pg. 13.

628. Panesis Store Interior

Thomas Panesis opened this store on Centre Street after his initial success earlier, two doors away. It is typical of stores of the period, with its ceiling fan and the coal stove at the rear of the room.

629. Panesis Fruit Store

Tom moved in 1910, three doors down. His business grew rapidly and became so affluent that he supplied produce to chain and independent stores in southeastern Massachusetts. In 1924 he bought the Jones Block on North Main Street and operated out of a store there, before he sold it to Cleverly's Market.

Source: Middleborough History – Romaine 1969, pg. 98-99.

630. John and Irene Turner Panesis Fruit Store

Tom's daughter, Irene married Jack Turner and they operated Panesis Grocery Store for many years.

631. Panesis Store

"The old clock inside the store may be telling Richard Kyrouz the time, but if it were alive it could tell many stories about the 82 years Panesis Fruit has existed."

Source: Claire Rockwood Quote

632. Country Travel

Celebrating the grand opening of Country Travel's new Centre Street home are, back row, left to right, Ken Foley, Holland American Lines, John Maguire, T.N.T., Darlene Rosborough, Royal Caribbean, John Healey, Middleborough Town Manager, Ted Pratt, Mayflower Bank; front row, Claire Perrin, William MacLeod, President of Mayflower Bank, Dan Perrin and Peter Falconeiri, Falconeiri Construction.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette

633. Country Travel

The new home of Country Travel, above, is pictured from the same angle where a photographer captured the interior of what was then Panesis Store, below. Country Travel owners, Claire and Dan Perrin recently purchased and renovated the downtown landmark.
Source: The Middleboro Gazette

634. Erection of Middleborough Clothing Store

Middleborough Clothing Store was being built by Otis Tunkham. The Ryder Homestead was built by Levi Peirce for the pastor of the Central Baptist Church. It was pushed back to make room for the First National Grocery Store building, then torn down to make a parking lot in the 1960's. In the next building, Leonard & Barrows manufactured shoes before building the new building further down on Centre Street. The First National

Grocery chain then purchased the old Peirce Hardware store, tore that down to build the present building.

635. Middleborough Clothing Store

This whole new storefront was put on in 1965 and became one of the modern stores in the vicinity.

Source: Middleborough History, Mertie Romaine, 1969, pg. 81

636. Middleborough Clothing Store Roof Line

This picture appeared in the Middleboro Gazette in Clint Clark's column asking people to identify it.

637. Middleborough Clothing Store

Men's high fashions were displayed amidst the decorative bunting on a warm July the 4th parade day.

638. Middleborough Clothing Store

In 1969 for Middleborough's Tercentenary, Middleborough Clothing sported a new formal look far different from the original.

639. Looking To Thatcher Block

In the snow it's hard to make out, but to the right stands the Thatcher block with its two stories. The top story was taken down in the 1930's.

640. Thatcher Block

There are six shops in the Thatcher Block, the first one on your left is Middleborough's well known jeweler, F. W. Hayden; D.B. Monroe's Boots and Shoes; Middleborough Post Office; Millinary and Dressmaking Shop; unknown; a grocery store (Lucas and Thomas?)

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume IV, June 1962, Number III, pg. 11.

641. Stile's Shoe Store

Stiles occupied this very modern looking building in the Thatcher Block for many years. The building formerly housed the shoe store owned by William Andrews.

642. Thatcher's Block

Center Card shop is on the left and next to it is Carroll Cut Rate. Mr. Simmon's was an expert in cosmetics and it's said he was a makeup artist to the Hollywood movie stars in his younger days.

643. Thatcher's Block

"Luckily, no one was passing by Center Card Shop and the YMCA headquarters last Tuesday evening, when a section of the brick facade crashed to the sidewalk. Nemasket Construction Co. men and equipment Wednesday morning leveled the upper section, including the old A&P insignia."

Source: Direct Quote from Clint Clark

644. Thatcher's Block

After the crumbling brickwork was partially removed, it was covered with plywood and false stonework was applied over it.

645. Parade on Centre Street

I love this picture, see the children following the band, Middleborough's finest with their white gloves. Note the finial in the foreground. This could be the 1894 handpumper.

646. E. Oneto's Fruit Store

Emanuel Oneto sold his store in the mid 1920's and moved to Haverhill.

Source: Mertie Romaine History, pg. 351

647. D. B. Monroe Shoe Store

The ladders ran on tracks so the clerks could climb up to get the right shoe size to sell to their customers. The two clerks are David B. Monroe and Harry E. Monroe.

648. F. W. Woolworth's 5 cents and 10 cents

This is F.W. Woolworth's new sign to go with their recent renovations.

649. Centre Street, Business Section

This picture depicts the end of Middleborough's Golden Age. We can see Woolworth's, Benny's, Laforest Pharmacy, Boston Store and McNeil's Dept. Store, First National Grocery Store. Then the big Glidden Block in the rear.

650. Sears

This private home became the Sparrow Brothers men's and boys clothing store. The Economy Grocery store moved into the building and became the centers first supermarket. Different businesses that have occupied the building include town Cleaners, Benny's Auto Stores, Sears and today houses Coastal Cleaning Supplies.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History, pg. 79-80.

651. Hinckley Jewelers

"Richard G. Hinckley (left) and his father, Myron L. Hinckley (right) the founder of M.L. Hinckley and Son Jewelers, posed for this photo on September of 1946, the store was then located on Centre Street."

Source: Mary Jo Curtis Quote

652. Hinckley Jewelers

Richard O. Hinckley displays the safe that has been used at his family jewelry store since its opening in 1915. The safe was originally owned and used by the Mayflower Cooperative Bank before Hinckley's grandfather bought it.

Source: Mary Joe Curtis Quote.

653. Craigs Pharmacy

This building was originally the private residence of Mrs. William Peirce, and in the 1870's "was remodeled to accommodate a business on the ground floor". Shaw and Childs occupied the new store. For many years it was known as the Jesse F. Morse Pharmacy. It continued as a pharmacy for many years. Today it is an antique shop.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, 1909-1965, pg. 92-93.

654. Colonial Office Supply

In 1985 the Jessie F. Morse Pharmacy became the Colonial Office Supply.

655. Ryder Block Former First National Store

This Ryder block, now empty of the First National Grocery store, having moved to the corner of School Street, is now occupied by William's store.

656. The Boston Store

After First National Grocery stores moved out, this building was occupied by the W.T. Grant Store. Then for many years, was the Boston Store owned by the Kramer Family. It was later used for various purposes.

657. Alton and Eunice Kramer

"Alton and Eunice Kramer pause for a moment during another busy day at their long-established store on Centre Street. The Boston Store has been in business for nearly 70 years."

Source: Cynthia Bliss Quote, Middleborough Gazette

658. Business Center Snow Bound

There was a great variety of businesses hampered by this major storm: among them, The Ryder Dept. Store, McQuade's Men's Clothing, W.T. Grant Co., J.F. Morse Pharmacy, Hinckley Jewelry Store, etc.

659. F.N. Whitman Department Store

"Clerks of Fred N. Whitman's ca. 1910, left, Lulu Shea, Walter Gillis, Abbie Brett, Lucy Crawshaw, Elizabeth Williams, Sara Levy, Nellie Drummond, Oliver Brett, Mary McDonald, George Tate, Emma Breach, Francis Purdon, Mary Shaw, Nellie Kelley, Alonzo F. Ryder, Lydia Holmes, Amasa Glidden, James McNeil and Neal Harrington, Sr."

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume VIII, February 1966, Number I, pg. 1 cover
Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 83.

660. Fred N. Whitman's Department Store

Left to right; George Crapo, O.W. Moulton, Mary Thresher, Alonzo F. Ryder, Mrs. C.E. Lovell, Eugenia Mott, Abbie Brett, Sarah Barden, and Frank Macomber.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXIV, November 1985, Number 3, pg. 14

661. Alonzo and Emma Ryder

Alonzo Ryder was educated in the Sandwich, Mass. School system and came to Middleborough with his family to work in the Whitman Sparrow Store.Alonzo was associated in all aspects with the department store through all the years of its changes in name until it became McNeil's. He was noted for his work ethic, and was punctual everyday.

662. Ryder House

This home on North Street is where Alonzo and Emma Ryder made their home for so many years.

663. Whitman-Sparrow Department Store

Whitman-Sparrow and Company was the town's first department store, pictured here in circa 1900. It served under different company names for many years before it closed in 1962 and was eventually torn down to make way for a bank.

Source: Mertie Romaine's Town History, pgs. 81-82.

664. Whitman-Sparrow Department Store

This is the most important postcard in the Walter O. Thompson collection. According to Walter, this is the card that started him collecting. Without seeing this card, in all probability, there would be no collection.

665. Stiles Shoe Store

Stiles Shoe Store, having moved from the Thatcher Block across the street, occupied this building in 1962 when Walter McNeil retired. Shortly after, the building that Alonzo Ryder had worked in for many years was torn down for a bank.

666. Fleet Bank

The Fleet Bank building replaces one of Middleborough's oldest treasures, The Whitman-Sparrow Department Store.

667. Thomas Peirce Hardware and Whitman-Sparrow Stores

This beautiful shot near the Peirce Block shows the corner entrance to the Thomas Peirce Hardware store and the Cloverdale Grocery store entrance on Centre Street. Note the hanging sign of the William Thibeault photography studio on the second floor.

668. William Thibeault Photography Studio Window

In this photo, it clearly shows the large window providing added light for the William Thibeault Photo Studio. Under the window, there is a sign advertising the Middleborough Gazette office on Wareham Street and the hardware store is advertising "Rising Sun" stove polish and bicycles.

669. First National Stores

This is the second of three grocery stores the First National operated in town. Charles Devlin was the grocery manager for many years.

670. Grocery Manager, Charles Devlin

Charlie Devlin was a popular store manager, not only with his employees, but also with the consumers. He was influential in obtaining numerous contracts to supply groceries and meets to various restaurants and summer camps. With only an elementary school education, he began his career in a grocery store in Taunton and became very proficient with figures and finances.

671. Corner Cornice on First National Store

The decorative design is seen on the corner of the building, built as a First National Grocery Store. This view shows the top of the Benny's sign, which advertises the present occupant.

672. Parade on Centre Street

This was taken on the corner of Union and Centre Streets. The steps to the right lead to the Police Station which was in the back ell of the Peirce Academy. The first float could be a replica commemorating the landing of the Pilgrims. See all the excited boys running along behind the floats.

673. Looking Down Centre Street

This is a very early scene of Centre Street with students walking from School St. School around the site of the present Glidden Block. The first building on the left was one of the places where Leonard and Barrows manufactured shoes. The beautiful colonial homestead was built by Levi Peirce for the pastor of Central Baptist Church.

674. Centre Street Business District

This early photo shows the location of the newly merged First National Grocery store (on the center left) and across the street is the two story Thatcher block where the U.S. Post Office was located until moving to the Peirce block when it was newly built in 1900. An East Taunton trolley car can be seen coming up from the Four Corners.

675. A Chilly Business District

This is a gorgeous winter day in downtown Middleborough. One can clearly see the plowed trolley tracks cleaned by the trolley company's rotary plow. The streets and sidewalks had to wait for the horse drawn plows.

Source: Middleborough Antiquarian
Vol. XXI, March 1982, Number 4, pg.1 (cover)
Middleboro Gazette

676. Centre Street Business District

In 1939, Centre Street was the major state highway (Rte. 28) going to the cape. On the right we see the experimental parking that failed and on the upper right of the Thatcher block we see the A&P logo which had already moved down to the Peirce Block. Note that across the street was the famous Jessie F. Morse Drug Store, with Middleborough's first supermarket next door, (Stop and Shop).

677. Centre Street Business District

This most familiar view shows the W.T. Grant Co. on the left, alsoLaforest Drug Store, Benny's Auto Stores and F.W. Woolworth. On the right in the Thatcher block is the Sears Roebuck Co., Center Card Shop, Carroll's Cut Rate and Enna Jettick Shoe Store.

678. Centre Street Business District

Another view of the town's main commercial center.

679. Centre Street Business District

“Autumn skies and festive decorations, as well as the small-town appearance of the downtown Middleborough encourages shoppers to spend their time and money in local stores.”

Source: Cynthia Ballou Quote

680. Centre Street Business District

This overview of Centre Street points toward the twin water towers on Barden Hill.

681. Water Towers

"The first concrete water tower in Massachusetts and the largest in the U.S., the 173 foot, half-million gallon standpipe on Barden Hill (at right) has been deteriorating for a number of years. Town officials are proposing that the tower be demolished, since a slab of concrete recently fell from the structure and smashed the windshield of a vehicle during the inspection of the newer tower. Tearing down the structure would require a hearing before the Historical Commission under the town's demolition delay bylaw, and since the tower is on the National Register of Historic Places along with the 1885 water works on East Grove Street. Built in 1915, the tower was dedicated to Joseph E. Beals, who was instrumental in developing the water department."

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, Thursday, Jan. 23, 1997.

682. A Bit of History Disappears

"This 56 year old standpipe, a landmark in Middleborough, is now just a memory. Too costly to repair, the town had it torn down.

Source: Bonnie Olson

683. Memorial Day Parade

This gorgeous view of School Street depicts the School Street Drum & Bugle Corps. with Wirt B. Phillips, music director, leading off the Memorial Day Parade with the Civil War soldiers marching in front of the old School Street engine house.

684. "Parking Space Map"

The town has tried, at various times, to devise a plan for a downtown parking lot to keep business in town. This particular plan they had devised was to make an entrance to a lot on School Street by taking down the old Fire Station and to exit on Peirce Street by taking down the Peirce Barn. Although they tried through the years for public parking, it took several merchants considerable time and money to purchase the land to finally accomplish the job.

685. Central Fire Station

This was the original Central Fire Station as it looked on School Street and which served the town well until 1926, upon the dedication of the new Central Fire Station. It continued to serve the town by use of the GAR Hall on the second floor.

Source: Middleborough Antiquarian
Vol. XXIV, March 1986, Number 4, pg.5

686. School Street Engine House

A rarely seen photograph of the School Street Firehouse taken about 1916 showing all three of the department’s recently acquired pieces of motorized apparatus. From left to right are the Maxim Combination No. 2 (1914), Knox Combination No. 1 (1912) and Maxim “Cities Service” Ladder Truck (1915). “The School Street Engine House was pulled down in 1958.

Source: Mike Maddigan’s “Recollecting Nemasket”
The Middleboro Gazette, October 16, 1997.

687. Combination No. 1, 1912 Knox

688. The Old Central Fire Station

This building served the town well through WWII. Women rolled bandages for fighting men on both floors. Dances were held and the Unemployment Bureau was the last tenant of the building until it was torn down in 1958.

689. Civil War Float

This float was entered in a Memorial Day Parade depicting the remaining Civil War veterans riding on a horse and wagon proclaiming that they made the Union.

690. School Street View

This view of School Street takes us between Barrows and North Streets. The second House on the left is where Mr. & Mrs. Henry B. Burkland lived for many years.

691. “The Butter and Egg Man” Levi B. Tinkham

“The ‘Butter and Egg Man’ was a familiar sight about the streets of Middleborough property and the outlying districts with his offering of lard, butter, cheese and eggs. He lived on the southeast corner of School and North Streets, and kept his horse and cart in a large barn on his property.”

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XX…July 1980…No. 3…Pg. 1 (Cover)

692. "A Family Shoe Shop"

"This family business was located on the lower end of School Street, founded in 1890 by William O. Penniman and his brother Josiah under the name of Penniman Brothers. Later they admitted Elmer E. Phinney into partnership. Eventually, Mr. Phinney became the owner and manufactured ladies' shoes, including those indicated on the sign, 'Penniman's Old Ladies' Comforts.' Herbert H. Lightford became a member of the firm, which continued to manufacture shoes until 1925. After that, Foster Wade of Barrows Street converted the shop into a neighborhood grocery store and following his death the building became a dwelling, which still stands near the corner of School and North Streets."

"The gentlemen standing in front of the shoe shop are identified as Alton Aldrich, 'Con Cronin', and William O. Penniman."

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XIX, December 1978, Number 2, pg. 1 (cover)

693. Leonard, Shaw and Deane Shoe Factory

In 1892, Cornelius H. Leonard and Samuel Shaw made shoes in the Jenks Building on the corner of Wareham and Clifford Streets. In 1897, W. Henry Deane became a partner and a factory was built on the corner of Peirce and Rice Streets.

Source: Mertie Romaines History of Middleborough, pg. 68.

694. Leonard Shaw and Deane Shoe Factory

W. Henry Deane retired in 1906. In 1931 it merged with Schwartz, Ruggles, Inc. of Rockland, Mass. and all of their patterns and lasts were moved to Middleborough.

Source: Mertie Romaine History of Middleborough, pg. 68.

695. Leonard Shaw and Deane Shoe Factory

In 1933 John A. Lucey purchased the Leonard Shaw and Deane Shoe Factory. Samuel Shaw served as a director. The shoe factory was closed and merged with the Leonard Barrows Shoe Factory on Center Street. Winthrop-Atkins occupied the building for many years.

696. Winthrop-Atkins Building

“This is the one time Winthrop Atkins Building on Peirce Street. It now belongs to the Bay State Specialty Company. Photo Insert: Harold and Donald Atkins discuss calendar sales during their leadership at Winthrop-Atkins.

Source: The Middleborough-Lakeville Hometown Magazine, pg. 44.

697. Irene Freitas

Irene Freitas started working at Winthrop-Atkins on Peirce Street in 1956. She is sitting at a photo processor, which prints the image on to the paper and cuts the finished photos.

Source: Walter Thompson

698. Irene Freitas

Here Irene is working the gluing machine.

Source: Walter Thompson

699. “School Street Looking North”

The house on the corner was built by Mrs. Bourne whose family owned the Bourne Furniture Company. The house had a fire and the tower was dropped by one floor and the ornate porch disappeared. Note the elm-shrouded street.

700. Central Methodist Church Parsonage

Mr. Abner L. Westgate, in 1989, willed the house on the corner of School and Peirce Streets to the Central Methodist Church. It was used as the parsonage until a minister deemed the property too noisy for his profession. Now it is used as rental property by the church.

701. Central Methodist Church

Prior to the building of the Central Methodist church, the Baptist Chapel between the Pierce Academy and the Central Baptist church was moved to the pine grove on School Street where the present parsonage is located. (The Wood House)

702. Central Methodist Church

The present church, costing $12,500, was completed February 9, 1869.

703. Central Methodist Church

In 1863 the church met in a hall over the George Soule Furniture store and the Baptist chapel was moved and leased from the Central Baptist Society in 1865.

704. Wedding Party – Central Methodist Church

Central Methodist Church, 1907, wedding party; Florence Haskins, Belle Tenney, Lulu Anderson.

705. Central Methodist Church Sanctuary

The Sanctuary of Central Methodist Church, January 9, 1909, for the wedding of C.A. Adams and Belle Tenney.

706. Central Methodist Church – Downstairs Wedding Reception

On January 9, 1909, the downstairs of Central Methodist Church was decorated for the wedding reception of C.A. Adams and Belle Tenney.

707. Central Methodist Church

This is the most beautiful view that I have depicting the Central Methodist Church.

708. Central Methodist Church

Another view of Central Methodist Church

709. Central Methodist Church, Rev. Warren A. Luce, Pastor

The Reverend Warren A. Luce came after the first minister, Oscar Johnson, and served the church from 1910-1912.

710. Central Methodist Church Canteen

Unfortunately the women's names are unknown in this picture but the Methodist Church supports a Canteen for the GI's when they came home during WWII.

711. Central Methodist Church

This is an early view of the front of the church without the porch, which was added later.

712. Central Methodist Church

Clint Clark took this picture of the central main window that faces School Street. The window was given in memory of A. Horace Poole.

713. Central Methodist Church

This is the renovated church after the 1954 hurricane, which caused extensive damage to the original steeple.

714. Central Methodist Church

The hurricane of 1954 badly damaged the pagoda steeple. Rather than repair, the members undertook a major rebuilding program shortly thereafter, in April 1956.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 201.

715. School Street School

This school was a proud accomplishment of mid 19th century Middleborough, as it resulted in the replacement of three downtown schools.

716. "Ralph Cushing and His Fire Company"

Fred LeBaron, Arthur Southworth, Charles Mansfield, Clif Vaughan, Jim Leahy, Henry Marshall, Bert Cushing and George Soule. Taken in front of the School Street School. Youngsters in that era saw fire fighting as a glamorous exciting way to be a grownup.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XVIII, March 1977, Number 1, pg. 1 (cover)

717. School Street School

Taken about a year before the school was moved to Centre Street where it still stands. This well built relatively young structure was replaced primarily for fears for the safety of youngsters high on the third floor in the event of fire.

718. Old School Street School

In 1906, Otis Briggs bought the old school (1849) and had it moved to Centre Street for rental property. The town leased the first floor for one year, as there was not enough classroom space at the Congregational Chapel. It was known as the Briggs block and over the years held a variety of businesses. Steve Stanley, who owned the sporting goods shop next door finally bought it in the late seventies to use as a warehouse for his shop. Later he made substantial improvements and today it is a video store.

719. Old School Street School Front Pediment and Window

The beauty of this building can be visualized here despite the deterioration evident by the 1970's. Behind this third floor window is a large room with a fine hard wood floor.

720. School Street School

This is the school, magnificent for its time that replaced the three story wooden school that Otis Briggs bought and moved to Centre Street.
Building Committee: David G. Pratt, William Haskins, and William Andrews

721. School Street School

This is probably the first of a graduating class series of pictures taken over the years showing the new graduates on the front steps.

722. School Street School Class

Another in a series of pictures of graduating classes from this school.

723. School Street School Class

Another in a series of pictures of graduating classes from this school.

724. School Street School

An early view of the newly built school; note the girls probably lining up on their (girls) side.

725. School Street School

The classic photo of the newly constructed school. Note the shoe factory visible at the rear.

726. School Street Grammar School

This view shows the flag still hung from a front window; the janitor almost fell while taking it in; shortly after, views of the school show the flag pole erected on the front lawn.

727. Principals of School Street School – Erected 1907

School Years	Principal
1907-1910	Carl D. Lythe
1910-1911	Randall L. Taylor
1911-1914	Frank E. Perkins
1914-1915	Harry L. Edgecomb
1915-1916	Fred N. Coin
1916-1917	Howard Wilbur
1917-1919	William H. Bailey
1919-1921	Ralph B. Low
1921-1924	George N. Hazard
1924-1927	George W. Emerson
1927-1928	Russell B. Marshall
1928-1938	Lottie N. Lang
1938-1942	Donald T. Welch
1943-1944	Benjamin D. Thomas
1944-1946	Samuel L. Abbot, Jr.
1946-1957	Edward W. Sawicki
1957-1986	Robert W. Gross
1986-	Jeffrey C. Stevens

728. Copeland Block

This is an architectural drawing of what is now the Glidden Building. At the time of the rendering, it was named for a well-known doctor, George W. Copeland, whose wife was a quiet philanthropist in town causes.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume VIII, April 1966, Number 2, pg. 2.

729. Copeland Block

"The brick building that Dr. Copeland is having erected on the corner of Centre and School Streets is assuming fair proportion, and the lookers-on have come to the conclusion that it is to be the best looking and most substantial building in town. Its height begins to surprise the sidewalk committee, for it will tower above the Peirce Academy. The two openings on School Street have been a matter of curiosity to the sidewalk committee; they are both for windows. When the plan of the building was started it was intended to divide it into three stores, two on Centre Street, and one on School Street, but the lesse of the lower floor desires the space all in one room, so that while the plan of the inside has been changed, the plan of the outside remains as intended, and the smaller opening on School Street which was intended for a window for the Centre Street store will be used as a window so also will the larger opening which was intended as the store-front and which can now be used as a store-front if at any future time it is desirable to do so.”

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, October 21, 1887
Volume 35, No. 43, James M. Coombs, Proprietor

730. Copeland Block

“The person who is putting on the laths in the Copeland block excites considerable interest among the lookers-on. He is evidently an expert in the business, and comes from Brockton. It is stated that he has put on thirty bundles, three thousand laths, in ten hours. His motions remind one of the days before pegging machines were in vogue and some boys could drive the little wooden pegs right speedily.”

“J.S. Cuzner has taken the further contract on the Copeland Block to do the plumbing.”

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, November 11, 1887
Volume 35, No. 46, James M. Coombs, Proprietor

731. Looking Down Centre Street

This fine photo captures the trolley line in the early years before the automobile, with a good view of the Glidden, Peirce and Whitman and Sparrow Buildings.

732. Sullivan Block

Looking Northwest this interesting photo captures a portion of the Peirce Academy as well as a good full view of what became best known as the Glidden Building.

733. The Frank Stores

This fascinating picture we believe may show CountMagri, the second husband of Mrs. Tom Thumb, who spent his later years as a well-known Middleborough citizen. These stores were in the building that became the Glidden building.

734. Trolley Car on Centre Street

Excellent “action” photo well before automobiles took over the main center of commerce in downtown Middleborough, showing the streetcar, the bicycle and the wagon.

735. Sullivan Block

This view shows clearly the addition to the Copeland block that became the Sullivan Building, and later the Glidden. Note the horse and wagon, and the overhead incandescent light.

736. Amasa R. Glidden

Amasa R. Glidden founder of A.R. Glidden and Son dry goods store in 1913. He maintained his business until his death in 1934.

Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine

737. James R. Glidden

James R. Glidden, son of Amasa Glidden worked in the dry goods field until going into partnership with his father. He continued until his retirement in 1955.

Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine

738. Benjamin K. Glidden

Benjamin K. Glidden, son of Amasa Glidden and brother to James, joined the family enterprise in 1919.

Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine

739. Richard L. Glidden

Richard L. Glidden, son of Benjamin, studied business at Bryant and Stratton Business School. He managed the store from 1962 when his father retired.

Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine

740. Centre Street

A grand view of the sweep looking east down the downtown center, with the Glidden Building on the left and the Peirce Academy on the right.

741. Glidden Building

During the height of the depression, Glidden's Department store experienced a fire that was cause for a great fire sale. Many residents lined up to take advantage of the sale.

742. High School on Parade

A view up Centre Street by Glidden's Department Store shows the High School band marching past the Church of our Saviour Episcopal.

743. Glidden's

Glidden's was a 1940's style department store at the corner of School and Centre Streets for many years.

744. T.M. Ryder & Company

The T.M. Ryder Company was headed by Ralph W.Maddigan and Ralph W. Maddigan, Jr. and had their offices on the second floor of the Glidden building for many years.

745. Glidden's

"Biggest neon sign on Centre Street, was removed last week from one of the oldest stores in downtown Middleborough as Glidden's Store prepared to relocate in a new Lakeville shopping plaza." Source: Clint Black

746. Looking Up Centre Street

A view up Centre Street during a heavy snowstorm shows Glidden's Department Store, Church of Our Saviour, and the fencing around the Peirce Academy.

747. Looking Down Centre Street

I shot this view of Centre Street from my Oldsmobile. It shows Middleborough's business district in 1997. The old School Street School, at left, now houses Hometown Video. Steve's Sport Den is adjacent to the video store. Benny's can be seen in the old First National Store at the corner of School and Centre Streets.

748. Kindergarten Students

"Voice was singing"

"Kindergarten Students at Union Street School sing "This Land Is Your Land" during their end of school production last week. The youngsters played to a full house of admiring relatives."

Source: Jane Lopes Quote

749. Shaw's Furniture Store

This old view of the building that replaced the "Epping House" for many years housed the Murphy's Bowling Lanes in the basement and Shaw's Furniture store was located in one half of the ground floor. In this photo can be seen the old pet shop, Larry's Lunch and the old School Street School.

750. Shaw's Furniture Store

In the late 1940's, Art Shaw replaced his storefront with a new modern façade, which boggled the minds of the local townsfolk. The residents of the town often drove downtown just to view the wondrous site. The mechanical Christmas displays were looked for with much anticipation each holiday season.

751. Shaw's Furniture Store

Arthur Shaw II closed the doors on Shaw's Furniture for the last time in 1988. He had been at this location for 46 years.

752. Earlier Smith's Sunoco

This photo depicts Smitty's early service station, which would have been located at the rear of the present Xtra Mart. The building at left once housed Parker's Florist Shop, Superior Cab and Sherman's Bike Shop.

753. Smith's Sunoco

The grand opening of Smitty's Sunoco in 1957 shows this very modern service station. Union Street School is visible at the rear.

754. "Smitty" Pumping Gas

This picture shows "Smitty" at the pumps filling up another satisfied customer's tank.

755. Smith's Sunoco

This 1957 photo shows the decorated newly built garage during its grand opening. This garage sits on the site of past businesses such as Sherman's Bike Shop, Barden's Music Shop, superior Cab, Parker's Florist, etc. The sole house on Oak Street was formerly located on this lot.

756. Former Rainbow Garage

This building had served as various businesses such as dry cleaning and a car wash. At one point it may have been a little lunchroom. At the time it was torn down it was The Rainbow Garage, A Cumberland Farm Store was built on this corner of Pearl and Centre Street.

757. Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory

In 1816 Mr. Perkins sold his interest to Leonard and Barrows who then bought the Murdock Block (Jones) on North Main Street. Leonard and Barrows built their new factory at the corner of Pearl and Centre Streets in 1874. The building was 100 feet long and 35 feet wide. It burned in 1886. It is pictured here.

758. Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory

In 1853 Noah C. Perkins, Charles E. Leonard and Horatio Barrows founded the Perkins, Leonard and Barrows Shoe Shop and started in business on Centre Street where Benny's is located today.

759. Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory

This new building replacing the original one was l35 feet long on Centre Street, 260 feet on Pearl Street, with an east wing of 105 feet and had four floors with an area of 100,000 square feet. Source: Middleborough Antiquarian, Vol. 23, Nov. 1983, No. 1, Pg. 7

760. Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory

This new building had the finest lighting and heating for its time, and was well ventilated on every floor. It had all safety devices, elevators, fire escapes and automatic sprinklers.

761. Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory

The machinery was powered by two boilers and a 200 h.p. engine.

762. Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory

This factory had a very good restaurant for its employees. The factory had about 500 workers who put out about 1800 pairs of shoes a day. Annually the company paid more than a quarter million dollars in wages.

763. Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory

Horatio Barrows died in 1883 and Charles Leonard and his two sons carried on for 20 years. Horatio's son, Fletcher, came into the firm in 1903 and Charles Leonard died in 1904 leaving the factory in the hands of the younger generation.

764. Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory

This factory was among the largest in New England with 4,000 pairs of shoes daily made by 1,000 workers daily.

765. Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory

In 1936 Leonard and Barrows sold out to John Lucey. A few years later, Mr. Goldstein came in to the firm and Plymouth Shoe Company was organized

766. Plymouth Shoe Company

This photo of the Plymouth Shoe Co. gives no hint of its impending demise in the mid 60's. Plymouth Shoe after serving the town for so many years closed its doors. The final company name before the end was called Earth Shoe.

767. Former Earth Shoe Building

"Middleborough Firefighter, Anthony Pattee, checks out the exterior of the Earth Shoe building on Pearl Street during his nightly watch." Chief Joseph Oliver ordered these nightly watches at the former Earth Shoe (Plymouth Shoe), circa 1985-1986, to protect the business center from fire.

Source: Charlie Perry Quote
Walter Thompson

768. Former Leonard and Barrows Site

This great shoe company which had given so much to the people at Middleborough came to a sad end with foreign imports; the main structure was torn down and the rear portion was converted into an apartment complex.

769. Egger's Furniture

Bob Saquet relocated one of the oldest businesses in town from its location on South Main Street to its present location at Centre and Pearl Streets.

770. Dr. Silliker House

"At the time this picture was taken, about 1900, the house was owned by Dennis D. Sullivan, later Judge Sullivan of the Fourth District Court. In all probability, the persons shown were members of the Sullivan family.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XVI, February 1975, Number 2, pg. 5

771. Pearl Street House

This small cottage, the original part of the house, was on South Main Street next to the Barrows Estate and was moved over to Pearl Street and enlarged into a private dwelling.

772. Dascoulias House

This house originally was on the site of the Union Street School (Lincoln D. Lynch School) and was moved to make way for the new school in 1937. Today the property is owned by the former Dascoulias twins and they operate their beauty shop called Twins Beauty Nook and Boutique, out of the front of their home today.

773. Richmond's Grocery

In the 20's, 30's and 40's each neighborhood practically had its own little grocery store. Richmond's Grocery, deep in the corner of Pearl Street, was a very popular store and lasted for some time before the owner sold the building and moved to California.

774. Sherman's Bicycle Shop

This shop was located at Sherman's home on Pearl Street. He later moved his shop to Centre Street.

775. Aragon Hotel

This was one of the early hotels in town and the beginnings were in 1884. Through the years it went through many owners and many names. But the name that will be remembered for the longest is Daniel F.Danielson, who also operated a bar room in the little building on the corner.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XV, November 1973, Number 1, pg. 9.

776. Aragon Hotel Card

This is an early type of advertising for theAragon Hotel by Danielson in the early part of this century. Note that they had electricity and weekly rooms started at $1.50.

777. Aragon Hotel

The old Aragon is no more. Since 1964 it has become an apartment house, and the bar room on the corner has become office space.

778. Centre Street Stores

The modern new front on this building hides the fact that the building for many years housed Harry Promades Grocery Store in which, as a school boy, I would stop for my penny candy. Processed meats would be hanging from the ceiling.

779. Shaw's Furniture Store

This row of stores on Centre Street housed many enterprises through the years. On the right you might notice a sign that is advertising for Tony's lunch, and on the left, Arthur Shaw Sr. stands with a salesman in front of his first furniture store, which he opened in 1936. In 1964 the house on the corner and the row of stores were torn down to make way for the first of many gas stations.

780. Washing Machine

As this statement goes, washing clothes in these machines was a little better than beating clothes against the rocks, but they were energy savers for many a housewife through the years.

781. A Centre Street View

In the very center of this picture we notice one of Middleborough's early kerosene streetlights, note the boys with their wooden sled. The building on the right was the original Washburn barn from across the street, which was moved to this site to become the C.D. Kingman Shoe Factory, and later the Central Café. The building on the left was the original Peirce Academy, was a part of the Kingman Shoe Factory, became a businessmen's club, and then burnt to the ground.

782. Kingman Shoe Factory

C.D. Kingman had his shoe factory between these two buildings. This one, still in existence, is the Central Café and the other one was destroyed by fire.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XVII, April 1976, Number 4, pg. 2.

783. Central Café

This is how the Central Café looked in 1997 before having its facelift in 1998. It was owned for many years through the 1940's up until recently by the Dascoulias family.

784. "The Maples"

This was the residence of Herbert Cushing who operated the Christian fish market under the American block. He moved his fish market to the basement of his a mansion at the corner of Oak and Centre Street.

Source: The Antiquarian, Vol. XVII, November 1976, Number 4, pg.2

785. “The Maples”

This is the home in which J. Stearns Cushing, superintendent of the Middleborough school system, grew up and is today used for apartments.

786. “Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy

In comparing the picture of the original Maples, the apartments look rather sad with a business block on the front.

787. Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy

Anders Martenson (former town manager) built his clothing store in front of the former Cushing home. His father was a tailor and sold clothes on the first floor of the Cushing home, which was used for various businesses. The Holy Name Society had a hall on the Second floor, Clark's florist on the first floor, etc. In recent years, Marty added a second floor for office space and the MedicineShoppe occupies the first floor at this time.

788. Centre Street View

‘This view of Centre Street, looking down from Oak Street around 1930, shows the Peirce Academy (white building in center of picture) that was demolished in the 1930's and replaced by the Post Office building.

Source: Quote from the Reflections

789. Oak Street

Although I have no way of proving it, I think that engine house #3 was on the right. Note the dirt road and all of the beautiful trees.

790. William M. Haskins Home

This shows one of the gracious homes of the Middleborough that some of our businessmen have built.

791. Sacred Heart Convent

The Sacred Heart Convent was once a private home and during Father Shea's tenure as Pastor, was converted into the first convent.

792. First Sisters Arrive

"First sisters arrive in Middleborough, October 1964; left to right: Sr. Mary, Sr. Anne, Ellen Grant, Father Joseph Shea and Sr. Rita.

Source: Centennial Book Quote

793. Centre Street Parade

The Middleborough town constables (policemen) proudly lead the band in front of the Washburn home.

794. Washburn Bassett Home

This is the home that Charles Washburn (grainmill) grew up. In later years, the Bassett family lived here, then Sacred Heart Church became the next owner, using it as rental property. The house had a fire and was replaced by the Father Shea Center.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Vol. XVII, April 1976, Number 2, pg.1

795. Father Joseph Shea Center

The Bassett House, which Sacred Heart Church bought in 1957, was very badly burned in 1964, so was torn down. The following year, in 1965, the Father Shea Center was built. As a result of the Burkland School fire on august 8, 1988, the building was leased by the town of Middleborough for classroom space.

Source: Walter Thompson

796. Sacred Heart Parish hall

"The Parish Hall on Oak Street was built during the administration of Father Welsh. This well designed structure, with a seating capacity of approximately 1000 persons, provides an excellent and convenient location for conducting parish activities." Reverand John F. Welsh became pastor on March 23, 1949 and transferred on September 19, 1956. After the disastrous Burkland School fire, the hall was leased and remodeled into classroom space and a cafeteria in the basement by the Town of Middleborough.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XI, September 1969, Number I, pg. 7.

797. Father Shea Center

The Father Shea Center was originally built to become a Catholic School, but due to the high cost, ended up as a religious education center. After the Burkland School fire, the town rented and refurbished the building for public school use. Next door may be seen the Church Hall.

798. Oak Street

The second house in from the right was Faye Deane's (Bate's schoolteacher) father's house. He sharpened tools, knives and such.

799. Albert Soule Home

This house was built with timbers from the first town hall on the corner of West Grove and South Main Streets. The Albert Soule family lived here for many years before selling the property that became the Oak Hill Nursing Home.

800. Albert Soule Home

Albert Soule sold his farmhouse on the corner to the Oak Hill Nursing Home Corporation. He moved his present home from the Centre Street lot where Albert Smith built his Sunoco service station.

801. Oak Hill Nursing Home

This country club style nursing home was built by a group of local doctors, possibly headed by Dr. Silliker. The Beverly Nursing Home Corp now owns it.

Source: Walter Thompson

802. Oak Hill Nursing Home

This is the center courtyard of the nursing home much enjoyed by the residents.

Source: Walter Thompson

803. Watering Trough

This watering trough at the corner of Oak and North Streets is only one of three that are left in town. The most notable one is in front of the Town Hall on South Main Street and the other one is on the corner of East Main Street and Montello Street. The ladies of the garden clubs keep them in summer flowers.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume X, September 1968, Number 2, pg. 7

804. Isaac Thompson Homestead

The Isaac Thompson homestead can be traced back to 1804.

Source: Walter Thompson

805. Isaac Thompson Homestead

Isaac Thompson died in 1900. Edgar A. Paun moved into their old family home and a year after Mr. Paun's death in 1945, his daughter and her husband, the Maleski's, moved in.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXI, July 1981, Number 2, pg. 1 (cover)

806. Isaac Thompson Barn

Joseph Maleski and his wife RuthPaun lost their 200-year-old barn on the night of February 10, 1981. In this fire, they lost their car, a tool shop and many antiques.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXI, July 1981, Number 2, pg. 14

807. Civil War Soldiers on Parade

Members of Grand Army of the Republic E.W. Peirce Post 8, Middleborough.
March 13, 1867 – December 19, 1955

Source: Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXIV, March 1986, Number 4, pg. 6

808. C.D. Kingman Residence

The grand estate was owned by Calvin D. Kingman who was in the shoe business and owned The Kingman Shoe Factory which is now the Central Café. His foreman, Cecil Gibbs, who moved the greenhouses to the rear of his home further down on Oak Street, supervised the greenhouses. He also had a florist shop in the downtown area.

Source: Walter Thompson

809. C.D. Kingman Residence

This beautiful home with its "widows walk" and barns was completely surrounded by lush shrubbery and gardens.

810. St. Luke's Hospital

St. Luke's Hospital was the remodeled Calvin D. Kingman estate and received its first patient on July 26, 1920.

Source: Walter Thompson

811. St. Luke's Hospital

An interesting note on this picture is the X on the upper right hand window. This was the room where Mary and here new baby resided.

Source: Walter Thompson

812. St. Luke's Hospital

This view shows the original barn and hospital along with its first addition, the Hannah B.G. Shaw (1929), torn down in the sixties.

Source: Walter Thompson

813. St. Luke's Hospital

By the time the hospital was eight years old, it had outgrown the Kingman Estate. The Hannah B. G. Shaw Building left, opened in 1929, the Pratt Building in 1938. The Shaw Building was torn down in the late 1960's.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, 1981

814. St. Luke's Hospital

The hospital came into being when Mrs. Maria Peirce left a bequest of $100,000 to be used for a hospital and she stipulated that it be named St. Luke's. The estate was divided into 8 rooms to hold 18 patients with an operating room, delivery rooms, nursery and office. Mrs. Benjamin W. Shaw, in 1928, gave $20,000 for the central Shaw Building Mrs. David G. Pratt, in 1936, left $150,000 with the stipulation that $50,000 would be used for the large Pratt wing on the right.

Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine

815. Original St. Luke's Hospital

Clint Clark took this picture of the original St. Luke's hospital shortly before it was torn down. It served the town of Middleborough well since 1920.

Source: Walter Thompson

816. St. Luke's Club Service Awards

"Hospital Club Hears Mother of the Year"
"Service awards and the "Mother of the Year" were highlights of the Hospital Club's Tuesday meeting this week. Left-right, Charlotte McDonald, gift shop chairman at St. Luke's Hospital, Mrs. Caroline Hollis, honored for 391 hours of volunteer service. Mrs. Mabel Johnson, gift and coffee shop treasurer, Myrtis Jacinto, chairman of coffee shop, Dorothy Thompson, director of volunteers, Mrs. Victor Ragonetti, guest speaker from Plymouth, (Mass. Mother of the Year) and Mrs. Alfhild Beauthner, club president.
A direct Clint Clark quote.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, Thursday, May 20, 1971

817. St. Luke's Hospital Club

"Hospital Trustees' president, Roger W. Tillson, accepted a $1200.00 check from the Hospital Club, presented above by Mrs. Bernard Beuthner. The amount of the check was in excess of the club's pledge. Hundreds of guests inspected the new and major improvements at St. Luke's Hospital Sunday."

Source: A Middleboro Gazaette Quote, Thursday, April 8, 1971

818. Cranberry Specialty Hospital

St. Luke's Hospital closed its doors in 1990 and after the wards had been vacant for some time the county hospital in Hanson opted to buy it and renamed it the Cranberry Specialty Hospital.

Source: Walter Thompson

819. Cranberry Specialty Hospital

Since the county took over the hospital they had financial difficulties but seem now to be secure.

Source: Walter Thompson

820. "Old George Leonard House"

This house was lived in by a Doctor Ellis, who, as he grew older, became a little senile. He used to enjoy hiding behind the brick wall on the property and jumping out yelling "boo" to scare the passerby's.

Source: Walter Thompson

821. The Dr. Ellis House

At this period, Sheriff George Wheeler and his family, after residing here for a number of years, decided to sell out to a group of investors who tore down three houses and a large barn to make way for a professional building.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XVI, February 1975, Number 2, pg. 1 (Cover)

822. Former Sheriff Wheeler Home

This gracious old colonial is being torn down to make way for the professional building. "Demolished last week was this colonial home at the corner of Centre and Forest Streets, remembered by residents as one time dwelling place of a physician and lately the home of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Wheeler."
A Clint Clark Quote

Source: Middleboro Gazette

823. Medical Building

This medical center replaces three homes and a barn. The old Cobb House can be seen on the left.

Source: Walter Thomas

824. Medical Building

So are much of Middleborough's gracious homes plowed under to make way for a progression of gas stations and office buildings…progress!!

Source: Walter Thompson

825. Forest Street Standpipe

The standpipe on Forest Street was built in 1885.

Source: Walter Thompson

826. Forest Street View

Forest Street was picked for the standpipe because it was the highest point in the center of town. Due to complaints about lack of pressure, it had a thorough inspection in 1905 and the safety margin was so reduced from rusting that it was deemed necessary to take it down.

Source: History of Middleborough, Romaine.

827. Forest Street View

"The standpipe was taken down in August of 1916, the pieces carefully numbered and stored in a vacant lot near the railroad station. Later, it was sold to a Boston firm for $356.00. Later, it was sold to a firm in Puerto Rico where it was broken up into sections and converted into syrup barrels.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History, pg. 556

828. View from Standpipe

This gorgeous view overlooks the lush gardens and the greenhouses of the Kingman Estate. Across the street from this estate is the Charles Washburn home, which in later years was owned by the Bassett family. On the corner of Oak Street is Nichol's Store and next to that was the Tinkham House. Note in the background the new high school and the fairly new town hall. Source: Walter Thompson

829. Thompson Home

This is the home that my parents bought when I was five years old (1938) and lived there for close to forty years.

Source: Walter Thompson

830. Flora M. Clark School

I attended the first grade with Hilda McKeen (Mrs. Dowd) my teacher and the second grade with Rae Guidaboni my teacher and principal.

Source: Walter Thompson

831. F. A. Nichol's Store

This little neighborhood grocery store stood right on the corner of Oak and Centre Streets on the present site of the Sacred Heart church. The small Tinkham cottage was on its right.

Source: Walter Thompson

832. Nichols's Store Clerks

"Tom Tate and Karl Kendall greeted customers at Nichol's store. The Centre Street store was a favorite haunt of local children." (Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Tate).
A direct quote.

Source: Reflections

833. Church of Sacred Heart

The land for the Church of the Sacred Heart was purchased on March 11, 1873, but the actual building was deferred for seven years. The church was finally erected in 1880 at a cost of $5000, and the cornerstone was blessed and dedicated by Archbishop John Joseph Williams on July 12, 1881. A parishioner, Michael O'Toole, made possible the building and ongoing costs of maintaining it through his generosity.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XI, September 1969, Number I, pgs. 6,7,8

834. Sacred Heart Church

"The First Church of the Sacred Heart Parish was begun in 1880 and dedicated in 1881."

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, p. 205

835. Sacred Heart Church

"As early as 1907, entertainments were given and various projects undertaken to raise money for a new church building."

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, p. 205.

836. Sacred Heart Church

Note on this postcard printed in Germany the name of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church was incorrectly printed as St. Mary's R.C. Church. The rectory shows through the trees on the left.

Source: Walter Thompson

837. Sacred Heart Church

"This edifice served the parish well into the 1900's, when it was apparent that a larger church was needed to care for the rapidly growing congregation."

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 205

838. Sacred Heart Church

This is another beautiful shot of the First Sacred Heart Church as it looked in 1912. My father served as a young alter boy and helped the priest say the mass for the prisoners in the Bridgewater Prison.

839. Sacred Heart Church

To the left of the old church was a building, which was used as the rectory on the ground floor. The second floor was leased to the stationmaster of the Middleborough Railroad Station. I believe that this structure was moved behind the present church, on to High Street, and converted into a three family apartment house. The building was later torn down for a parking lot.

Source: Walter Thompson

840. Sacred Heart Church

“June 9, 1918; William Cardinal O’Connell dedicates the cornerstone of the present Sacred Heart Church.”

Source: Sacred Heart Church Centennial 1885-1985 - pg. 3.

841. Sacred Heart Church

“One of the greatest events in the history of the Sacred Heart Parish took place when the new Sacred Heart church was dedicated with full ceremony on June 9, 1981.”

Source: Mertie Romaine’s History of Middleborough, pg. 205

842. Sacred Heart Rectory

During the pastorate of Reverend Michael J. Danahy, 1923-1944, a new rectory opened for public inspection January 6, 1935, beautifully designed and well appointed was built on a lot on the west side of the church.

Source: Mertie Romaine’s History of Middleborough, pg. 205.

843. Sacred Heart Church

This 1943 view of the Sacred Heart church shows the new rectory built on the west side of the church. “During the Pastorate of Reverent Michael J. Danahy, 1933-1944, a new rectory opened for public inspection January 6, 1935."

Source: Mertie Romaine’s History of Middleborough, pg. 205

844. Sacred Heart Church

This pre 1950’s view shows the original façade of Sacred Heart Church before its remodeling. Immediately one might notice the openings in the bell tower and the crucifix at the top. On the original peak was a bronze crucifix with niches that were supposed to hold angels but never did. The old church may be seen on the right side of the new church.

Source: Walter Thompson

845. Sacred Heart Church Interior

This is an early picture of the altar of the Sacred Heart Church before its refurbishing. One can notice the four-bulb ceiling fixtures and the statues that have since disappeared.

Source: Walter Thompson

846. Sacred Heart Church

Sacred Heart Church's appearance was altered in the early 1950's. Father Timothy J. Gleason was pastor. He had the interior refurbished; the altar walls were painted white and covered with symbolic decorations, the ceiling over the altar was painted as a blue sky filled with stars and the alter was painted white.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XI, September 1969, Number I, pg. 8

847. Sacred Heart Church

This is how the Sacred Heart Church looked soon after it was built.

Source: Walter Thompson

848. Sacred Heart Church Interior

The picture shows the beautiful stained glass window over the old altar with the new table altar in front of it.

Source: Walter Thompson

849. Sacred Heart Church Interior

Father McKenzie is performing the wedding ceremony inside the beautiful altar rail that was taken out in the early 1990's. The statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary may be seen on the left side altar and she was taken out earlier and is now across the street in the Father Shea Center.

Source: Walter Thompson

850. Sacred Heart Church

The photograph shows the Sacred Heart Church with its new look after the earlier rebuilding. The statue of the Sacred Heart on the corner replaces the earlier one that was dedicated as a War Memorial after the Second World War. The statue is now located at St. Mary's Cemetery on Wood Street.

Source: Walter Thompson

851. Sacred Heart Church

This shot shows the impressive façade of the Sacred Heart Church on my niece's wedding day in 1973.

Source: Walter Thompson

852. Sacred Heart Church

"Major renovations to the tower of Sacred Heart Church are underway. The parish raised the funds necessary to repair the historic Centre Street building."
A direct quote of Clint Clark.

853. Marra's Barber Shop

"On the Job"
Barber, Joseph Marra cuts the hair on one of his regulars, Lindy Thomas, president of the Greater Middleborough Area Chamber of Commerce.

854. July 4th, 1905 Parade

This automobile is passing the business block, which once held the Blue Plate Restaurant in Everett Square. This house was once a private residence before the three-story block was added to the front. It was converted into businesses and apartments.

Source: Walter Thompson

855. July 4th, 1905 Parade

"Fourth of July Parade, 1905. Charles F. David, publisher of the Middleborough News, driving a 1905 Cadillac."

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume 5, April 1963, Number 2, pg. 3

856. 1917 Parade

The Red Cross unit passing in front of an Everett Square business block is led off by stretcher-bearers. Note the Dr. Ellis residence on the corner of Forest and Centre Streets.

Source: Family snapshot from Douglas White

857. Parade

Uncle Sam is leading off the parade in Everett Square. See the grocery sign on the brick building, which housed Clark's Grocery. In front of it was a business known to the local people as the "Sugar House". During WWI people would buy their sugar there.

858.   Jewel of Architecture

The fancy trim on this porch is the last of a dying breed of architecture.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, October 29, 1987.

859. Parade

The float depicts an Indian encampment with a teepee and a cooking pot on a tripod. The roads are still dirt at this time.

Source: Walter Thompson

860. Parade

Very nice horse drawn floats passing on a dirt road. Notice the trolley tracks.

Source: Walter Thompson

861. Everett Square

Another section of parade passes through Everett Square.

Source: Walter Thompson

862. Parade

A troop of Indians coming down Everett Street through Everett Square. Notice the metal horse tether beside the telephone pole.

Source: Walter Thompson

863. Parade

This is a parade of equestrians at Everett Square who rode in the Odd Fellows Parade on April 26, 1909.

Source: Walter Thompson

864. Parade

An eight-horse hitch of matched dappled grays hauling a load of grain for perhaps C.P. Washburn.

865. Parade

Odd Fellows Parade, April 26, 1909, float of Alberta Rebekah Lodge and Honor Escort, Drivers, Alex Eaton, John C. Chase, Escort left to right; Edith Cushing (Macaffee), Gladys Shockley (Thatcher), Madeline Smith (Alger), Mertie Philbrook (Romaine), Inez Bassett (Alder).

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 338.

866. Everett Square Business

M. W. Baxter standing in the doorway of his shop where he sells hardware. This building still stands on that point of land between Centre and High Streets.

Source: Walter Thompson

867. Centre Street View

This scene shows the street sweeper coming along Centre Street where the men had been sweeping the sidewalk.

Source: Walter Thompson

868. Middleborough Pharmacy

This beautiful view shows where there was a pharmacy for many years operated by Robert Giberti until he moved across the street to the A&P complex. This is where I first met Tiger Nichols who was a soda jerk at the soda fountain, which was located on the right hand side of the store.

Source: Walter Thompson

869. Marzelli Block

"When I came to Middleborough in the early twenties and for a long time there after, the Homestead Supply shop was a grocery store run by Steve O'Hara. Eli Sklut's dry cleaning shop was the location of "Doc" Johnson's pharmacy, which later was owned and operated by Bob Giberti. Eli, who relocated his shop in Everett Square about 25 years ago said the late, James Glidden told him "Doc's" pharmacy, was once a furniture store. I don't remember when the grocery store went out of business, but recall that it was a restaurant sometime during WWII and after the war Al Yarsites opened Mid Town Studio there. Later, and up to last year, it was a Marian's Laundromat."
Clint Clark Quote.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, May 17, 1984

870. Middleborough Trust Company

"Reaching its final phase of completion, MTC president James M. Irving announced that the interior finish work is being completed and wiring, carpeting and telephones will be installed shortly. Landscaping at the plaza has been completed for the Middleborough Trust Company's new main offices. The Centre Street location will remain open as a branch office to facilitate service to downtown merchants and customers."

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, January 17, 1985

871. Middleborough Trust Company

"Work is progressing on the construction of the Middleborough Trust Company's new main office in Everett Square. Drive-up windows have been added to the building, a former supermarket, and roofing and brickwork are underway," bank president, James Irving said this week. The interior now houses a vault, and several partitions are in place. The bank's Centre Street location will remain as a branch office to serve downtown merchants and customers."

Source: Middleboro Gazette, January 17, 1985

872. Middleborough Trust Company

Award winner Middleborough Trust Company's new headquarters in Everett Square is winner of a Plymouth County Renaissance award for achievement."

Source: A direct quote from Middleboro Gazette

873. Babaian's Market Grand Opening

This block was originally built on the "circus grounds" on Station Street. The A&P ran a lucrative business until the late 1970's. Babaian's Market operated the store for a year or two. Today it is the Rockland Trust Co.

Source: Walter Thompson

874. Everett Square

This is a very early view of the origins of Farrars under the trees on the point of land. The railroad bridge can be seen in the distance. The church building was built by the Seven-Day Adventist who sold it to the Christian Science Church. Source: Walter Thompson

875. Thomas Spooner Jr. Store

Thomas Spooner Jr. operated a very lucrative grocery business and bakeshop, selling it to John C. Boynton and his son William in 1900.

Source: Walter Thompson

876. Thomas Spooner Jr. Store

The Boynton's operated the store from 1900 to the mid 1920's. Up until recent years it was a market owned by Walter Rogers.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, February 5, 1981

877. Thomas Spooner Jr. Delivery Wagon

Will Boynton in wagon, left to right, Will Caswell, John Boynton, Vars Keith, Ralph Hathaway, and Eleazer Caswell.

Source: Written on back of postcard.

878. Sampson House

Deacon Richard Sampson lived here across from his brickyard, which he purchased from Levi and Calvin Murdock.

Source: Walter Thompson

879. Old State Police Building

This is a long shot of the old state police barracks on Everett Street. You may note that it is shot through the windshield of my car. Leo Gamache owns and leases the property now.

Source: Walter Thompson

880. Old State Police Barracks

This is a closer shot of the old State Police Barracks on Everett Street. It brings Charlie Devlin to my mind; Charlie was “Mr. First National”. On his days off, Charlie made many a trip into Boston and finally got the State Police grocery order for his store. In the summer he also got the Boy Scout Camp grocery order. Source: Walter Thompson

881. Purchade School

"Purchade School (Everett Street) “One of the older rural schools and one of the largest, closed in 1939. It stood unused until 1950 when the town attempted to sell it at auction. The only bid received was $1025.00 and this was rejected by the Board of Selectmen. The building was later sold to Anders Martenson and since then has changed hands at least twice, but the school house still stands, elevated on a hillock of sand, left high and dry as roads have been constructed around it.”

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough.

882. Purchade School

Leo Gamache took over ownership of the Old Purchade School and has converted it into a working garage.

Source: Walter Thompson

883. Everett Square

On the left is Middleborough's first gas station. At the end of Center Avenue, you can see the old casket works. On the corner of Center Ave. and Centre Street is the beginning of Farrar's Store. The back of Farrar's was a separate building. The Leary house is behind Farrar's.

Source: Walter Thompson

884. Clark and Lovell Grocery

This picture shows the rear of the building behind what is now Mattie's gas station on the left side of the picture. The trim delivery wagons with their white-jacketed deliverymen show a very good business for Clark and Lovell.

Source: Walter Thompson

885. Royal Café

The former grocery store of Clark and Lovell. It has been used as a bar room owned by the Gorrie family and is now owned by the Bower family.

Source: Walter Thompson

886. Bay State Street Railway Freight House, Everett Square

Today this site is a parking lot for the Hideaway Restaurant

Source: Walter Thompson

887. Former Casket Works

It was built c. 1917 by the U.S. Army Corps. Of Engineers to house meat destined for Camp Joe Hooker. It was designed with double thick insulated walls and deep-set windows.

Source: Walter Thompson

888. C.P. Washburn Warehouse

"Ornamentation only was the purpose of the carved cornices of this building on Center Avenue. Built with thick walls and triple sash windows, it was originally designed for cold storage, later was occupied by Colonial Casket Company."

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXVII, September 1989, Number 2, pg. 11

889. Washburn Storage Building

"Middleborough Fire – No one was hurt in this suspicious fire which destroyed a vacant factory at Center Avenue and Cambridge Street early this morning. The blaze battled by firefighters from four towns, came dangerously close to a two-story home."

Source: A Direct Quote from the Brockton Enterprise, August 15, 1996.

890. Washburn Storage Building

"Firefighters continue to monitor the ruins of a C.P. Washburn Company storage building at noontime last Thursday. The building was destroyed by an early morning fire."

Source: A Direct Quote from the Middleboro Gazette, Thursday, August, 22, 1996

891. C.P. Washburn Grain Mill

At this stage the old C.P. Washburn Grain Mill is in pretty sad shape in comparison to its glory days as a major supplier of grain and seeds for Southeastern Mass. In 1998 it is relegated to being a hardware store.

Source: Middleboro Gazette

892. C.P. Washburn Grain Mill

During the winter of the 1996, during a heavy snowstorm, the roof on the back of the huge shed-like addition to the C.P. Washburn Grain Mill collapsed.

Source: Walter Thompson

893. C.W. Thomas Livery Stable

The building on the left is C.W. Thomas Livery Stable. The building on the right was Admiral Bailey's carriage painting shop. Both of these enterprises were burned in a disastrous fire, March 7, 1905.

Source: Walter Thompson

894. Litho Polish American Club

The original site of the Polish American Club was at One Station Street across from the present building and was taken down when the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company bought the land. When they sold the original building tothe A&P, each member received a proportionate share of the sale price. The Club was then moved to the Cranberry Sales Building, 9 Station Street.

Source: Walter Thompson

895. Map Showing New Haven's First R.R. Station

This early hand drawn diorama shows in the upper right, the site of Middleborough's first railroad station located in an area near the C.P. Washburn Plumbing Shop.

Source: Walter Thompson

896. Old Colony Railroad Engine #8

This picture depicts the steam engine named The Old Colony Railroad Engine #8 and is the only known photograph showing any part of Middleborough's first station located next to the Washburn Plumbing Shop. Colonel Peter Peirce and PhilanderWashburn were instrumental in bringing the railroad to Middleborough, without them the town would have been by-passed.

Source: Walter Thompson

897. Freight House

This old freight house is C.P. Washburn's Plumbing Shop in 1998. The building was constructed next to the site of Middleborough's first railroad station.

898. Cavalry Arriving for War Maneuver's

In 1913 the "Standish Guard" from Plymouth arrived at the Middleborough Railroad Station. The guard was to join other units at Camp Joe Hooker for War Maneuvers. Station Street was a beehive of activity as townspeople turned out to see the unloading of the cavalry and horses from railroad cars.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume X, May 1968, Number I, Page 3

899. Calvary Ready to Move Out to Camp Joe Hooker

The Standish Guards are mounted and ready to proceed to leave for Mexico, June 21, 1916 for maneuvers. Sears Lumber building is visible in the rear.

Source: Walter Thompson

900. Looking Past Freight House

The three buildings shown here inthe mid 1980's were all owned by C.P. Washburn. The old freight house on the left was used as a plumbing shop in the 1980's. The second building originallyan army meatpacking plant, but never used as such, became a coffin manufacturing facility. The third building is the old grain mill.

Source: Walter Thompson

901. Looking Past Old Freight House to Grain Mill

Up until 1998 C.P. Washburn had control of the grain mill and plumbing shop. One can note the series of railroad tracks going under the Centre Street Bridge.

Source: Walter Thompson

902. Rail Switch House

The mechanism for controlling the railroad tracks were located in this building which still shows the effects of a 1923 fire. On a sunny day three men chat outside the structure.

Source: Walter Thompson

903. Welcome Home Sign

This was one of the signs erected in town to welcome the Doughboys home from World War I. This sign was on Station Street.

Source: Walter Thompson

904. Wiksten Milk Wagon

One of Wiksten's freight wagons from his dairy farm on Cedar Street getting lined up for a parade.

Source: Walter Thompson

905. Horse Driven and Motorized Vehicles

With a backdrop of Courtland Street, there is a mixture of horsedrawn and mechanized vehicles for the Wiksten Dairy.

Source: Walter Thompson

906. Wiksten Milk Delivery Wagon

Due to gas shortages during World War II, Wiksten Dairy reverted to some horsedrawn vehicles for residential deliveries.

Source: Walter Thompson

907. Wiksten Freight Wagon

This freight wagon with a three-horse hitch is on the depot ground with the old Sears Lumber building in the rear.

Source: Walter Thompson

908. Line-Up Horse and Motorized Vehicles

Three motorized vehicles and one freight wagon posed by the Middleborough train depot on Station Street.

Source: Walter Thompson

909. Wiksten Freight Wagon

Down on the depot lot may be seen a three horse hitch on a Wiksten freight wagon with Edward Wiksten posing by the horse.

Source: Walter Thompson

910. Wiksten Freight Wagon

A view of the Wiksten freight wagon in the parade proceeding on Centre Street.

Source: Walter Thompson

911. Wiksten Parade Float

This float depicts a Wiksten dairy bottle being readied for the parade.

Source: Walter Thompson

912. Wiksten Freight Wagon

The three-horse hitch pictured at the Wiksten Dairy Farm on Cedar Street ready to leave for the parade.

Source: Walter Thompson

913. Wiksten Dairy

This photo shows Walter Wiksten in the Wiksten Dairy milk room where the bottles were sterilized, filled, capped and crated for delivery.

Source: Walter Thompson

914. Wiksten Dairy Fleet

A lineup of Wiksten Dairy delivery vehicles outside the cow barn at the farm on Cedar Street.

Source: Walter Thompson

915. Frank Wiksten

“Retired after 55 years in the dairy business, are Frank Wiksten, above, and his brother, Walter, who shut down yesterday and terminated their delivery routes.”

Source: A direct quote – Middleboro Gazette, November 26, 1987
Clint Clark

916. Railroad Station Floor Plan

This floor plan is the set up for the very grand, Queen Anne style station.

Source: Walter Thompson

917. Drawing Old Colony Railroad Station Interior

John Rockwell found this drawing along with the following photograph in a book titled "Great Railroad Stations of the World". The drawing depicts the outside of the station and the insert the interior.

Source: Walter Thompson

918. Old Colony Railroad Station

This photograph of Middleborough's Railroad Station's interior seems to be the only visual evidence of this station in existence.

Source: Walter Thompson

919. Rail Station

This typical photo shows "Bill" Murphy's back and large white horse, which he used on his daily rounds between the station and the Nemasket House. This dutiful horse was killed in a fire at C.W. Thomas Livery Stable in 1905.

Source: Walter Thompson

920. Old Hose No. 3 at Depot

Middleborough's firemen are shown with their horse drawn fire wagon in front of the Middleborough Depot. They are here in all of their finery to greet the "out of town" fire teams for an annual muster. This engine was housed in the small station behind Sacred Heart Church.

921. Middleborough Fire Department

"This picture of the Middleborough Fire Department in its early years was given to the Middleborough Historical Museum by Mrs. Florence Cornell who was told this piece of apparatus was kept in the small fire house on Oak Street, known as "The Sixes", built in 1886 and demolished in 1964 to make way for the expanding facilities of Sacred Heart Church. The occasion that prompted the display of the apparatus and members is not known, but it was evidently important enough to draw a large crowd."

Source: Mertie Romaine Quote
The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXI, November 1981, Number 3, pg. 3

922. Railroad Station

This beautiful photo of the station shows the wagons that were the taxi cabs of their day ready to pick up their fares. On the right of the picture may be seen the old freight house, which for many years now has been the CPWashburn Plumbing Shop.

Source: Walter Thompson

923. Railroad Station

The Station looks as if it should be in a quaint English town. One can note the green lawn on the left and the side walks coming down from Elm Street.

Source: Walter Thompson

924. Railroad Station

This gorgeous view shows the green lawns and flower beds that the New Haven Railroad took such pride in. The railroad had a special landscaping crew that went from station to station keeping everything green and healthy. In the distance may be seen the old freight house and C.P. Washburn Grain Mill.

Source: Walter Thompson

925. Railroad Station

This early view of the station depicts the engine water tower on the left and "Bill" Murphy's cab taking off for the Nemasket House.

Source: Walter Thompson

926. Railroad Station

This may well be the original negative that was used by so many postcard companies. The original being taken by WalterBeals.

Source: Walter Thompson

927. Railroad Station

This particular picture is probably one of the copies of the original Beal's photo.

Source: Walter Thompson

928. Railroad Station

This was a very sad day in Middleborough's history for this was the last day that New Haven had a train stop at the station. The photo shows train 773-795 going from Boston to Cape Code.

Source: Walter Thompson

929. Unplowed New Haven Rail Yard

In 1961, after a major snowstorm, the New Haven Railroad yard was not plowed for the first time in its history.

Source: Walter Thompson

930. New Haven Rail Yard Looking South

1976 brings you this view of the railroad yards showing what was left of the once very busy passenger and freight railway system.

Source: Walter Thompson

931. Bud-Line at Depot

The "Bud-Liner" is picking up train enthusiasts from this sad looking Middleborough station, for a trial run.

Source: Walter Thompson

932. New Haven's "Flying Dude"

The "Flying Dude", passing through Middleborough.

Source: Walter Thompson

933. New Haven Railroad Yard

A view from the West Grove Street overpass to the station.

Source: Walter Thompson

934. Russell Snow Plow

This 1978 photo shows a Russell snowplow (EX NYC-PC #60084) clearing the tracks in front of the old station.

Source: Walter Thompson

935. New Haven's Russell Plow

The New Haven Russell Snowplow clearing the station.

Source: Walter Thompson

936. Railroad Yard Looking North

This great view taken from the West Grove Street overpass looks down toward the old station grounds.

Source: Walter Thompson

937. Train Wreck

This "one of a kind" accident at the Middleborough Yard, shows the crumpled railroad car after an accident.

Source: Walter Thompson

938. Clearing Train Wreckage

This picture shows a New Haven Crane out of Boston, clearing the tracks.

Source: Walter Thompson

939. Railroad Station

While sitting in my automobile, I took this picture of the building shell before the lot was cleaned up.

Source: Walter Thompson

940. Railroad Station Ruins

Rumors of imminent leveling of the remains of the train depot some two years after the disastrous fire prompted Walter to capture this one of the last good photo views of the 100-year-old depot shortly before it was reduced to rubble.

Source: Walter Thompson

941. Railroad Station

After the disastrous 1993 fire, the shell of the station sat open to the elements and as this photo clearly shows gradually deteriorated into blackened ruins.

Source: Walter Thompson

942. Railroad Station

This photo taken from the trackside, shows why some citizens feltthat restoration efforts might be possible. Unfortunately, for those who desperately wished preservation, the effort was never made.

Source: Walter Thompson

943. Bay State Straw Works

Spread over 7 acres in what is now the area bounded by Courtland, Court End and Alden Street this was, by the latter years of the 19th century, the largest straw manufacturing company in the world.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume VI, April 1964, Number 2, pgs. 5-6.

944. Bay State Straw Works

This old stereoptic card may be in a poor condition but it still gives a powerful view of one of old Middleborough'’largest industries. As one came down Oak Street and main buildings gave off an aura by their sheer size in pre 1900. TodayAlden Street goes between two of the former sections and there are others.

Source: Walter Thompson

945. Bay State Straw Works

Another view of the Straw Works in the Courtland Street area.

Source: Walter Thompson

946. Bay State Straw Works

This photo of unknown origin apparently shows employees, including delivery wagons in the front of the Straw Works main building

Source: Walter Thompson

947. Bay State Straw Works Workers

Miss Laura J. Dunbar (92 years olds, July, 1935) Hope Williams, Jennie Rogers Mansfield, Judith Harlow, Mrs. Stonehouse, Lizzie Savery, Mrs. Joseph Williams, Mr. Ed Blake, Nellie Wilbur, Nellie O'Connell, Mrs. Ada Bowman Smith, Mayo, Mrs. Mary Cudworth, Mr. Lenny Collins, Mr. Bert Vaughan, Delia Tinkham Porter, Mary True, Mrs. Hosea Leach, Mrs. Fannie Churbuck, Fannie Fowler Leonard, the Porters, and Mrs. Emma Dean. A few of the workers are not identified

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XVI, August 1975, Number 4, pg. 8-9.

948. Alger Box Factory

After the Bay State Straw Works closed in 1898, one of their buildings became part of the cardboard box manufacturing company's plant.

949. Alger Paper Box Factory

At the height of the production years, this photo gives a sense of the prominence of box manufacturing. When more than 100 workers occupied this large 3-story plant on the newly created Alden Street.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXIII, November 1984, Number 4, pg. 12

950. Alger Paper Box Factory

Workers at the Alger Paper Box Factory – two groups of men.
Picture; gift of Mrs. Irene (Perkins) Huster

Harry Littlefield
Louis Gay
Frank Stickney
Jack Snow
Glen Perkins
Pat Canovan
Ray Wright
Henry Peirce

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXIII, November 1984, Number 4, pg. 12

951. Everett Square

The hub of commercial activity as one approaches the railroad depot and bridge, this confluence of six streets has carried two names in the recent history of Middleborough – Everett Square and John Glass Jr. Square.

Source: Walter Thompson

952. Everett Square

Another view of the square. Everett Lincoln was the grandson of the founder of Lincoln's Blacksmith Shop on Wareham Street, who was also named Everett and for whom both the square and one of the six streets coming in to the square (Everett Street) was named.

Source: Walter Thompson

953. Farrar's Clerk with Store Owners

Farrar's Clerk, Hazel Hopkins, flanked by the store's proprietors, David Reed (left) and Harry Reed will sell you a lottery ticket from the store, which is best known for its homemade ice cream. Farrar's has been an institution in Middleborough since 1898, when the Reed's grandfather first opened up for business."

Source: A Direct Quote from Cynthia Ballou, Middleboro Gazette

954. Jane and Harry Reed

"Jane and Harry Reed are looking forward to retirement, having sold Farrar's ice cream shop and convenience store to new owners last Friday. The Everett Square store had been in the family (Farrar and Reed) for 98 years, and was run by Harry and his brother Dave, Jane's late husband, for many years until Dave's death last year. The new owners planned to reopen this week with a sub and pizza shop in addition to the coffee shop and convenience store. Quote George Austin.

Source: Middleboro Gazette

955. Farrar's

David H. Farrara, after retiring from his News-Snack Shop, sold the shop to his daughter Alice and her husband Percy Reed in 1919. They ran the business until 1960,when they incorporated with their two sons Harold and David. Harry ran it, after David's death and has now sold the business and retired.

Source: Clint Clark's column, By the Way, Middleboro Gazette, 1997.

956. The Timothy Leary Home

A typical home in the residential area around Everett Square.

Source: Walter Thompson

957. Church of Christ, Scientist

Formerly the home of the Christian Adventists, this concrete building, vacant at the time, became the home of Middleborough's Christian Scientists in 1928. The building is just off Everett Square.

Source: Walter Thompson

958. J. K. & B. Sears & Co.

Sears Lumber Company as it appeared in the late 19th century, at the time it moved from its original location near Courtland Street.

959. J. K. & B. Sears & Co.

The diagram shows the complexity of the lumberyard it its day. They were one of the largest lumber dealers in this part of the state until 1949 until C.P.Washburn Company bought it out.

960. J.K. & B. Sears & Co.

The Sears Lumber Company came to Middleborough in 1878 fromHyannis. When you look at the diagram of the Bay State Straw Works, the lumber company may be seen in the upper left across from the Railroad Depot, in the area around Elm and Courtland Streets. Old Henry Sears may be seen surveying his business. The building presently housing the Colonial Brass Foundry may be seen across Vine Street.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 36.

961. Murdock Parlor Grate Co.

Iron works and its offshoots played a major role in Middleborough's early history and by the late 19th century the Murdock Enterprise on Vine Street, pictured here, was a major derivative business still commercially important in the community.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pgs. 38-40.

962. Hathaway Soule & Harrington

This building was destroyed by fire in the early part of the 20th century but apparently became home to many more shoemaking enterprises until the decline of shoe manufacturing in the latter part of the century.

Source: Walter Thompson

963. Maxim Planing Mill

This building housed the manufacture of many wooden products used in the prosperous period in Middleborough. In the first decade of the 20th century, when at its height, more than 50 homes were built in 1906.

Source: Walter Thompson

964. Clark & Cole

The Partners made wooden boxes form 1888 to 1914 at a site on Water Street. When Frederick Lobl bought the property left after their business succumbed to the inroads of paper cartons, Lobl used this building on Cambridge Street.

Source: Walter Thompson

965. Clark & Cole

Successfully filling the demand until the paper cartons began to replace wooden boxes, this building became FrederickLobl's site for manufacturing surgical supplies until the fire in 1919 destroyed it.

Source: Walter Thompson

966. Clark & Cole

Located well between Cambridge Street and the railroad tracks, this view is looking east from across the tracks.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 38.

967. Lobl Company

In its infancy when fire struck, the company quickly rebuilt on the same site after a brief interlude of manufacture on Vine Street.

Source: Walter Thompson

968. George E. Keith

Coming from Brockton after a successful subscription drive to build this large manufacturing plant, the company was a major factor in the shoe business for decades in Middleborough

Source: Walter Thompson

969. George E. Keith

Looking east from Lane Street we get the impression of the true immensity of this handsome manufacturing structure.

Source: Walter Thompson

970. George E. Keith

This factory building was dedicated on January 9, 1906 and all the local people over fifteen received an invitation to a reception for George E. Keith with dancing after. Trolley cars ran from Tripp's Waiting Room to the factory every ten minutes from 6:30 p.m. until midnight.

Source: Walter Thompson

971. George E. Keith Co.

The Middleborough Commercial Club brought the George E. Keith Shoe Co. to town through a subscription drive. The citizens of Middleborough had to foot this bill of $50,000, but as they usually do in such instances, the Peirce Trustees gave $30,000.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough

972. George E. Keith

Middleborough's shoe factory environment gave the local people a good standard of life and a happy one for most.

Source: Walter Thompson

973. George E. Keith Engine Room

This engine room is one segment of the power plants that controlled this huge factory for the running of its machines and heating.

Source: Walter Thompson

974. George E. Keith

The ladies worked on either side of the stitching rooms at their sewing machines with light coming in on either side from the large windows. The leather uppers can be seen on the cutting tables in the middle of the room, all ready to be sewn. Note the buckets hanging form the posts that were filled with sand to be used in case of fire.

Source: Walter Thompson

975. George E. Keith Company

This is one of my favorite photos of the factory area because it shows a steam locomotive under full power heading for the depot.

Source: PLDE Middleborough Calendar, 1976
Lorenzo C. Judge & Clinton E. Clark, Publishers
"Steaming Into Middleborough"

976. George E. Keith

This wonderful shot of the rear of the factory shows its great length, and it also shows what we knew, as the Lobel Surgical Manufacturingplant; and to the right is the Albert Shoe Factory.

Source: Walter Thompson

977. George E. Keith

In this view from Lane Street toward the factory we may see on the left three houses which George Shurtleff built near his lumberyard. The first house on the left was his residence.

Source: Walter Thompson

978. Middleborough Home Center

This is the former lumber yard that George Shurtleff had built on Lane Street. The picture depicts the newer building that was built in the early seventies; there were also three houses, the first of which the Shurtleff family lived in. In 1985 Peter Keegan of Newton bought the entire package and named it the Middleborough Home Center.

Source: Walter Thompson

979. Ernest Pratt Ice Wagon

The old Pratt Farm on East Main Street had many enterprises going for it, one of which was an ice business. This two-horse team used by the Ernest S. Pratt Co. was used to deliver ice to homes and businesses alike before the advent of the electric icebox. The Ernest Pratt business began in 1908.

Source: Mertie Romaine's "History of Middleborough" pg. 47.

980. Joseph Jacintho, Iceman

This delightful picture shows the guise of a very typical iceman. Joseph Jacintho is shown standing beside the LeBaron Ice Truck with the ice tongs hanging over his left shoulder.

Source: Walter Thompson

981. West Side School

March 6, 1893 the town meeting voted to build a school on the West Side. The new school was dedicated on October 19, 1894 and served the town well until 1920, when a portable addition was built to meet the needs of a growing population. The addition was destroyed in the 1938 hurricane, which was great because it was not needed since the new Union Street School had been built.

Source: Walter Thompson

982. West Side School

One April 28, 1952 the town meeting gave $25,000 to build a four-room addition. A later special town meeting, August 4, 1952 gave an additional $24,500. The new addition was opened on March 30, 1953.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough

983. 1907 West Side Class

"West Side School alumnus Granville Fuller, whose family lived on Lovell Street for several years, has kept this 1907 photograph of his classmates. Pictured are, front row from left, two girls, Ernest McCarthy, Bill Sullivan, Granville Fuller, unidentified girl, Hervey Bissonette, Howard White, Cary Whitty, Leon Morrisey, Cormi Beech, Joe Rose, Albert Bernier, unidentified girl, Madeline Wiley, Alice Bernier, Josephine Boucher, Elsie Benn, Mary Bernier, Margaret Houlihan, unidentified girl, Verna Hopkins, Frank Rosen, Cornelious Houlihan,; back row, Herman Fuller, (Mr. Fuller's brother, Alice Keyes, unidentified girl, Ruby Perry, Rose Corsini, Sophie McDonald, James Houlihan, Mr. Randall, (the teacher). In the left-hand corner, behind the pillars are Gladys Benn and Agatha Fuller, Mr. Fuller's sister; both four years old. At right of pillar is Mr. Fuller's mother, Alice."

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, Reflections, September 20, 1984, pg. 22

984. West Side School

"Children, parents and teachers leave the West Side School for the last time as the school year ends Tuesday. The school is to be closed. One of seven neighborhood schools being closed down to save money. Children in grades 1-6 will attend school in the Mayflower Burkland School complex in the fall."

Source: A Direct Quote – Middleboro Gazette, June 1991, Beth Brooks

985. Russell's Grove Cabins

During the late 1920's and 1930's cabins such as these were the typical roadside fare for the weary traveler.

Source: Walter Thompson

986. Russell's Grove Cabins

The sign noted that that Russell's Grove Cabins actually had heat and showers. In the earlier days, rather than a "vacancy" or "no vacancy" sign, a lighted "cabins" sign meant a vacancy. An unlit "cabin" sign meant no vacancy.

987. Russell's Grove Cabins

Russell's cabins were just one of the several cabins on Rte. 28 in Middleborough at that time. By today's standards it was like camping out.

Source: Walter Thompson

988. Rae's Colonial Gift Shop

Rae's Colonial Gift Shop sits on the site of Russell's Grove Cabins. The cabins are still at the rear of the store. The shop has been here for many years, selling quality furniture and gift items.

Source: Walter Thompson

989. Middleborough Rotary

Middleborough's one and only rotary circle completed in 1932, when Ripley's was the best place to buy lobsters and before the new Route 44 to Plymouth was constructed.

Source: Walter Thompson

990. Howard Johnson's

The former Dutchland Farms Restaurant was probably the first business located on the new 1932 rotary. Bill Keough can remember as a teenager working across the street climbing to the second floor of the mill section to collect his week's pay. In this photograph, Howard Johnson's has taken over the business, but has not taken down the mill section.

Source: Walter Thompson

991. Red Coach Grille

Later after Howard Johnson took over the Dutchland Farms Restaurant it was converted into a Red Coach Grille. The restaurant enjoyed a phenomenal success and became a Middleborough landmark before it burned to the ground inthe mid 1950's. It was rebuilt on the other side of the rotary off of Bedford Street.

992. Bridgewater Savings Bank

After the Red Coach fire, the land sat vacant for many years until the new section of Rte. 44 came up behind the site. In 1986 the Bridgewater Savings Bank was built on that parcel of land.

Source: Walter Thompson

993. Dunbar's Service Station

Walter Dunbar for many years operated his service station next to his home near the rotary and was a well known Middleborough business man, along with his mechanic, Nick Roberts, he had the school bus contract for the school department for many years.

994. Dunbar's Socony

Dunbar's Socony, later Mobile station, served customers on Rte. 18 for more than 50 years until it closed last April.

Source: A direct quote from Middleboro Gazette Reflections

995. Dunbar's Mobile Station

"Richard Dunbar left, owner of Dunbar's gas station for more than 50 years and Nick Roberts an employee for 38 years, pumped countless gallons of gasoline for Cape tourists and area residents."

Source: A Direct Quote from Middleboro Gazette Reflections

996. The Perez Leonard House

"Built at a time when the road in front of it was a turnpike to Boston, this federal period house on Rte. 18 in Middleborough is now on the site of Middleborough Park at 495. Its fate is uncertain."

Source: Jane Lopes Quote – Middleboro Gazette, July 9, 1987.

997. The Perez Leonard House

"On Its Way"
"Several Feet in the air, the historic Flood House is raised by the Gary Sylvester Building Movers Company of Falmouth as they prepare to transport the building from its current location on Bedford Street near the Rotary to the corner of Centre and Clay Streets. The house is being moved at the expense of Middleborough Park Associates, the owners of a 115-acre industrial park now underway in the Development Opportunities district, where the building has stood since the 1800's."

Source: Cynthia Ballou Quote, The Middleboro Gazette, July 9, 1987.

998. The Perez Leonard House

The cellar of the Flood House contained a fireplace beehive oven that was made of the small hand-made bricks of that era. It was destroyed when the house was jacked up and moved.

Source: Walter Thompson

999. The Perez Leonard House

The Federal Period House, once located near the Rotary, known as the Flood House is on its way to a new home on Rte. 105 behind the Green School. The developers of Middleborough Park at 495 have offered matching funds to help restore the house, which was moved from the entrance to their Industrial Park.

Source: Jane Lopes Quote, The Middleboro Gazette, August 20, 1987

1000. The Perez Leonard House

"Movable Feat - Middleborough's historic way station was moved yesterday from the industrial park to a new site on Wood Street."

Source: Craig Murray Quote, The Brockton Enterprise, August 12, 1987

1001. The Perez Leonard House

"House movers Gary Sylvester guides the Leonard House into the Pratt Farm where it will serve as the headquarters for the town-owned conservation area. The history of this "impossible dream" is chronicled in "This Week in Middleborough".

Source: Jane Lopes Quote, The Middleboro Gazette, April 18, 1991

1002. The Perez Leonard House

"The Leonard House at Pratt Farm is stripped of its damaged room and rear wall as workers prepare last weekend for the most ambitious aspect to date of renovations to the circa 1825 building that will serve as headquarters for the town owned conservation area."

Source: Jane Lopes Quote, The Middleborough Gazette, 1992-1993.

1003. The Perez Leonard House

"Framing of the new roof and wall are underway."

Source: Jane Lopes Quote, the Middleborough Gazette, 1992-1993

1004. The Perez Leonard House

"Leonard House Committee members Jack Lucas and framer Tom Howes put the finishing touches on the tarpaper for the new roof. Construction of a one-story addition to the house is underway this week. Since last spring, volunteers including Lucas, Neil Rosenthal, Roger Brunelle, and Lee Smith, working with donations of materials and funds ranging from a $5,000 grant from the Peirce Trustees to $450 raised from the sale of snacks at the Pratt Farm Fall Festival have replaced sills, floor joists and beams and structurally stabilized the building."

Source: Jane Lopes Quote, The Middleboro Gazette, 1992-1993.

1005. Christmas Tree Shops

"Chuck Bilezikian shows off his latest accomplishment at the distribution center in Middleborough."

Source: Bert Lane Direct Quote, The Brockton Enterprise

1006. Christmas Tree Shop Distribution Center

"Local officials and service club members, craning their necks like visitors admiring big city skyscrapers tour the Christmas Tree Shops' six story, 250,000 square foot distribution center in Campanelli business Park last week. The facility currently holds about 39,000 pallets stacked with stock items for 17 store outlets.

Source: Jane Lopes Quote, Middleboro Gazette, September 5, 1996.

1007. Christmas Tree Shop Distribution Center

"To infinity from the visitor's perspective, stock for the Christmas Tree Shops' outlets is ranged in seemingly endless rows. The company's inventory is stacked according to a computer system so sophisticated that the best selling items are coded for the most accessible areas, and the computer "knows" how much space each item requires for storage."

Source: Jane Lopes Direct Quote, Middleboro Gazette, September 5, 1996.

1008. Christmas Tree Shop Distribution Center

"Christmas Tree Shops distribution center employees' load stock onto trucks bound for the company's 17 stores. About 60 of the company's 200 employees are Middleborough residents, and the company gives first preference for new positions to local people under an agreement with the town that granted the company property tax incentives."

Source: Jane Lopes Quote, Middleboro Gazette, September 5, 1996.

1009. Weathercock Farm

"Weathercock Farm" the home of Middleborough historian author Mertie Romaine was built around 1750, probably by Joshua Shaw."

Source: Jane Lopes Quote, The Middleboro Gazette, Reflections, September 25, 1986.

1010. Middleborough Commercial Club Town Promotion

This logo was taken off one of the many envelopes that were sent out by the town offices to promote the towns' unique locations.

Source: Walter Thompson

1011. Mello's Package Store

Frank Mello moved from his store in Lakeville (Star Market) and built his new bottled liquors business on Rte. 44 on the way to Taunton. He always kept the place immaculate and he had a "green thumb" and was famous for the lilies that surrounded it.

Source: Walter Thompson

1012. Middleborough Rotary

This fairly recent photo of the rotary was taken in the mid 70's. In the lower front may be seen the firemen's fund building and going clockwise, we come to Commerce Park, the Bridgewater Savings Bank, Brown's Garage and lastly Howard Johnson's, which in 1998 is Friendly's Restaurant.

Source: Walter Thompson

1013. New Red Coach Grille

This is the new Red Coach that was built after the old one burned down, and this too, in its time became a great Middleborough landmark. When the Red Coach finally closed it was sold to the El Torito chain and finally became the well, respected Fireside Restaurant owned by the Fisher family.

Source: Walter Thompson

1014. Ocean Spray Corporate Headquarters

“Ocean Spray Cranberries opened its new, world headquarters in Lakeville to the public for a Christmas open house. Employees will move into the facility, located off Rte. 18 and the rotary, sometime this month.”

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, January 5, 1989

1015. Ocean Spray Corporate Headquarters

An aerial view shows the new Ocean Spray corporate headquarters, recently completed near Route 44 and interstate 495 at the Lakeville-Middleborough town line. The corporate headquarters is located on 310 acres, 16 acres of which is landscaped, 35 acres of poquoy pond and 15 acres working cranberry bogs. The building itself is of Federal Colonial style and is crescent shaped with some 300 windows to provide natural lighting. Approximately 450 Ocean Spray employees will be housed in the new structure as soon as the finishing touches have been completed.

Source: Claire Rockwood Quote, The Brockton Enterprise, January 1989.

1016. Former Brown’s Gas Station

Brown’s Garage with its Spanish style was a rotary landmark for many years. Mrs. Brown continued to operate the garage until she was in her 80’s. A few years before she retired she was followed home late one night and she and her invalid husband were assaulted, tied up and robbed. After a period of time, under doctor’s care, she was back at work.

Source: Walter Thompson

1017. Farm Stand

“Farm Stand built in 1931 at the traffic circle will be replaced by the building in the back ground.”

Source: Clint Clark Quote, Middleboro Gazette, April 25, 1985.

1018. Lorenzo's Italian Drive-In

After Lorenzo's initial success he built this larger restaurant in 1969. The original stand was in front of this restaurant and you ate in your car with a very efficient car hop service. The canopied right side was where one would sit to eat and the rear-canopied area took care of the overflow crowds.

Source: Walter Thompson

1019. Lorenzo's Italian Drive-In

By the early 80's the open canopy had been boxed in to serve as a rather rough dining room and they still had the open canopy at the rear for the overflow crowd, along with the car hop service.

Source: Walter Thompson

1020. Lorenzo's Italian Restaurant

"Lorenzo's has been a family tradition for over forty years. Millions have enjoyed Lorenzo and Geraldine Grosso's warmth, friendliness and homestyle cooking. You can enjoy authentic Italian cuisine in the two spacious dining rooms, an elegant banquet room for up to 100 people and an intimate lounge where personal services makes the difference." Lorenzo's quote.

1021. S. Barnicoat Monument Co.

Stephen Barnicoat opened and ran a highly successful monument company until his retirement a few years ago, leaving it in the capable hands of his son. He was a great help in the design for my family monument.

Source: Walter Thompson

1022. Branch Office, Middleborough Trust Company

Ted Eayrs Jr. designed this little colonial gem for the Middleborough Trust Company and it remained in business until Middleborough Trust merged with Rockland and became the Rockland Trust Company. After several vacant years it has been adapted for a blood donation center.

Source: Walter Thompson

1023. Former Cyr's Restaurant

The Cyr's family from Taunton operated this fine family restaurant. After many years of fine food and service, they retired. The business went through several owners into oblivion. It had lost its crisp look of fresh paint and cleanliness along with a fine dining experience and was torn down in 1997.

Source: Walter Thompson

1024. Dave's Diner

"A 1950's style diner arrives from Florida to be assembled on the Rte. 28 site once occupied by Cyr's Restaurant." Adam Swift Quote.

Source: Middleboro Gazette, December 4, 1997.

1025. Dave's Diner

"Settling in, the 114-seat diner may be open by the end of the year." Adam Swift Quote.

Source: Middleboro Gazette, December 4, 1997.

1026. China Villa Restaurant

This fine Chinese restaurant operated during the 50's and 60's and while I would not eat Chinese food, I always enjoyed what I got on the American side.

Source: Walter Thompson

1027. Hughes Ford Inc.

Middleborough Ford was originally on Wareham Street until all of the large automobile manufacturers were demanding much larger garages for greater profit. So when Hughes Ford was at the busy point, I personally bought three new Fords from them, a 1964, 1966 and a 1973.

Source: Walter Thompson

1028. Mobil Service Station

After Hughes Ford went out several other enterprises occupied the building and failed. I took this photo as it was being renovated for a new service station.

Source: Walter Thompson

1029. Pioneer Restaurant

This restaurant had a shady and colorful reputation. It was torn down circa 1963. Angelo Zervas was owner for many years.

"A Beleaguered Landmark, the West Grove Street Pioneer Restaurant was gutted by fire last Saturday night. Question of ownership, status of liquor license, alleged sanitary code violation and neighbors'complaints have surrounded the restaurant which has been closed for several years."

Source: A Clint Clark Quote

1030. State Police Barracks

The State Police decided to buy the land where the pioneer had stood in order to build a new barracks. In 1998 the building is perhaps too large because state troopers no longer eat or sleep here. The administrative offices are still here along with the garage underneath for vehicle maintenance and a helicopter pad.

Source: Walter Thompson

1031. Middleborough Steak House

The Middleborough Steak House was a great place to eat in its day. One day when I was eating there a school department was having a birthday party for Principal HenryBengt Burkland. I was very touched because as we sat in one of the front windows (the party was at the back), Henry called to me and brought me a large piece of his chocolate birthday cake.

Source: Walter Thompson

1032. Connolly Office Building

Ray Connolly, a real estate agent, bought the old restaurant, added a second floor, and converted it to office space.

Source: Walter Thompson

1033. West Grove Street Office Building

Fagerberg Real Estate's new home is in this new building on Route 28 which will also house the Middleborough Area Chamber of Commerce and several other businesses. Charlie Perry quote.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, August 22, 1985.

1034. Office Building

The office building in 1998 is the home of RobertCushing Insurance Company and the Middleboro Gazette.

Source: Walter Thompson

1035. New Grove Street Overpass

In the 50's, the problem of how to solve the bottleneck was solved. They simply raised this area of Route 28 and the railroad overpass. The raising of West Grove Street created some problems for the residents of the area who found themselves below road level and some had to be raised higher.

Source: Walter Thompson

1036. House In The Air

This photo shows one of the homes that were raised on a higher foundation on the right of this house.

Source: Walter Thompson

1037. Sunken American Motor Co.

This is a photocopy of a Middleboro Gazette picture of the former American Motor Sales garage below street level. A whole new building was built on the roof of the existing garage and today it is South Shore Rehabilitation Center.

Source: Walter Thompson

"William H. Young's Garage, in a hole. Fill for new grades on West Grove and Elm Streets up nearly to roof of garage."

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, April 1, 1949.

1038. "Billy" Rose Auto Sales

Billy Rose operated his used auto sales business from this lot on West Grove Street during the mid 1940's. In the mid 1950's he sold used autos for Donald Cannon on East Grove Street. As of 1990 it is the site of Peaceful Meadows Ice Cream stand.

Source: Walter Thompson

1039. A & W Root Beer Stand

On the West Grove Street site where Billy Rose had his auto sales, A & W Root Beer built a stand in the mid 1960's to 1970's. The building was vacant for a few years until Peaceful Meadows Ice Cream of Whitman opened it.

Source: Walter Thompson

1040. The Carey House

This is the house the Carey family lived in for many years until it was sold as the site for a medical building. Fred, Grace and Charles Carey resided there with their parents.

Source: Walter Thompson

1041. Medical Office Building

Dr. Comalli and associates bought the Carey house around the early 1980's intending to use it for his offices. He found that it was not feasible, tore it down and built a new medical building in the back yard in 1981.

Source: Walter Thompson

1042. Medical Office Building

Sadly, the beautiful Carey home has disappeared from this corner of our town that has been decimated of all the homes that were once here. It has made the transition from a rather refined family neighborhood to what you could call "a gasoline alley".

Source: Walter Thompson

1043. Morton Houses

At the close of King Phillip's War the Morton Home was probably built by John Morton Jr. Undoubtedly the best known occupant was Madam Morton, the daughter-in-law of John Jr. She entertained generously before the revolutionary war and did so after the banishment of Judge Peter Oliver. The last owner was Robert G. Pickens (music teacher at Peirce Academy) who had the place torn down in 1868 so that South Main Street could be straightened.

Source: Weston, History of Middleborough

1044. O'Hara House

James A. Burgess, when speaking of this beautiful home, said it was built by William Cushman in the mid 1800's. A well known Middleborough jeweler, Fayette W. Hayden lived with his family in this home in the 1890's. In 1906 with an empty nest syndrome he sold the home to the O'Hara family and moved to the John Thomas House across West Grove Street.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough and Walter Thompson

1045. O'Hara House

The Stephen O'Hara's, a well-known Middleborough family, occupied the home until 1946.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough

1046. The Fish House

In 1946, Stephen O'Hara sold the house to Mrs. Esther L. (Fish) Burgess whose daughter, Barbara Fish Washburn, is the present owner. She sold this beautiful mansion to the Shell Oil Company. (The claim was that nothing could be salvaged because the house was so well built it couldn't be taken apart, so it was pulverized by a steel ball.)

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough and Walter Thompson

1047. Shell Station

The beautiful O'Hara mansion was torn down to make way for this gas station.

Source: Walter Thompson

1048. Shell Station

This is another view of the Shell Station on "gasoline alley".

Source: Walter Thompson

1049. Judge Wilkes Wood House

This is another one of the homes that was raised in the 1960's. This home was built by John Morton in the early 1700's. Judge Wilkes Wood was one of the more famous residents of the house. He was a well-respected lawyer before he sat on the bench.

Source: Walter Thompson

1050. Judge Wilkes Wood House

This is how the home looked just before it was torn down. The law office on the left of the picture was moved to the Middleborough Historical Museum grounds by the Fernandez Company and has been renamed the Lawrence Romaine Library.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Page I
Volume XVI, May 1975, Number 3

1051. Judge Wood Law Office

Judge Wilkes Wood, a 1793 graduate of Brown University, maintained his law office in this small building on the southerly side of the old Wood Homestead. The Plymouth County Bar Association admitted him in 1796 and he opened his practice in Middleborough. He was appointed Judge of Probate for Plymouth County in 1821 and continued in this capacity until his death in 1843.

Source: Information from Middleboro Gazette, ca. 1933.

1052. Former Super Place

"The Rte. 105 building that once housed the Super Place Supermarket and before that, Fernandes, will soon be raised. An Osco drug "super-store" will be constructed with an opening planned by the end of the year according to Robert Mather, the company's local attorney. They got the green light from the zoning board last month."

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, March 9, 1995

1053. Former Super Place

"The former Super Place building on Rte. 105 in Middleborough is being demolished to make way for an Osco Drug Store. The state-of-the-art store will feature a drive-up window for the convenience of customers."

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, October 7, 1995.

1054. Briggs House

This house was built by Doctor Joseph Clark. The home ended its days as rental property and had become quite dilapidated. The owner was Elmer H. Benson. The Rockland Trust Branch Bank sits on that site today.

Source: Walter Thompson
Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 171-2.

1055. Middleborough Trust Company

The Middleborough Trust Company opened this bank as one of its branches, on the site of the Briggs house. The bank merged and is now known as the Rockland Trust Company.

Source: Walter Thompson

1056. Chace Chevrolet

The house that was built by Doctor Joseph Clark was the next in line to be doomed. The Chace Chevrolet Garage then occupied the property in 1965. The house remained squeezed in between the garage and Rte. 25 and was taken down in 1996 due to vandalism.

Source: Walter Thompson

1057. Lovell House

This is one of the oldest homes in town and for many years was occupied by various Vaughn families. Today it is in the Freitas family and has been completely remodeled with additions and is in great shape.

Source: Walter Thompson

1058. Vaughn Street Bridge

This postcard shows an early view of the Vaughn Street Bridge. In recent years there has been a battle raging between the State of Massachusetts, who planned to put in a modern steel bridge, and neighbor Joe Freitas who wants a historical bridge to replace it.

Source: Walter Thompson

1059. The Grossman Farm

The Grossman farm was located south of the Railroad Bridge on South Main Street. The most notable occupant of this house was Doctor Cordelia Chapin Grossman who lived there with her siblings until 1909 when all the buildings on the property burned to the ground.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 142-3

1060. Steam Engine at Tri-Level

"Worth more than a thousand words."

"The picture is not out of the distant past. The tri-level bridge at South Main Street was built in the sixties, but it's the only one I have which, better than words, describes the mighty engines that ran on steam, and on a still night evokes memories of distant, haunting steam whistles, which in no way, shape or manner were anything like the diesel horn." Clint Clark quote.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, ca. 1970.

1061. Charles W. Clark House

Charles W. Clark was Julia H. Copeland's coachman. The house was taken in the 1950's by the state land taking for the Route 25 ramp. The Teceno family had it moved to West Street on the West Side, where it remains today.

Source: Walter Thompson

1062. Mendes Casoni House

Mendes Casoni built his dream house for his family in the 1940's. The state took over the property in the 1950's for a ramp for Route 25. The Casoni's were so upset over the loss of their home that they bought it back from the state relocating it on Woodland Ave. where it remains today.

Source: Walter Thompson

1063. "Sign of the Times"

This surely is a "sign of the times". A mechanized commercial center to replace a quiet and refined neighborhood. There were eight houses taken down and two were moved to arrive at this "Time's Square effect"!

1064. George Stetson House

This house was built in 1855 by George Ward for his brotherEliab. There was a fire and the house torn down in 1941. The First National Stores built a store there in 1956. Today it is owned by a super drug store chain.

Source: Walter Thompson

1065. First National

On May 9, 1956, First National Stores Inc. had a grand opening of its newest store at the intersection of Routes 28 and 105. The store was built on the property of the Stetson Mansion and they tore down the Ivory Harlow mansion on South Main Street.

Source: Walter Thompson

1066. First National

This is a beautiful view of the East Grove Street frontal view of the First National Store on a rainy day. I worked in this store for 20 years and remember well the disturbance that a commercial building created on a quiet residential street.

Source: Walter Thompson

1067. Old First National Grocery Store

The monolith, which towered over a new First National Store at routes 28 and 105 when the supermarket moved out of downtown Middleborough 32 years ago, is being leveled in the process of a major remodeling project.

Source: Middleboro Gazette, ca. 1988

1068. John M. Soule House

This home was built before 1855 by Captain John M. Soule in 1913. The house went to Judge Dennis D. Sullivan.

Source: Walter Thompson

1069. George A. Philbrook Home

In 1914, Judge Sullivan sold the house to George A. Philbrook whose daughter Myrtie Romaine lived and grew up in this home. To this day there still is a large wooden reservoir to hold rainwater. Wooden pipes carry the water to a stone sink in the basement.

Source: This History of Middleborough, Myrtie Romaine, pg. 145.

1070. Stegmaier House

Theodore Stegmaier built this house on the north side of the Captain Soule House. Today the former Burkland School principal lives in the house.

Source: Walter Thompson

1071. William Bourne Wood

William Bourne Wood house was built in 1860 and later occupied by his son George and his family. Judge Dennis D. Sullivan bought the house in 1911 and in 1941 William H. LaVallee remodeled the house and barn into 10 apartments.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough

1072. William Bourne Wood House

This is another view of the William Bourne Wood House showing the front porch.

Source: Walter Thompson

1073. Lavallee Apartments

In 1941 Wilfred H. Lavallee remodeled the house and barn into 10 apartments.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 147

1074. Miller House

John Miller built this Queen Anne style house in 1895 where he lived with his wife and children.

Source: Walter Thompson

1075. South Main Street View

This is a northerly view on South Main Street showing the Andrew Pickens house on the right. This is the view of the town streets that I remember with all of the large elm trees. The trees covered the streets with their hanging branches, which attracted many of the beautiful Baltimore Orioles.

Source: Walter Thompson

1076. Andrew Pickens

Mr. Pickens owned this house whose land extended to the Nemasket River and he operated a rather successful farm there. One of the last owners of the home was Dr. Vincent Genua.

Source: Walter Thompson

1077. Hathaway, Soule, Harrington Shoe Factory

"Andrew Alden, second right, superintendent, and Arthur Alden, center, Assistant Superintendent, are shown in the business office of the Hathaway, Soule, Harrington Show Factory. At left is a Mr. Wildes; the two women are Sadie Ryder and Alice Roberts."

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, pg. 5
Volume XXVII, December 1989, Number 3

1078. Alden, Walker and Wilde Shoe Factory

"The first serious fire of the 1900's occurred on October 4, 1904, when the Alden, Walker and Wilde Shoe Factory on Clifford Street was destroyed by flames with a loss estimated at $30,000. The decision of the owners to relocate the firm in Weymouth meant a further loss since the concern was one of the busiest in town, employing nearly one hundred persons who worked full time producing a high grade of men's shoes. The damaged shoes and stock were bought by speculators, and the United Shoe Machinery Company prepared the machines for the new location in Weymouth."

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pgs. 299-300.

1079. Alden Family Photograph

"Arthur and Annie Alden with their children, Mildred and Priscilla, in a photograph taken around the turn of the century, 1900."

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, pg. 7
Volume XXVII, December 1989, Number 3

1080. Mayflower School

"In 1956, the erection of a new elementary school was begun on Mayflower Avenue adjacent to the new junior high school. A twelve-room building was erected by the Agostini Construction Company at a cost of approximately $450,000. The town was partially reimbursed by the state to the extent of 49.1% of the total cost, and the sum of $117,000 received from insurance on the Bates School was used toward the expense of building. Open house for the new school was held on December 1, 1957."

Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine, pgs. 290-291.

1081. Mayflower School

The view shows the main entrance to Mayflower School. The large section on the left contains a cafeteria. The windows on the right are in the principal's office.

Source: Walter Thompson

1082. Burkland School

The Burkland School was built as the Henry B. Burkland Junior High School after the disastrous 1954 Bates School fire and almost two years of double class sessions Memorial High School. Upon completion of the new high school on East Grove Street, Burkland became a middle school. In 1988 the Burkland School was destroyed by fire and has been rebuilt.

Source: Walter Thompson

1083. Burkland School

"Firefighters battle the predawn blaze that destroyed the original Burkland School in Middleborough Monday. Two hundred firefighters from 20 towns fought the flames that consumed twenty classrooms, offices, cafeteria, gymnasium and auditorium in the school." Phyllis Bornstein quote.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, August 11, 1988

1084. Henry B. Burkland School

"Twisted metal and brick walls are silhouetted in flames and smoke. Classrooms, offices, auditorium, cafeteria and gym were destroyed in the fire". Jane Lopes quote.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, 1988

1085. Henry B. Burkland School

"School Secretary Pat Besette's antique inkwell and quill pen are among the salvage removed from the ruins of the Burkland School."

Source: The Brockton Enterprise, August 20, 1988
Claire Rockwood Quote.

1086. Orrin Smith House

“The residence next to the empty lot on the northeast corner of South Main Street and Mayflower Avenue was built by Orrin R. smith in 1902. Mr. Smith, whose wife was Mary Ida Copeland, was in his early years engaged in the clothing business in the American Building and later traveled for the George E. Keith Company. After his death in 1944, the house was owned and occupied by his daughter, Elizabeth and her husband Rodolphus P. Alger who sold it in 1952 to Edward F. Morrissey, the present owner.”

Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine, pg. 148

1087. “Vickery Manse”

The schoolhouse, which was at Muttock, was originally on this lot. The Honorable Matthew H. Cushing built the house in 1881. “The date is inscribed on a rafter in the attic.” In 1925, the home was purchased by Dr. Leonard A. Baker.

Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine.

1088. Vickery Manse

This is another view that I took of the house that today is named the “Vickery Manse”.

Source: Walter Thompson

1089. Hannah Bartlett Griffith Shaw

Hannah Bartlett Griffith married Benjamin W. Shaw. In 1917, they purchased the Dr. George W. Copeland home on So. Main Street to use as a temporary home while their mansion was being built on Wareham Street.

Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine

1090. Montgomery Home for Aged People

When Mrs. Shaw gave her home for the aged after her death, Middleborough residents were given first priority. Now the home is open to everyone. The Montgomery home committee searched for a centrally located home for the aged for ten years and along the way bought a house on Everett Street. They then eyed the South Main Street mansion of Benjamin W. and Hannah B. (Griffith) Shaw, who were building their Wareham Street mansion. The Everett Street house was sold, the contributors money added to the sale price and approached Mrs. Hannah Shaw to ask what she would sell the property for. To their amazement, she presented the South Main Street home to the society as a memorial to her parents, Major Thomas B. and Hannah M. (Dunham) Griffith. The Wareham Street home finished, the deed was passed and the Montgomergy home for the aged was incorporated June 18, 1900.

Source: Middleboro Gazette, 1929

1091. Montgomery Home Front Steps

This is the main entrance to the Montgomery home on So. Main Street. The picture shows the fine detailing of the porch columns and rails. This picture was taken for Bridgewater State College Project Contemporary Competitiveness for architectural details.

Source: Walter Thompson

1092. Montgomery Home Greenhouse Window

This photo shows the very fine greenhouse window. Notice the pillars for the carport to the right.

Source: Walter Thompson

1093. Montgomery Home Carport

This carport was apparently built for an earlier generation of cars judging by the narrow width. The elevator entrance door is accessible from the carport.

Source: Walter Thompson

1094. Montgomery Home Barn

This barn was originally a carriage house and may have held servants quarters on the second floor. Leonard Simmons, before he died, had an aluminum eagle gold leafed with a shield painted red and white and placed over the barn doors.

Source: Walter Thompson

1095. Hannah Bartlett Griffith Shaw

This picture of Hannah B.G. Shaw was taken from a 1920's oil painting, which hangs in the lobby of the Shaw home.

Source: Walter Thompson

1096. Hannah B. G. Shaw Home for the Aged

While Hannah Shaw was living on South Main Street she had her beautiful mansion built on Wareham Street with the intention of it becoming a home for the aged. In the years to follow it has served the community well and grown with many additions. It has been awarded many state awards for the excellence of its mission.

Source: Walter Thompson

1097. Seventh Day Adventists

The building that is now the church home of the Seventh Day Adventists was owned by Charles F. Cole, purchased and remodeled by the Adventists in 1942.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 149

1098. Maxim House

This house was long remembered as the Ernest L. Maxim home. I remember it more as the home of "Jack and Irene Turner" in recent years.

Source: Walter Thompson

1099. Barrows Mansion

"The Barrows mansion, now the home of Masons, Eastern Star, Rainbow and Demoley, is handsomely decorated for Christmas with boughs of evergreen adorning the front balustrade and green and red ribbons wound around its columns. The late 19th century Mansion has been the headquarters this year for the Christmas Castle, whose volunteers have been busy for the past month gathering Christmas gifts for 175 local families."

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, December 18, 1997.
Jane Lopes Quote

1100. Barrows House

"The handsome interior of the Barrows' house on South Main Street will be the setting for tomorrow night's Founders Day Ball."

Source: 1996 Middleboro Gazette
Jane Lopes Quote

1101. Barrow's Mansion

Showing progress is construction of the new Masonic Temple, which will be an addition to the rear of the Barrows home on South Main Street and will include a barn.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette
Clint Clark Quote

1102. Philander Washburn House

Architect Maximilian L. Ferro, AIA, of the Preservation Partnership, New Bedford looks over the foyer of the former Fahey Thompson Funeral Home with G & E Department Manager John Dunfey prior to a meeting with the G & E Commissioners Monday night. The G & E recently purchased the structure, built in 1832 for their offices.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette

1103. Philander Washburn House

Renovations to the G & E administration building include replacement of the porch and construction of a handicap ramp.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette
Jane Lopes Quote

1104. Philander Washburn House

The Gas and Electric's main office porch was finally completed. At $60,000 plus, the porch cost more than some houses do, but it does maintain the historical integrity of the building.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, November 30, 1995
Jane Lopes Quote

1105. Central Congregational Church

High stepper, John Burgess carries lumber to repair storm damage to the steeple of the Central Congregational Church on South Main Street in Middleborough.

Source: The Sunday Enterprise, May 11, 1986
Craig Murray Quote

1106. Pina Block

Renovations of one time needle factory are in progress on Clifford Street, at rear of Pina's plumbing shop. Building was erected in 1875, was used for manufacturing sewing needles until it closed in 1880.

Source: 1970's Middleboro Gazette
Clint Clark Quote

1107. Middleborough Senior Center

The little brick senior center at the Four Corners was built largely through the efforts of one Henry B. Burkland. It was simply a large open room with a bathroom, but it gave a sense of belonging to the older people of the town. After the Benton Street complex, with its community center, was built it was not longer needed. This picture shows the end of a once much needed resource.

Source: Walter Thompson

1108. Elderly Housing Development Kitchen

Typical kitchen in housing for elderly citizens' project is equipped with gas ranges; several units designed for handicapped persons have electric ranges.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, March 15, 1979
Clint Clark Quote

1109. Elderly Housing Project

Arrow indicates signal lights on units in housing project; blue light to pinpoint location of ambulance call, red in case of fire. Project was about 95 % complete this week.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, March 15, 1979
Clint Clark Quote

1110. Elderly Housing Project Lounge

Sunny lounge area in new COA center on Benton Street can be isolated from main dining hall by sliding partition.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, March 15, 1979
Clint Clark Quote

1111. Zachariah Eddy House

Turn of the century photograph shows the changes, which have taken place on South Main Street and in the home, which is now owned by Brad and Cheryl Leonard. The Leonards found this photograph in a drawer when they bought the house.

Source: Middleboro Gazette, Reflections, March 29, 1984, pg. 25

1112. South Main Street View

This is one of my favorite views of South Main Street. The first two homes on the right were built by Eddyville lawyer, Zachariah Eddy. The trolley tracks show very clearly on the hard packed dirt road, as do the large elm trees. The boy on the right seems to be holding a lunch pail.

Source: Walter Thompson

1113. Mr. James E. Peirce

James E. Peirce worked in his father's (Col. Peter Peirce's) store along with two of his brothers, Job and Thomas. He resided in the Zachariah Eddy home on South Main Street with his wife, Maria. In 1898, through his influence and money, the Church of Our Savior Episcopal was erected. He died July 21, 1901 from heart disease at the age of 67 and was interred in the church. In 1905, his widow had the crypt chapel built.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, pg. 7
Volume VIII, February 1966, Number 1

1114. Mrs. James E. (Maria Louisa Harlow Peirce)

Maria Louise Harlow Peirce, widow of James Earl Peirce, was a great benefactor leaving in her will $100,000 to establish St. Luke's hospital as well money for other uses. She was very generous to the town of Middleborough and the Church of Our Savior. She died February 9, 1918 at the age of 80.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, pg. 7
Volume VIII, February 1966, Number I

1115. Zachariah Eddy House Street View

This is a 1940's view looking down South Main Street from in front of the Barrows House showing the Zachariah Eddy home.

Source: Walter Thompson

1116. Zachariah Eddy Home

Zachariah Eddy built this gracious home. Zachariah originally lived in the home and practiced law in a building at the rear. James and Maria Peirce came into possession of the property that was later occupied by Jesse F. Morse, druggist, and Mrs. Morse. It went through various owners and in 1998 is operated as a bed and breakfast by Brad and Cheryl Leonard.

Source: Walter Thompson

1117. Zachariah Eddy Façade

The frontal view of the Zachariah Eddy house shows MariaPeirce's chapel window, which in 1998 has been converted, to a bathroom for the Bed and Breakfast operation.

Source: Walter Thompson

1118. Zachariah Eddy House

The Leonard family now hosts a bed and breakfast in the 19th century house built by noted Middleborough lawyer, Zachariah Eddy. The town's first bed and breakfast was also home to Maria Louisa Harlow (Peirce), benefactress of the former St. Luke's Hospital and the Church of Our Saviour, and her husband James Peirce, son of Colonel Peter Peirce.

Source: 1996 Middleboro Gazette
Jane Lopes Quote

1119. Zachariah Eddy House

“The coordinators of the storefront decoration contest, Cheryl Leonard and Pattie O'Brien, are shown here admiring the Chapel Bath in the Zachariah Eddy Bed and Breakfast. The recently remodeled bathrooms are only one of the many charming features of this historic home, which offers overnight accommodations.”

Source: Middleboro Gazette, November 14, 1996
Jane Lopes quote

1120. Zachariah Eddy House

“Cheryl (Scanlon) Leonard relaxes in the dining area of the Zachariah Eddy Bed and Breakfast she and her husband, Brad opened at 51 South Main Street.”

Source: Middleboro Gazette, November 2, 1995
Jane Lopes Quote

1121. Zachariah Eddy House

This is a view of the Zachariah Eddy House taken from the Rock Street area.

Source: Walter Thompson

1122. The Gertrude Kenyon House

This home on South Main Street was also built by Zachariah Eddy adjacent to his own residence and left to his daughter Anne Juliette Eddy-Barrett. In the mid 1930's Mr. and Mrs. James Kenyon purchased the property.

Source: Walter Thompson

1123. Tucker Homestead

This home started its life as a very large farm stretching from Union Street to the Nemasket River as the property of Sydney Tucker. The home passed through various owners until it was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Keedwell in 1942.

Source: Walter Thompson

1124. Tucker Homestead

“Middleborough native, Kenneth Keedwell 90, stands in front of the Tucker Homestead, the historic South Main Street home he owned for 45 years. Keedwell is selling the home and moving out of town to live with his daughter.”

Source: 1990 Middleboro Gazette

1125. Medeiros House

This small home was originally Sydney Tucker Farm shoe repair shop until he had it moved from the rear of the property adjacent to his dwelling on South Main Street. George Hathaway came into possession of the home in 1925 and it eventually passed into the hands of his daughter Barbara and her husband Joseph M. Medeiros.

Source: Walter Thompson

1126. Andrew's Home

One of the oldest homes on South Main Street is the federal style hipped roof house owned by the Andrews family for more than a century. It was built around 1780.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette Reflections, September 29, 1988, pg. 10
Jane Lopes Quote.

1127. Andrews Home Porch

This is a view of the graceful Doric columns on the porch of the Andrew's home at 61 South Main Street. Also shows the door topped with an architectural wooden fan and sidelights.

Source: Walter Thompson

1128. Andrews Homestead

This home was built in 1855 by Mr. Washburn of Bridgewater. William S. Andrews purchased the house in 1880 and it has remained in the family until 1998. One of the most memorable and colorful members of the Andrews family was Myra Andrews Shaw a schoolteacher and principal.

Source: Walter Thompson

1129. So. Main Street View

This scenic view shows five of South Main Street's historic homes.

Source: Walter Thompson

1130. South Main Street View

This is one of the early 20th century postcards depicting South Main Street with its graceful Elm Tree canopy. The Hannah Harlow house can be seen on the left.

Source: Walter Thompson

1131. Hannah Harlow

Built approximately 1820 by Attorney Isaac Stevens and lived in by the Jackson family for many years, it was originally a one-story cottage and raised to two stories by Ebeneezer Briggs during his ownership. He died in 1872 leaving the property to his daughter Hannah and her husband Bradford G. Harlow and their daughter Hannah Jackson Harlow. The home in 1998 is owned by the James Hiltons.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough

1132. Harlow House

This view of the front entrance of the Harlow House, 67 South Main Street, shows the leaded glass sidelights and wooden fan top.

Source: Walter Thompson

1133. Robert Cushing

A 19th century Italianate porch was added to this late federal style home built around 1840 on South Main Street. Dr. George Snow and Dr. John Perkins both lived in the house at one time.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette Reflections, September 29, 1988, pg. 8
Jane Lopes Quote.

1134. Robert Cushing House

This home was built in 1840 by a Mr. Hinds and occupied at various times by Dr. Joseph W. Snow and Dr. John Perkins. About 1935 Earl F. Gates a reporter for the Middleboro Gazette acquired the property and in 1954 it was purchased by Robert and Elizabeth Cushing.

Source: Walter Thompson

1135. South Main Street View

"Historic South Main Street is the subject of controversy resulting from a proposal to widen the street in order to improve traffic flow near the intersection of route 28 and 105. Selectmen and B & I Commission members have voted to oppose any alteration that would adversely affect the proposed historic district and citizen groups have been formed to watchdog state planning in conjunction with the commuter rail station and industrial park to be built on Rte. 105 in Lakeville. Volunteers are being sought to serve on a historic district study commission."

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, 1995
Jane Lopes Quote

1136. Silas Wood House

Silas Wood built this farmhouse in 1771 as inscribed on the central chimney, but there is evidence it could have been constructed as early as 1710.

Source: Walter Thompson

1137. Silas Wood

The Silas Wood house at 77 and 79 South Main Street was rented as a duplex for many years. William S. Andrews was a former owner.

Source: Walter Thompson

1138. The Silas Wood House

The Silas Wood house now standing on South Main Street was built in 1771 according to the date on a tile in the chimney. Later it was occupied by Dea Abiel Wood. Mr. Wood was a wealthy and influential citizen, a man well known throughout the colony for his integrity and ability and his opinions were sought after and respected in all matters pertaining to public affairs."

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, ca. 1933

1139. William S. Andrews Home

This house was built on the Silas Wood property by the grandfather of Myra Shaw.

Source: Walter Thompson

1140. Alden House

This house was lived in by Mrs. Charles F.Alden and her daughter Delle Alden, who was one of our schoolteachers from 1895-1910

Source: Walter Thompson

1141. J. Augustine Sparrow House

"Standing in front of her once stately home on South Main Street is 63 year old Barbara Washburn Judge. The dilapidated home is in dire need of exterior repair. Mrs. Judge is hoping the home may one day become a homeless shelter for women and children."

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, June 30, 1988
Michael Mello Quote

1142. J. Augustine Sparrow House

The Sparrow House was built in 1896 on So. Main Street. After many owners it ended up in the hands of Robert Fish. The home was purchased by his daughter Barbara then sold once more to Clinton Ross.

Source: Walter Thompson

1143. South Main Street Intersection

This view shows the Philo Perkins house on the corner of So. Main and Courtland Street. The picture shows progress in action, an early automobile beside the trolley tracks overtaking a horse and wagon.

Source: Walter Thompson

1144. Philo Perkins House

Philo Perkins built this house located the corner of So. Main and Courtland Streets about 1860-1870. Pre-1920 William W. Crossley of the Nemasket Woolen Mills lived there with his daughter Caroline and she continued to live there with her husband William D. MacMillan after her father's death. James Pollard purchased the house in 1961.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume VII, April 1965, Number 2, pg. 9

1145. Brockton/Middleborough Trolley

This picture shows a trolley on South Main Street with its crew posing for the camera.

Source: Walter Thompson

1146. Snowbound Trolley

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1147. Henry Sears Home

Henry W. Sears built his family home on the corner of South Main Street and Courtland Street. A local druggist, Leo LaForest lived here in 1948 and he in turn sold it to restauranteur, Eugene Starvish in 1960. Today, the house is a mental health center.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 164

1148. Mental Health Center

Henry W. Sears built and owned this house in 1900. Mr. Sears's father owned the Sears Lumber Company.

Source: Walter Thompson

1149. Pickens House

This is a case of true love, for this house was originally in Lakeville and moved to South Main Street by Ebeneezer Pickens for his homesick wife, Mary Bourne Thompson

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough

1150. South Main Street View

This post card shows Fred Whitman's and Ebeneezer Picken's houses on the left.

Source: Walter Thompson

1151. Fred N. Whitman

This house was erected in 1899 for Fred N. Whitman, of the Whitman Sparrow Department Store. It was sold in 1917 to Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Wood. He was a local dentist.

Source: Walter Thompson

1152. Fred N. Whitman Home

This house at 99 South Main Street is the home of Ed and Gloria Braun where they operate a "just roses" business from green houses they built at the rear of the property.

Source: Walter Thompson

1153. The James H. Kennedy Home

Charles A. Wood built this home in 1899 and lived there until 1913. In the mid 1920's, James H. Kennedy, a well known banker acquired the property and lived there until 1961 when the Central Congregational Church purchased it as the parsonage.

Source: Walter Thompson

1154. "Lynde House"

This house was built on the site of the Bourne mansion. One third of the original mansion still exists on Grove Street, which now stands below street level. Thomas Peirce's brother Charles lived in the old Bourne house until his demise. Elwyn B. Lynde tore down the mansion in 1916 to build the present home.

Source: Walter Thompson

1155. "Lynde House"

This beautiful home has been lived in by family members since it was built in 1916 by Elwyn B. Lynde. I waited on Mr. Lynde many times in the First National Grocery Store on the corner of South Main and East Grove Street, his neighborhood grocery.

Source: Walter Thompson

1156. J. Augustine Sparrow House

This home was built for J. Augustine Sparrow in 1910. For many years the Ralph McQuade family occupied the home. McQuade owneda men's clothing store on Centre Street.

Source: Walter Thompson

1157. J. Augustine Sparrow House

This photo shows how the ravages of time affect a proud old dwelling.

Source: Walter Thompson

1158. J. Augustine Sparrow House

The old Augustine Sparrow home although it has lost its beautiful wrought iron fence and the roof over its side porch, in 1998 it still presents a stunning picture.

Source: Walter Thompson

1159. Trolley Plow Conference

This is a Bay State Street Railway trolley parked next to a trolley snowplow on the corner of South Main Street and East Grove Street.

Source: Walter Thompson

1160. The King Estate

This home was built by Dr. Ared Thompson for his daughter when she wed Nathan King. The daughter, a niece of Cephas Thompson, used several rooms as art studios.

Source: Walter Thompson

1161. The King Estate

Purchased in 1925 by Clarence L. Hathaway, this house was later acquired by John "Tiger" Nichols.

Source: Walter Thompson

1162. Thomas House

Believed to be ancient in 1873 when the old townhouse was dismantled at the corner of West Grove and South Main Streets, it was occupied by the Thomas family for many years. A jeweler, Fayette W. Hayden, bought the house in 1906. Walter E. Alger became the owner in 1912.

Source: Walter Thompson

1163. Dairy Queen

In the early 1950's Mr. Chamberlain set off some fireworks in the South Main Street area when he purchased the Stetson house lot on the corner of East Grove and South Main Streets, which had been a residential area. He maintained an excellent trade because of the cape traffic on Grove St., Rte. 28. He agreed to sell the lot to First National Stores Inc. with the stipulation that they build a new Dairy Queen for him.

Source: Walter Thompson

1164. Albert Thomas House

This used to be Bill and Susan Sherman's front porch on East Grove Street in Middleborough before a careening truck demolished it early this morning

Source: The Brockton Enterprise, May 20, 1986
Gil Bliss Quote.

1165. Walter L. Beals Home

"When my grandparents, Walter and Ella Beals purchased the property at 14 East Grove Street in 1911, one of the primary reasons was because it was a "nice quiet street." For several years now, this property has been the Green Lawn Nursing Home and many additions and other changes have been made to the house and grounds."

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXVIII, Number I, pg. 13 Robert M. Beals Quote

1166. Former Greenlawn Nursing Home

The Brockton Coalation for the Homeless is proposing a shelter for homeless families in the former Greenlawn Nursing Home. The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on the coalition petition tonight in the town hall, while the selectmen will meet with residents of the area on February 10.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, February 6, 1997.

1167. Amos Eaton Family School

The school was founded in 1863 by Reverend and Mrs. P.L. Cushing in their home on East Grove Street and continued in that location as long as the school was in existence. The title "Family School" was used because it was intended to accept only a few pupils who would live in the Cushing home receiving their education and at the same item enjoying family living. Before long the number of day pupils exceeded those who came to board with the Cushing family.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume VIII, April 1966, Number 2, pg. 1 cover

1168. Amos Eaton Family School

In 1874, Amos H. Eaton came from Norridgewock, Maine, to take over the school having purchased it with his father Reverent Herrick M. Eaton of Westerly Rhode Island. Mr. Eaton with an older brother, Hamlin F. had been conducting a similar school in Norridgewock

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume VIII, April 1966, Number 2, pg. 1 cover

1169. Amos Eaton Family School Renovation

"New role for historic Eaton School for Boys (1654-97) began last summer, when Heritage Oil company undertook renovation and remodeling of this dwelling place on East Grove Street."

Source: Middleboro Gazette, Dec. 6, 1979
Direct Quote – Clint Clark

1170. Heritage Oil Company

This old Eaton School was spared the wreckers' ball that has demolished many of Middleborough's historic homes. It was renovated by Vic Bernabeo into offices for his Heritage Oil Company with an apartment on the second floor for his mother.

Source: Walter Thompson

1171. Heritage Oil Company

Victor Bernabeo sold this business to another party and it remains the Heritage Oil Company today.

Source: Walter Thompson

1172. Japan Works

George Henry Shaw established the Japan Works in 1856. He was a former painter for the Sparrow and Rogers Company on Wareham Street, which painted houses, signs and carriages. The company was dissolved in 1856.

Source: Michael Maddigan "Japan Works"

1173. Japan Works

This shows the green building on the left, which was used as offices. It used to have a sign on the side, which read "The George H. Shaw Varnish Co." These buildings were painted red originally.

Source: Michael Maddigan "Japan Works"

1174. Japan Works

This picture shows the various buildings used in the solution manufacture and storage buildings for the finished product. It is well remembered by local residents of the stink that could overtake a person when the wind was right

Source: Walter Thompson

1175. McMenamy's Seafood

"The newest McMenamy's Seafood has opened on Route 28 in Middleborough. McMenamy's, founded in Brockton, is celebrating its golden anniversary this year."

Source: The Brockton Enterprise, Dick Arikian Quote

1176. Eugene's Restaurant

Eugene Starvish opened his restaurant in what has been a restaurant for many years and formerly known as Finn's and the Zombie. This building on East Grove Street when operated by the Finn family had a large crab on the left side roof and lobster on the right, with fins across the front roof.

Source: Walter Thompson

1177. Riverside Restaurant

This elaborate facade room was added to the front of the bar lounge a couple of years back on the former Eugene's Restaurant.

Source: Walter Thompson

1178. YMCA

After the closure of the North Main Street YMCA building, the Y programs were run from storefront on Centre Street in the old Thatcher block. A fund drive was held and a search for a new location ensued.

Source: Walter Thompson

1179. YMCA

With much anticipation, the new YMCA was built in 1979 on East Grove Street in the old sandpit. Originally the building contained a gym and swimming pool and an exercise room was added. In 1997 work began on a massive earth removal to make way for an addition for expanded daycare and exercise programs as well as playing fields.

Source: Walter Thompson and The Middleboro Gazette

1180. East Grove Street Bridge

This is an early view of the East Grove Street Bridge over the Nemasket River. This particular section was much enjoyed by boating enthusiasts. There was a boathouse and docks across the river from the town well and pumping station.

1181. Nemasket River at the East Grove Street Bridge

"In the early 1900's, Nemasket River was widely used for recreation and the boathouses, (there were two) were filled with boats. The river was so populated by craft it was difficult to find a spot for a mooring. The boathouses here were so constructed that a canoe could be paddled directly inside with a platform on each wall on which to disembark. The canoe was then lifted from the water and stored on one of the racks attached to the interior wall. From 1905 to 1918 traffic on the river was brisk. It was a one-hour canoe trip from the East Grove Street Bridge to the mouth of the river at Lake Assawampsett. The Middleboro Gazette of June 10, 1907 published the following item: "Nemasket River is becoming unusually popular. This year powerboat, rowboats and canoes have been added to the fleet in large numbers and each night the river is well filled with pleasure parties."

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XIX, July 1979, Number 4, pg. 1 cover

1182. Pumping Station

A very early photo of the town's water pumping station located on East Grove Street on the shore of the Nemasket River.

Source: Walter Thompson

1183. Pumping Station

This photo was taken of the town's pumping station and includes the predecessor of the Japan Varnish works across the street.

Source: Walter Thompson

1184. Pumping Station and Japan Works

Visible in the center of this photo is the cone shaped spring-fed well, built in 1885. The town's water supply pumping station on East Grove Street is the brick building, and across the street can be seen the many buildings of the Japan works.

Source: Walter Thompson

1185. Water Filter Tank

The tank is the coke filter system designed to remove iron and manganese from the town's water supply. Still in daily use, the system built in 1913 removed 85% of the impurities.

Source: Dick Tinkham

1186. The Pumping Station, Showing Boat Dock

This early photo shows the dock near the boathouse where two boats are moored and the town of Middleborough pumping station across the river.

Source: Walter Thompson

1187. Middleborough Pumping Station

"Dick Tinkham, Chief Operator for the Middleborough Water Department checks the pumping equipment at the Grove Street pumping station, built in 1885 and still operating with some turn of the century equipment."

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, Reflections, September 25, 1986, pg. 22

1188. Pumping Station Water Aerators

"While modern day engineers wrestle with treatment systems designed to remove iron and manganese from public water supplies, water is still treated at the Grove Street pumping station the old fashioned way. Water from the well-dug in 1885 is forced through aerators that expose the water to the air and oxidize the iron and manganese."

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, Reflections, September 25, 1986, pg. 24
Dick Tinkham Quote.

1189. Pumping Station Filter Beds

Cleaning the filter beds at the Grove Street pumping station are Lloyd Banks, Chief Engineer after Ralph Sampson's retirement and an unidentified Water Department employee.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, Reflections, September 25, 1986, pg. 22

1190. Assawampsett

This is one of the two side-wheelers that traveled on the Nemasket River between the Wareham Street Bridge and the lakes in the 1877's to 1897's. The boats were built in Middleborough by John Baylies LeBaron, whose father owned a foundry. The Assawampsett was 64 feet long and could accommodate 100 passengers.

Source: Walter Thompson

1191. Assawampsett

The steamboat "Assawampsett" after coming up the Nemasket River into Lake Assawampsett operated from 1879 to 1895. The voyage on the river was fraught with peril the skipper often having to use his "setting pole" to push the craft off rocks and shoals. The smokestack was hinged to permit it being lowered when passing under the three bridges over the river on the way to the lakes.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 23-24.

1192. M. High School

The new high school was built c. 1970 on the old Hewitt farm owned by Dr. Joseph V. Giberti. The building, an award winning modern design, was constructed on a three level plan at a cost of less than $5 million. The first class graduated in 1972.

Source: Walter Thompson

1193. Ballou Woods Cabins

These were some of the many cabins the Route 28 traffic could stay at. Ballou Woods Cabins were operated by the Ballou family up until about the late 1940's.

Source: Walter Thompson

1194. Allan's Cabins

A composite view of former Ballou Woods Cabins, who had become Allan's Cabin's, Tea Room and gas station on East Grove street, owned by Nell and Bill Allan.

Source: Walter Thompson

1195. Hillcrest Mobile Home Park

A winter scene of the Hillcrest Mobile Home Park on the site of Ballou Woods Cabins and Campers has come full cycle and is now retirement community.

Source: Walter Thompson

1196. Poor Farm

The first poor farm, or almshouse, was built in 1886 and was destroyed by fire on April 24, 1906. At that time, there were sixteen residents all of whom were evacuated safely and taken to the Alpha Crossman residents on a hill beside the railroad tracks on South Main Street, where they remained until other quarters could be found for them. A poor farm was considered a necessity and after the fire the town immediately voted money for a new building.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 238

1197. Poor Farm

In 1956, town officials hoped to renovate the building sufficiently to qualify as a public medical institution, but faced with the necessity of spending some $20,000 for repairs and obtaining a license from the state to operate such a facility the board of selectmen voted in 1957 to close the infirmary. To clear the property for this purpose (an industrial site), in the spring of 1966 the almshouse was razed, the rubble piled in a huge mound and burned by the Middleborough fire department. In the same year, Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc. took an option on the land with the intention of erecting a large cranberry processing plant.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 240.

1198. Andrew Eaton House

"This old house on the corner of Cherry and East Grove Streets is known as "the Light House". Built in the early 1800's, it was owned by Andrew Eaton, later bought by Theodore F. Holmes, who ran the harness shop which later was known as George Benson's shop on Wareham Street. When Mr. Holmes retired from business, he put in a croquet court on the north side of his property in the grove back of where the Viera Greenhouses are today." Lyman Butler

Source: Middleborough Antiquarian, Vol. XII, April 1971, No. 3, p. 6.

1199. Andrew Eaton House

It was perhaps in the 1930's that Mr. Holmes maintained a croquet course. Without charge, children played in the daytime, being lighted at night by acetylene gas light for the adults. The house has undergone many changes in ownership, has been restored and is in mint condition as of this writing. These thoughts come from Mr. Lyman Butler.

Source: Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XII, April 1971, Number 3, pg. 6

1200. Fairview Driving Park

For a period of time, the horse lovers of Fall Brook maintained this very active driving park, probably racing sulkies. The trolley cars had not arrived yet so between transportation and other ills the track was closed.

Source: 1931 Middleboro Gazette.

1201. Old Methodist Church

The Methodist Society after holding services in the old town hall selected this area as being central to the townspeople. Due to the buildup at the Four Corners the church was relocated to School Street.

Source: Weston, History of Middleborough

1202. Old Methodist Church Rectory

This little run-down house on the corner of East Grove and Cherry Streets was the original parsonage of Middleborough's first Central Methodist Church. The church stood behind this house facing Cherry Street.

Source: Weston's History of Middleborough

1203. Old Fall Brook Furnace

About the year 1735 (Captain Peter Bennett) he and Francis Miller, petitioned the town for liberty to build a dam across the brook on which to erect a furnace. The petition was granted and one of the first blast furnaces subsequently known as the Fall Brook Furnace was erected.

Source: History of Middleborough, Thomas Weston, pg. 305

1204. Miller Homestead

This mansard roofed mansion was originally one of the Miller Houses. In the 1930's it was owned by the Clark family who lived in the rear ell and rented out rooms in the three story main house. In 1946 Wilfred Schobel, after leaving the army at the end of WWII, purchased the farm and for many years maintained a dairy herd.

Source: Mary Schobel

1205. Miller House Front Door

This photograph depicts the ornate small porch to the Miller house front entrance, but hides the small fan light over the doors.

Source: Walter Thompson

1206. Miller House

"The old Miller house at Fall Brook was the home of Seth Miller in the early part of the last century. He was the father of Darius and Seth Miller, the latter a lawyer in Wareham. The Miller family, were large owners of real estate, their ancestors having acquired much land from the different Indian purchases. John Miller, one of the first settlers married a daughter of Francis Coombs and lived half way between the homes in later years of Seth and Abishai Miller."

Source: Middleboro Gazette Quote, 1931

1207. The Fall Brook Mill

The old Fall Brook saw mill on the Fall Brook stream is judged to be well over 100 years old. It was more recently operated by the late Jossiah V. Marshall and to some extent is now being carried on by Forrest S. Churbuck. It is one of the few mills in this section run by the old fashioned water wheel. Could it speak, this old mill could tell some mighty interesting yarns of the characters that have carted logs into the yard.

Source: Middleboro Gazette Quote, 1931

1208. Reynolds Sawmill

Reynolds Sawmill of Wareham Street sawed lumber from native timber for over a century and was one of the early water-powered industries on Fall Brook stream. The sawmill no longer exits.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, Reflections September 25, 1986, pg. 15

1209. Fall Brook School

This is one of the twenty-five plus school buildings that existed in the town before and after 1900. This old building was located on Sachem Street at the intersection of Wareham Street. After it was closed in 1923, the building was leased out as a family home and after a fire it was torn down, circa 1940's.

Source: Walter Thompson

1210. Jerimiah Thomas House

Deborah Sampson came to live in the Jerimiah Thomas house when she was 10 years old. In 1898 the house was remodeled to the way it looks today. This view shows the home as it looked originally.

Source: Walter Thompson

1211. Jerimiah Thomas House (Deborah Sampson House)

"Deborah Sampson, who dressed as a man to enlist in the army during the Revolutionary War, lived in this house from the time she was ten years old. Built around 1715, the house was renovated in 1898 when the gambrel dormers, pillars and wood shakes were added."

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, Reflections, September 25, 1986.

1212. John T. Nichols Jr. Middle School

Although it will be huge at 150,000 square feet, the new 11,000 student middle school that will open on Barden Hill in the Fall of 1999 should be less intimidating to the students than the sprawling Mayflower-Burkland School complex.

Source: Middleboro Gazette, Jane Lopes quote.

1213. John T. Nichols Jr. Middle School

"Architects at Drummey, Rosane and Anderson of Newton are designing a school that looks more like a small village of individual buildings than the modern state of the art facility that it is."

Source: Middleboro Gazette Quote; Jane Lopes

1214. Middle School

Access road, which will be the paved Tiger Drive with bicycle paths and a well-lighted walk. Looking east from the site area near the water towers and extension of Terrace Road off Wareham Street.

Source: Middleboro Gazette; Jane Lopes

1215. Middle School

"Breaking ground for the John T. Nichols, Jr. Middle School Saturday morning are Selectwoman, Ellen Grant; students, Ryan Whiteside and Stephanie Boyle; Vote Yes Committee Chairman, Karen Cowan; Building Committee Chairman, Alan Lindsay; Nichols widow, Barbara; State Rep. Thomas O'Brien; State Rep., William Straus; Student, Natalie Onges; State Senator, Marc Pacheco; Town Manager, John Healey; and School Committee Vice Chairman, James Hilton."

Source: Gazette Photo, Jane Lopes

1216. Joshua Wood Place

This neat little cape style home was originally located at Fall Brook Furnace as a private home, than as a storage and shipping building, and then moved to this site where it presents a picture of quiet dignity today.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Lyman Butler
Volume XI, September 1969, Number I

1217. Joshua Wood Place

The home was moved to this site by thirteen yokes of oxen. "An Ell was added to the house, used for many years as a shoe shop. Later the big "A" window was added to the front roof much improving the looks of the house. In later years, the Rev. Ethan Hunt, pastor of the First Methodist Church on Cherry Street lived here."

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Lyman Butler
Volume XI, September 1969, Number I

1218. East Main Street Scene

This street scene depicts workers of the Nemasket Woolen Mills slowly making their way home after a long day's work. The house on the left we knew as the "Little Walker House" was probably one of the "corporation houses" that existed at the time. The wooden building at the bottom of the hill was possibly the beginning of the Star Mill Machine Shop.

Source: Walter Thompson

1219. Nemasket Woolen Mills

This is a view looking down the hill at the former Nemasket Woolen Mills, which took over from the then defunct Farwell Mills in 1906.

Source: Walter Thompson

1220. Winthrop Atkins

This is a duplicate view that I took of the Winthrop Atkins complex in the former mill buildings.

Source: Walter Thompson

1221. "Little Walker House"

This small cape style home was probably built as one of the corporation houses that were what a mill workers family lived in. The Walker Company moved into part of the Star Mill property after World War II and used this cottage as a function hall for their employees until the late sixties when the company went under and the building reverted back to a private home.

1222. Farwell Mill

"At the old dam down the Nemasket River, a small cotton mill was built and incorporated in 1863 as the Star Mills. The following year the company built a new larger mill and began the manufacture of fancy cassimeres. Three years later the concern incorporated under the name of Star Mills Corporation and added new machinery for the manufacture of ladies' dress goods. F.S. Farwell of Rhode Island became owner of this mill in 1899 and the firm became known as Farwell Mill No. 2. In 1906, the concern was declared insolvent. Sold at private sale, the name changed to Nemasket Woolen Mills."

Quote: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 32

1223. Nemasket Mill

The old worsted mill went under many names and this particular view gives it the name of Nemasket Mill. The Nemasket Mill was what brought my grandfather, a master weaver, (Thomas Benedict Thompson) to Middleborough in 1907.

Source: Walter Thompson

1224. Star Mill Millpond

This is the former Millpond behind the Star Mill Factory looking towards Indian Hill where the old Maddigan farm is located. On the left may be seen a trailer of the Reliable Fish Company whose equipment will be moved in later to start the fishing.

Source: Walter Thompson

1225. Star Millpond Dam

About 1815 a small cotton mill was built by this dam.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 31.

1226. Star Mill Dam

This is a beautiful view showing the power of water as it rushes over the former Star Mills Dam.

Source: Walter Thompson

1227. Star Mill Millpond

Preparing the net for immersion in the Millpond.

Source: Walter Thompson

1228. Star Mill Millpond

The men are preparing the net for fishing.

Source: Walter Thompson

1229. Star Mill Millpond

This is a dory that the fisherman used in the Millpond to lay the seine on the bottom. Note the dam in the background.

Source: Walter Thompson

1230. Star Mill Millpond

This picture shows the men pushing out the dory to the far end of the millpond with a large seine rolled up with its cork floats attached to its sides.

Source: Walter Thompson

1231. Star Mill Millpond

The men have gotten out of their boat and you can see the fish struggling to escape.

Source: Walter Thompson

1232. Commercial Fishing

The dam may be seen on the left with the mill in the rear as a backdrop to the men in high-waders controlling the large seine full of fish.

Source: Walter Thompson

1233. Star Mill Millpond

The fishermen are out in the deeper part of the lagoon keeping control of the herring in the seine.

Source: Walter Thompson

1234. Star Mill Millpond

Here we can see the men keeping the sides of the net up so the herring couldn’t escape. Note the herring in the net.

Source: Walter Thompson

1235. Millpond at Star Mill

A great view of the back of the worsted mill and the net stirring up the water.

Source: Walter Thompson

1236. Star Mill Mill Pond

This scene depicts the fishermen carefully directing the net to the “donkey engine” that was hauling it toward the dock.

Source: Walter Thompson

1237. Star Mill Millpond

Finally at the dock with fishermen holding the rim of the seine and some of the herring that have fallen out of the dip net onto the dock.

Source: Walter Thompson

1238. Star Mill Millpond

The fishermen have closed up the net near the dock.

Source: Walter Thompson

1239. Star Mill Millpond

This picture shows the men drawing in the net getting it ready for the dip net.

Source: Walter Thompson

1240. Star Mill Millpond

The fishermen have raised the sides of the net so the dip net can be filled.

Source: Walter Thompson

1241. Star Mill Millpond

This scene depicts the dip net bursting with a full load of herring being raised to the chute where they would slide into the truck.

Source: Walter Thompson

1242. Star Mill Millpond

The dip net has taken a scoop full of herring and is heading for the chute on the truck.

Source: Walter Thompson

1243. Star Mill Millpond

As the dip net goes up to the chute, it creates a kind of waterfall effect.

Source: Walter Thompson

1244. Star Mill Millpond

The dip net is just reaching the top of the chute to be opened.

Source: Walter Thompson

1245. Star Mill Millpond

This picture shows the dip net just ready to be opened over the chute.

Source: Walter Thompson

1246. Star Mill Millpond

The men are just opening the bottom of the dip net and the fish are starting their fateful journey.

Source: Walter Thompson

1247. Star Mill Millpond

This beautiful view shows the dip net open and the herring are well down the chute into the truck. On the left are two of the men controlling the cable with a winch. Also see the factory in the background.

Source: Walter Thompson

1248. Millpond Fill-In

This view makes a person either smile or weep depending on their disposition. This gorgeous photo shows the millpond being filled in and the riverbed changed to make way for the new Winthrop Atkins Storage Building.

Source: Walter Thompson

1249. Millpond Fill-In

This view is a closer look at the filling in of the millpond and shows the gray cape of James Maddigan family on the right. On the left of the Maddigan house is the Myra Bena family home.

Source: Walter Thompson

1250. Altering the Course of the River

This picture shows the course of the Nemasket River being altered after the millpond was filled in for the construction of the new office space for the Winthrop Atkins Co.

Source: Walter Thompson

1251. Star Mill Millpond

This view shows the steel I beams being raised into place for the new bridge next to Maddigan's Farm.

Source: Walter Thompson

1252. New Riverbed, New Bridge

This spectacular view shows the filled in millpond to the left, the new river channel and the new Maddigan Farm bridge.

Source: Walter Thompson

1253. New Riverbed

This close-up view shows the crane on the left and the new bridge to the Maddigan Farm on the right.

Source: Walter Thompson

1254.   New Bridge View

This shows the new Maddigan Farm bridge in place and Mike Collins garage may be viewed to the rear left of the picture.

Source: Walter Thompson

1255. New Bridge View

This closer view shows the new river course and the new Maddigan Farm bridge. To the rear are Mike Collins Garage and the duplex next door.

1256.   Millstones

This is one of the views showing a millstone possibly from the first mill that was built by the dam.

Source: Walter Thompson

1257. Millstones

As the millpond was filled in, these millstone pieces and parts of the original waterwheel were uncovered.

Source: Walter Thompson

1258. Walker Company

Started in a barn in the rear of the family homestead, the Walker Co. manufactured ice bags and heating pads. After the 2nd World War the company expanded to a plant on the grounds of the Old Star Mill on East Main Street. During the post war years the employees expanded to about 100 but the company fell on hard times and closed their doors in the late sixties.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough

1259. Whitney House

On the left side of the Star Mill was located the Star Mill Machine Shop which created a tunnel effect that all traffic had to go between to get to the millpond and the bridge that went to the Maddigan Farm. This is the largest section that was cut from the shop to make a home on Mayflower Avenue.

Source: Walter Thompson

1260. Whitney House

This small cottage on the corner of East Main Street and Carpenter Street was created from the other side of the Star Mill Machine Shop. This home and the other one on Mayflower Avenue were cut from either end of the machine shop with the center section being dismantled to close in the open side of both houses.

Source: Walter Thompson

1261. Whitney House

This house is the larger section that was cut out of the Star Mill Machine Shop. Mansfield Whitney who held the school bus contract at that time bought the old shop to convert into two houses. He designed the large garage door on the right to allow a school bus to pass through.

Source: Walter Thompson

1262. Mansfield Whitney House

This is another shot that I took of the Mansfield Whitney house on Mayflower Avenue.

Source: Walter Thompson

1263. Winthrop Atkins

Winthrop Atkins had the Star Mill Millpond filled in, in the early sixties and that ended an era of commercial fishing. With the addition of this large building to the mill complex the company gained much more modern office and warehouse space.

Source: Walter Thompson

1264. Winthrop Atkins

This is a closer view of the Winthrop Atkins office main entrance. A duplex house was taken down to make way for delivery trucks and the Star Mill Machine Shop once stood by the main entrance along with the old bridge to the Maddigan farm.

Source: Walter Thompson

1265. "The Wading Place"

Site of the Ford or Wading Place where the Indian trail from Plymouth to "Middleberry" (Middleborough) crossed the Nemasket River. When the town was established in 1669 it's southern boundary was described as extending "six miles from the wading place".

Source: Tercentenary Commission Marker

1266. The Judge House

This old cape-style house was lived in for many years by Lorenzo Judge with his mother father and sister. The family had the beautiful old home completely restored and it sits quietly on its knoll looking quietly over a peaceful Nemasket River.

Source: Walter Thompson

1267. A Pratt House

This little split cape has sat quietly on Sachem Street across from the Pratt Farm surrounded by its fields and woods for many generations. The house and its barn have always been kept in good shape and is so today.

Source: Walter Thompson

1268. George Place Home

1269. George Place Home

1270. Pratt Homestead

This is the old Pratt Homestead on East Main Street where Ernest and Louise Pratt grew up. For many years Ernest operated a dairy business and ice business. Louise was a librarian and an avid bird watcher. The house and barns were torn down in the 1960's to make way for a golf course that never materialized. The town owns the property.

Source: Walter Thompson

1271. Louise Pratt

Louise Pratt, who lived on the Pratt Farm on East Main Street with her family was the valedictorian of the Middleborough High School Class of 1905.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXVII, September 1989, Number 2, pg. 8

1272. Pratt's Ice Pond

In the mid thirties I walked from Rock Street to Al Hodder's skating rink at Pratt farm to skate and play pick up ice hockey with Dutchy Grossman, the Mitchell family, Welly Thomas and other athletes in the pre-war depression era. Money was scarce so Barbara Hodder got a gang together to build the rink by damming up the ice pond. Nobody had to pay to play!

Source: Larry Carver

1273. First Congregational Church

When traveling on Route 105 (Plympton St.), one notices the last vestiges of an old town center with the appearance of the First Church.

Source: Walter Thompson

1274. Second Meeting House

With an increase in population a larger church was needed. It was built on the corner of Plymouth and Wood Street. Between the present Sproat barn and the Green Schoolhouse. The only thing known was that it was two stories high and built in the shape of a cross.

Source: Walter Thompson

1275. First Congregation Church

Contrary to common belief this particular church is not the first one built. The original church was located on Plymouth Street about a half a mile down on the left and was nothing but a small, square, windowless log cabin with a door.

Source: Walter Thompson

1276. First Congregational Church

The third church was built to the right (parking lot) of the present edifice and there is no known description of the building.

Source: Walter Thompson

1277. First Congregational Church

Four acres of land were purchased of Zenas Cushman for the sight of the new meeting house and common in 1827. The parsonage was built in the year 1832, upon land purchased of Hercules Cushman. The architect of the church was James Sproat. The dedication sermon was preached January 1, 1829 by the most celebrated clergyman of his day, the Rev. Lyman Beecher, the father of Henry Ward Beecher. Daniel Webster, seeing it soon after its dedication remarked that it was one of the finest church edifices in the country.

Source: Middleborough Town History, Thomas Weston, pg. 457

1278. Pulpit of First Church

"The curtain back of the pulpit was placed there immediately after the edifice was completed. It was the occasion of much opposition on the part of the older members of the church and society. The leader of this opposition was Captain Joshua Eddy, then one of the deacons of the church. On the Sabbath after it was put up he was in church, but said nothing about it until he returned home, when he called his oldest son Zachariah to his house and said, "Zach how about that curtain?" he replied, "It is for glory and beauty like Aaron's robe." There was a moment's silence, then the conversation turned upon other subjects and no further opposition was heard in regard to the curtain."

Source: A Direct Quote, Middleborough Town History, Thomas Weston, pg. 456

1279. Pulpit of First Church

1280. First Church Interior

The interior of the church can fool a persons eye upon the first viewing. All of the ceiling and wall moldings and pilasters are nothing but a good "fake" paint job.

Source: Walter Thompson

1281. First Church Steeple

This picture depicts the painter high in his rigging as he paints the steeple in preparation for Middleborough's 1969 Tercentennials.

Source: Walter Thompson

1282. First Congregational Church

We will end this section showing the church as people see it today.

Source: Walter Thompson

1283. The Green Cemetery

Typical of churches of the period the cemetery is located across the street. It was established in 1717. Many of the town's leading families are buried here. The Green Cemetery Association has the care of the burial ground.

Source: Walter Thompson

1284. The Sproat Tavern

As one goes from the back of the Green Cemetery, they would reach the Old Sproat Tavern on Plymouth Street. Originally the building was only half the size pictured and was built by James Soule in 1700 as his home. A later owner, Col. Ebenezer Sproat brought fame to the tavern, which was in business for over 200 years until taken down in 1898.

Source: Walter Thompson

1285. Sproat Tavern Site

The site of the Sproat Tavern is simply a grassy knoll in 1998.

Source: Walter Thompson

1286. Colonel Ebenezer Sproat

Col. Sproat liked to tweak the nose of Judge Peter Oliver with his views on America's Independence. He fought in the American Revolution and at its end became a respected citizen of Marietta Ohio. He died in February of 1805.

Source: Walter Thompson

1287. Sport Tavern Barn

The sport Tavern Barn was a very busy and integral part of the Sproat Tavern. It was built with heavy timbers so that carriages could be winched to the second and third levels if need be.

Source: Walter Thompson

1288. Sproat Tavern Barn

Unfortunately another piece of Middleborough's history will be leaving the town, as the Sproat Tavern Barn has been sold. There is joy in this sad event as the building will not end up in a landfill.

Source: Walter Thompson

1289. Sproat Tavern Outhouse

The last remaining relic of the Sproat Tavern will soon be its outhouse. As outdoor toilets (necessary) go, this was a rather nice little building, it sported two adult seats and one lower child's seating.

Source: Walter Thompson

1290. Home of Reverend Sylvanus Conant

The Rev. Sylvanus Conant was an outspoken patriot who preached against the injustices of the crown. He was so vehement to the cause that he joined one of the regiments in the Revolutionary War to become their chaplain.

Source: Walter Thompson

1291. Sturtevant House

Dr. Thomas Sturtevant lived on the Sturtevant Farm until his death in 1836. The Rev. Dr. Israel W. Putnam, pastor of the first church resided here after giving up his thirty year ministry and died here at the age of eighty-one on May 3, 1868. Sylvanus Tinkham was the next occupant.

Source: History of Middleborough

1292. The Green School

The Green School 1905 – Front Row: Charles Erickson, Ruth Bryant, Hyman Gold, William Theall, Anne Erickson, George Hudson, Dorothy Burt, Rosalie Sears, Hattie Sears, Guy O'Brien, Dorothy Fessenden. Second Row: Howard Sparrow, Murray Day, Anne Thompson, Clifton McCrillis, Edward Griffith, Horace Griffith, Ralph Theall, Herbert Erickson, Michael Collins, Edith Burt and Lillian Chapman.
Bessie Bailey, Teacher.

Source: Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XIX, July 1979, Number 4, Pg. 14

1293. The Green School

This 1923 view of the Old Green Schoolhouse shows the building that was built in 1872 to replace the original.

Source: Walter Thompson

1294. The Green School

This is the Green School as a kindergarten before it was finally closed for good in 1991.

Source: Walter Thompson

1295. The Green School

"Goodbye Laura Knox, one of 42 kindergarten students at the Green School in Middleborough has flowers for teacher Beverly Atwood on the last day of classes Tuesday. The one-room schoolhouse founded in 1856 is closing as part of a townwide consolidation of elementary schools.

Source: The Brockton Enterprise, June 19, 1991
Craig Murray Quote.

1296. Old Fessenden Blacksmtih Shop C.C. Griffith Store

Edward W. Fessenden purchased in 1890 the blacksmith shop at the Green located at the corner of Plympton and Plymouth Streets. He bought the shop from George L. Perry who was preceded in business by Elton Smith and George A. Cox. Mr. Fessenden sold the blacksmith shop in 1904 to William Oliver who conducted the business for a brief period before selling it to Job Clark. After Mr. Clark's occupancy, the building was torn down and the site used for Gagnon's Garage.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 42.

1297. E. W. Fessenden Blacksmith Shop

The E. W. Fessenden Blacksmith Shop at the Green, East Middleborough, showing Mrs. Fessenden, Mr. Fessenden and Harvey S. LaPorte.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough

1298. Abair's Apartments

This apartment house on the corner of Plymouth and East Main Streets was built on the site of the original Griffith Store. Today the Abair family owns the property.

Source: Walter Thompson

1299. Nemasket Railroad Station

This East Middleborough railway station located across the street from the First Church was originally named Putnam Station; but was changed to Nemasket because of confusion with Connecticut's Putnam. With the end of the train service, the building was moved to a local cranberry bog.

Source: Walter Thompson

1300. Troops on Nemasket Overpass

In 1909 the doughboys had mock maneuvers between two teams called the blue and red armies. This view shows the doughboys of one of the armies on the Nemasket Railroad overpass with their officers on horseback near the Sparrow homestead.

Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine, pg. 357.

1301. James Sparrow Home

This large house stood to the left side of Plympton Street just below the Church at the Green. This home had seen much of Middleborough history but ended its days in a dilapidated condition and was torn down in 1959-1960 as the new Route 44 was being built.

Source: Walter Thompson

1302. Plympton Street Home

This house used to sit where Route 44 goes through the Green section of town. In 1959 the state took the homes in this area to build the ramps for the new highway. Some houses were moved and some torn down, this one was moved to the center of town.

Source: Walter Thompson

1303. Plympton Street House

Paul and Betty Connolly, upon moving to Middleborough after their marriage bought this house on Plympton Street and had it moved to Oak Street to make way for Rte. 44. This picture shows the house being moved over the East Main Street Bridge.

Source: Walter Thompson

1304. Connolly Home

In 1960 Paul and Betty Connolly had this Plympton Street home successfully relocated to Oak Street and used as a family home.

Source: Walter Thompson

1305. Another Plympton Street Home Being Moved

The Niedzwiecki family bought this house that originally sat on a high knoll overlooking Plympton Street. In 1960 they had the house moved to the garden plot next to their "farmhouse" and converted it into their retirement home.

Source: Walter Thompson

1306. The John Bennett Home

The John Bennett home built about 1687 on the site of the William Nelson house, which was burned by Indians in 1676. On this same foundation, three houses east of the intersection of Thompson Street and Plympton Street. Albert Sears built the home where he now lives after the Bennett homestead burned years ago. The gentleman in the front yard is Grover Bennett, Nellie Bennett's father."

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume V, January 1963, Number 1, pg. 1 cover

1307. First Thompsonville School

This small one-room schoolhouse was replaced in 1854 by a larger building on Thompson Street.

Source: Aymar B. Gates

1308. First Thompsonville School

This old schoolhouse was being moved down Thompson Street on rollers when it slid off onto the street in front of the Gates Farm. Mr. Gates offered to pay "$15.00 for where she sits". His offer was accepted, he rolled the building up to the end of his driveway where it sits today.

Source: Aymar B. Gates

1309. Original Thompsonville School

The building has remained a tool house to this day.

Source: Walter Thompson

1310. 4-H Clubhouse

The East Middleborough Thompsonville School was built about 1854 , closed in 1938 and sold in 1946 to the East Middleborough 4-H Club.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough.

1311. Ritchie House

John Ritchie, Boston merchant, built this house opposite the entrance to the Nemasket Hill Cemetery. He bought an interest in Oliver's Mill after it was confiscated by an act of the legislature in the year 1778.

Source: Middleborough History, Thomas Weston

1312. Nemasket Hill Cemetery

This is the entrance to the first cemetery in Middleborough. "The oldest stone is that of Elizabeth Vaughan, who died June 24, 1693, aged 62 years."

Source: History of Middleborough, Thomas Weston.

1313. Nemasket Hill

This is the main drive to the Nemasket Hill Cemetery where Rennie Wood and I, along with other friends would toboggan down this drive coming to a stop at the end in a snow bank.

Source: Walter Thompson

1314. Nemasket Cemetery Entrance

The Nemasket Hill Sewing Circle financed the erection of a handsome metal arch to surmount the gateway to the cemetery in 1921.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough

1315. Early Footbridge

This is one of the earliest attempts to have a crossing over the Nemasket River to the Nemasket Hill Cemetery.

Source: Walter Thompson

1316. Footbridge

This is another view of the earliest attempts to create a footbridge over the Nemasket. The children are enjoying themselves on a warm summer day perhaps fishing as I used to do. In my fathers day it was his favorite swimming hole.

Source: Walter Thompson

1317. Cemetery Footbridge

This gorgeous photo was taken by Bob Gross showing the footbridge the way I remember it in the 1940's. The Nemasket Sewing Circle had this bridge built to facilitate the downtowners easy access to the cemetery rather than having to walk all the way around by the street.

Source: Walter Thompson

1318. Footbridge in Winter

This picture shows girls from Winthrop Atkins on a field trip. Note the fenced in Peirce fields on the right. Also the central part of the footbridge has the remains of the turnstile.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XVI, November 1974, Number I, pg. 4

1319. Footbridge Remains

"Stand quietly in the woods below the Nemasket Hill Cemetery and you can almost see and hear the men and women of the town crossing the bridge built over the Nemasket from North Street in 1919."

"The bridge cut two miles off the trip from town to the cemetery, if you were on foot. When automobiles became popular, the short cut was no longer needed and the bridge fell into disrepair."

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, May 14, 1987, pg. 22.

1320. Nemasket Hill Cemetery Steps

The bridge and the steps that can still be seen ascending the steep hill were built with funds obtained through "public subscription" and the Nemasket Cemetery Circle.

Source: The Middleborough Gazette, May 14, 1987, Pg. 22

1321. Judge Peter Oliver

Judge Peter Oliver designed the first courthouse at Plymouth in 1747. He came here to visit his good friend Gov. Hutchinson, liked the area so well he bought land at Muttock to build his own home. He also bought the iron works and slitting mills on the dam.

Source: Thomas Weston – History of Middleborough

1322. Plan of Judge Oliver's Estate and Works

"Plan of Judge Oliver's Estate and Works" 1. Shovel Shop. 2. Blacksmith Shop. 3. Finishing Shop 4. Finishing Shop 5. Fishing Weir. 6. Fishing Place. 7. Coal House. 8. Coal House 9. Hammer Shop 10. Grist Mill 11. Slitting Mill 12. Forge. 13. Iron House for Forge 14. Coal House for Forge. 15. Sawmill 16. Site of Old Wood House for Judge Oliver's Furnace 17. Site of Judge Oliver's Furnace before the Revolution 18. Andrew Leach's Store 19. Residence of Andrew Oliver 20. Entrance to Oliver Hall 21. Oliver Hall 22. Site of Sachem's Wigwam 23. Summer Pavilion

Source: History of Town of Middleborough, Thomas Weston, Pg. 365

1323. Judge Oliver's Estate and Works

A view of what Judge Oliver's mansion and beautiful English garden might have looked like in 1775, drawn by the late James Maddigan in 1986. To the right, set on the Nemasket River, are the many mills and water-wheels in the judge's factory complex at Muttock. From left are the mansion house, styled after an old English mansion; the home of Andrew Oliver; cider mill; saw mills; furnaces; forges; grist mill slitting mill; boulting mill; blacksmith shops; finishing shops; axe house; and several coal and wood houses.

(Collection of the Middleborough Historical Commission.)
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, pg. 17, Volume XXVIII Spring/Summer, Number I

1324. Diorama of Oliver's Iron Works

This diorama of a section of Oliver's Mills was designed and built by Ted Eayrs Jr. while a high school student. It may be seen today at the Middleborough Historical Association Museum.

Source: Walter Thompson

1325. James Bowdoin

James Bowdoin owned 400 acres of land in Middleborough. He built a retirement home here during his term of Governor in 1785. Be established Bowdoin College.

Source: Reflections

1326. A Muttock View

This view, probably taken from "Oliver's Walk", shows the old fish house on the right. The house on the left was lived in originally by General Abiel Washbarn's farm manager.

Source: Walter Thompson

1327. Muttock Bridge

This is a very early view that shows the early stonework of the bridge, which is still in existence today. The stonewalls along the sides of the bridge were constructed by the W.P.A. The building on the right is the town's herring house.

Source: Walter Thompson

1328. Muttock Bridge

"The Bridge at Muttock undated photograph, (Middleborough Historical Museum collection)"

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXVIII, Spring/Summer 1990 Number I

1329. Muttock Bridge

This is a very popular shot of Muttock Bridge showing the millpond and dam. Two young girls are standing on the side of the dam.

Source: Walter Thompson

1330. Muttock Bridge

"In the early 1800's the highway from Judge Peter Oliver's mill to the Green was over the dam of the ironworks. In 1818, the town voted to locate a highway over the mill pond and the road over Muttock Hill was made, but the road over the hill was so steep it was considered unsafe. Complaints were numerous that in 1859 the wooden bridge was replaced by a stone structure and the top of the hill was lowered eight or ten feet leaving the bridge and the highway as we know it today.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XX, July 1980, Number 3

1331. Muttock Bridge

The original bridge stonework really is shown up in this view, with the wooden railing and the millpond.

Source: Walter Thompson

1332. Railroad Trestle Behind the Oliver House

This is a typical Middleborough view showing the cows along the river. One may see the wooden railroad trestle behind the Oliver House.

Source: Walter Thompson

1333. Muttock Ruins

This view catches the regal beauty of this huge tree in its autumn colors among the ruins.

Source: Walter Thompson

1334. Muttock Ruins

This wide view captures a multitude of colors towering over the still waters of a once very busy mill area.

Source: Walter Thompson

1335. A Mallard Duck

Steve got a good shot of this mallard drake in search of a meal. There is abundant wildlife all along the river.

Source: Walter Thompson

1336. Colonel Weston’s Muttock Manse

The Weston House on Nemasket Street, built around 1830 by Col. Thomas Weston, was once owned by Stillman Pratt a retired clergyman who published and edited the Middleboro Gazette and Old Colony Advertiser, the “ancestor” of the Middleboro Gazette.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, June 18, 1998, Michael Maddigan Quote

1337. The Weston House

This family photo shows a side view with its porch.

Source: Walter Thompson

1338. The Weston House

“In August 1905, Edward F. Tinkham purchased and moved into the Soule Wood House just up Muttock Hill and sold the Weston House to Isabella and Maria L.C. Winslow of Middleborough.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, June 18, 1998, Michael Maddigan Quote

1339. The Weston House

“The house was later owned by Attorney Boyd A. Iseminger, a partner in the Middleborough law firm of Stetson & Clark.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, June 18, 1998

1340. The Sproat House

This beautiful home was built in 1769 by Judge Peter Oliver as a wedding gift for his son Peter Oliver Jr. and his wife Sarah, daughter of Massachusetts Governor Hutchinson.

Source: Walter Thompson

1341. The Sproat House Doorway

The Sproat House portico and columned front entrance to the former Dr. Oliver House. In the 1960’s Peter Oliver was made aware of his ancestral home at Muttock and restored it. Louis Forney maintained the formal English gardens in the rear of the home until his death in the 1990’s.

Source: Walter Thompson

1342. Sproat House Fireplace

To the left front of the Sproat House is the fireplaced livingroom which to this day is still called “The Franklin Room.” Dr. Benjamin Franklin was entertained in this room during a visit to Middleborough in 1773.

Source: Walter Thompson

1343. Sproat House Staircase

As you enter the Sproat House the first thing one notices is this grand staircase to the upstairs bedrooms and the living room on the left.

Source: Walter Thompson

1344. Sproat House Staircase

The fine detail of the ballastrade and newel post of the Sproat House staircase is visible in the photo.

Source: Walter Thompson

1345. The Sproat House

Dr. Peter Oliver Jr. and his wife lived in this beautiful home for only six months because he was loyal to the English crown and was forced to leave for England.

Source: Walter Thompson

1346. The Muttock School

“The old Muttock School was located not far from what is now Oliver Mill park. It stood on a knoll near the Washburn place, now owned by the KOA camp. It was moved to the corner of Plymouth and Precinct Streets at the time of the building of the Plymouth and Middleborough railroad in 1892. The building was over a hundred years old when it was burned on July 3, 1915 during a “night before” celebration.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXIV, July 1985, Number 2, pg. 12

1347. The Muttock School

The Muttock School originally on South Main St. was closed and moved when the School Street School was built in 1850. The building was moved to the present intersection of Plymouth Street and Route 44 (KOA Kampground). It was moved again in the 1870's to Precinct and Plymouth Streets to make way for the Old Colony Railroad tracks.

Source: Walter Thompson

1348. John Weston House

Edmund Weston built this home for his son, John about 1734. John Warren made it his home later and his descendents lived here for many years afterwards.

Source: Weston's History of Middleborough

1349. Hinckley House

This house is a different construction than many of the so-called Cape Cod houses. Still retaining its veranda across the front and along the south side with its front and side door, the dwelling is just about as it was built. Originally a barn was connected to the house with a closed shed which housed the family carriages in the day of the horse and buggy.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XII, No. 1., October 1970, Number 3, pg. 9

1350. Gen. Tom Thumb and Lavinia Warren's Wedding

The wedding took place at Grace Church New York City at high noon on Feb. 10, 1863. The church was packed and among the distinguished guests present were President and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, along with Cabinet members.

Source: Walter Thompson

1351. Gen. Tom Thumb and Lavinia Warren's Wedding

Both Tom and Lavinia were represented by their own ministers; the Rev. Israel W. Putnam of the First Church, stood up for Lavinia.

Source: Walter Thompson

1352. Birthplace of Middleborough Lilliputians

This farmhouse was the home of Lavinia's maternal grandparents.

Source: Walter Thompson

1353.   Warren Farmhouse

After the birth of Lavinia and her sister Minnie, her father James, purchased the house on the corner where she, her two sisters and four brothers were raised. This was always considered their home.

Source: Walter Thompson

1354. The Bump House

Lavinia's father, James S. Bump, bought this house on the corner of Plymouth and Summer Streets to raise his family. In the early part of the twentieth century the back ell of the house was separated and moved to the left of the main house. Both houses are occupied today.

Source: Walter Thompson

1355. General and Mrs. Tom Thumb Home

Home of General and Mrs. Tom Thumb built about 1875 in Middleborough, the interior built to accommodate the diminutive occupants and furnished with miniature furniture.

Source: Mertie Romaine's Middleborough History.

1356. General and Mrs. Tom Thumb Home

In 1998 the home has been beautifully restored but the features that made it fit the Tom Thumb, out of necessity, have disappeared. There are no longer the miniature staircases or bathtub. The Kinney family operated a chicken farm here for many years.

Source: Walter Thompson

1357. A Tom Thumb Coach

The coach is one used by Countess Magri (Mrs. Tom Thumb) and her company and in the parades given before every performance. From right to left; Countess Magri, her second husband, Count Primo Magri, the Count's brother, Baron Ernest Magri. The Shetland ponies, James the driver, are all diminutive, as is the famous coach. Picture taken in 1889 at Bar Harbor Maine.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXIV, July 1985, Number 2

1358. General Tom Thumb

This studio portrait of General Tom Thumb sheds no information on the local of the studio. The picture shows a prosperous small man who is beginning to age.

Source: Walter Thompson
Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 378

1359. Mrs. Tom Thumb

A studio portrait of Lavinia, Mrs. Tom Thumb, shows an elegantly attired matron.

Source: Walter Thompson

1360. General Tom Thumb and Wife

This formal picture of Tom and Lavinia shows off very well the elegant gowns that Lavinia owned.

Source: Walter Thompson

1361. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thumb

Cards of this type were common in this period and this particular one depicts Tom and Lavinia probably not too long before Tom's death.

Source: Walter Thompson

1362. Silver Horse and Carriage

"Tiffany's of New York presented this tiny, solid silver horse and carriage to General and Mrs. Tom Thumb as a wedding present. The carriage was originally studded with precious gems but the gems were replaced with paste jewelry when times grew hard for their owners.

Source: Middleboro Gazette

1363. Count and Countess Magri

Two years after Tom's death Lavinia married Count Primo Magri of Bologna, Italy who was a member of their troupe.

Source: Walter Thompson

1364. Count Primo Magri

Count Primo is posing in a small chair outside his ice cream stand near his home on Plymouth Street.

Source: Walter Thompson

1365. Countess Lavinia Magri

This picture is of Lavinia in her old age posing in front of Primo's Pastime.

Source: Walter Thompson

1366. Primo's Pastime

When the Magri's became too old and too tired to travel the entertainment circuit they retired to their home on Plymouth Street and opened Primo's Pastime. Customers stopped by and stand more to see the celebrated couple than for a purchase.

Source: Walter Thompson

1367. Ruth and Count Magri

Ruth (?), like many other people liked to have their pictures taken with the little people.

Source: Walter Thompson

1368. Eddy House

This home was originally built by the Eddy family, but we always knew it as the Bryant homestead, located on Raven Street. Up to a few years ago this house was still in its original state with no central heat and no electrical fixtures. Today the house is lived in by younger people and modernized.

Source: Walter Thompson

1369. Samuel Eddy Home

This is another one of the Eddy homesteads that was lived in by another Bryant family. Hank a well-known farmer, grew many of his vegetables on this farm to sell to the produce market.

Source: Walter Thompson

1370. Samuel Eddy House

Perhaps the oldest intact structure in the Eddyville section of town the Samuel Eddy house is a handsome example of Georgian architecture.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, Reflections, September 25, 1986 pg. 12

1371. Joshua Eddy Store

Joshua Eddy may have operated a store from this building on Plympton Street, which is now a private residence.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, Reflections, September 29, 1988, pg. 8.

1372. Joshua Eddy House

The Joshua Eddy house on Plympton Street in East Middleborough is an example of a blend of Georgian and Federal styles. The house was restored and rehabilitated after a 1770 fire. The doorway in the Federal style was probably added after the fire.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, Reflections, September 29, 1988, pg. 9.

1373. Eddy House

This is the original home of Eddy who had this house moved across the street on the corner of Plympton and Carmel Street to make way for the new Zachariah Eddy house. This house, as so many of Middleborough's historical homes, was torn down in 1996, a long with it carriage sheds to make way for a vacant house lot.

Source: Walter Thompson

1374. Zachariah Eddy

Zachariah Eddy, born in 1780, was a noted lawyer who lived on Plympton Street and had a law office in the front of his home. He also built the two large homes next to the old high school lot on South Main Street in the center. In back of the first house he maintained another law office in which some students of Peirce Academy could study law, one of the best-known students being Squire Robinson.

Source: Walter Thompson

1375. The Eddy Homestead

"The Eddy Homestead, built in 1803 for Zachariah Eddy and his bride, is now operated as a museum by the Eddy Homestead Association. The house is furnished in a style typical of the mid 19th century and contains many Eddy family items."

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Jane Lopes Quote
Volume XXVII, September 1989, Number 2, pg. 10

1376. Eddy Homestead Front Parlor

"The Front parlor of the historic Eddy Homestead includes a portrait of Lydia Eddy, a mourning sampler and a tall case clock."

Source: Middleboro Gazette

1377. Eddy Homestead Window

"Floor to ceiling windows in the Eddy Homestead were built during the ownership of Charlotte Eddy Pratt. They enhance the beauty of the "organ room" and the "portrait room," the two formal parlors in the house."

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Jane Lopes Quote
Volume XXVII, September 1989, Number 2, pg. 9

1378. Eddy Homestead Bed

“This canopy bed in an upstairs bedroom of the Eddy Homestead is one of several antique beds in the house.”

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Jane Lopes Quote
Volume XXVII, September 1989, Number 2, pg. II

1379. Zachariah Eddy Law Office

The Zachariah Eddy law office did indeed look very sad in 1810. Zachariah’s widow was left land poor, lots of property but no money, and was forced to sell off some of her beautiful possessions to make ends meet; one being the law office.

Source: Walter Thompson

1380. Zachariah Eddy Law Office

Middleborough lost one of its many historical buildings in 1920 when Mrs. James J. Storrow bought the law office and it was moved to Storrowtown in 1921.

Source: Walter Thompson

1381. Zachariah Eddy Law Office

The law office has been fully restored and now stands next to the Gilbert House in Storrowtown on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

Source: Walter Thompson

1382. Soule Home

“Soule homestead on Cedar Street was built by Jonathan Soule in 1837 from bricks manufactured at his brickyard.”

Source: Middleboro Gazette, Reflections, September 26, 1985.

1383. Soule Sawmill

"This mill on Soule Street used water from a mill pond on Long Pond Brook sometimes called Soule Brook which makes up in the swamp near Mt. Carmel. It was a combination board and shingle mill powered by an internal turbine water wheel, which operated an up and down saw for board sawing and circular saw for shingles. The shingle mill did a very good business as there was plenty of cedar logs for the cutting in the nearby cedar swamp. This mill was like so many other mills on small brooks. They could saw until the water was used up, then had to wait for the pond to refill. The help would work around the farm when not at the mill, as there was always a sizable farm on the property."

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Lyman Butler Quote.
Volume X, April 1969, Number 4

1384. The Soule School, 1902

"The Soule School was located on Winter Street in the East Middleborough section of town. The name "Soule" school was derived from the fact that this was the Soule neighborhood where many families of that name resided. The building was constructed probably in the early or mid 1800's and was discontinued as a school in 1902."

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXXII, Winter Spring 1994, Number I, pg. 9.

1385. The Soule School, 1902

"The school teacher, pictured at the right, was the late Miss Carrie Soule. Seated second from right in the front row is the late Albert F. Soule, who became a very popular and well-respected citizen of the town. The Middleborough Historical Association is indebted to his widow, Mrs. Alberta Soule for the use of this information and picture and the cover picture so that they could be included in this issue of the Antiquarian."

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXXII, Winter Spring 1994, Number I, pg. 9.

1386. Soule Homestead

The Deane Farm was left to the Guidabonis across the street and in turn the property was sold to the town of Middleborough. The town has leased the farm to a group, which now runs it as an educational facility known as the Soule Homestead.

Source: Walter Thompson

1387. Smallpox Cemetery

"This year the smallpox, one of the most dreaded diseases known to the country, is prevalent in Middleborough. A large number of inhabitants between the ages of sixteen and sixty were in the war and it was with difficulty that persons could be found to take proper care of those who were sick. As soon as anyone was known or suspected to have this disease he was at once removed to one of the pest-houses in town. One of them was located in the Soule neighborhood, in the house now standing near Brook Street. At the time, it was owned by Seth Eddy, a brother of Captain Joshua Eddy. Rev. Sylvanus Conant and eight of his parishioners were taken here and died."

Source: Thomas Weston's, History of Middleborough, pg. 575.

1388. Waterville School

In pre-1900 Middleborough there was something like thirty schoolhouses and this happens to be the Waterville School, located at the corner of Plymouth and Carmel Streets. "New building to replace old one built in 1877 closed in 1944. The building was sold in 1946 and converted into a dwelling."

Source: Mertie Romaine's Middleborough History, pg. 279.

1389. Former Waterville School

In 1946 the Waterville School was sold and used as a private home. In 1954 when I was looking for a home to buy, I was taken through this ex-schoolhouse and was quite amazed because the slate chalkboards were still in place. Today the building has been turned around to face Plymouth Street and is now a charming cottage.

Source: Walter Thompson

1390. Washburn Home

The old Washburn homestead was burned in a disastrous fire on St. Valentines Day, February 14, 1943. It was the original home of Chester Washburn, and his son, Reginald, built his new home on the site. The wing on the right was lived in by Reggie's family until the new home was finished. The wing was then moved to Plymouth Street in North Carver and used as a dwelling.

Source: Walter Thompson

1391. Chester Washburn Home

The little girl pictured at the rear of the house is Janet Washburn Soule, the daughter of Reginald and Madeline Washburn.

Source: Walter Thompson

1392. Savery's Pond View

This is a view across Savery's Pond to the two mill buildings, which are still in existence today. The one on the left, up until recent years, still had the handmade wooden gears to the mill in place, but since have been removed.

Source: Walter Thompson

1393. Mill Building

This is a closer view of one of the old Savery Mill buildings on the side of the pond.

Source: Walter Thompson

1394. South Middleborough School

In 1921, Henry Bengt Burkland came in a "two year experimental period" for three rural schools, Highland, France, and So. Middleborough. He taught in South Middleborough for four years with an average of 57 pupils a year in nine grades.

Source: MJHS "Echo" 1962

1395. Rock Village School

The Rock Village School was built in 1897 to replace the original building, which stood in front of it on Miller Street. These old schools originally housed grades from one to nine. The grades would be seated in separate rows and while the one teacher taught one grade the others would work on assignments; contrary to some views, this provided a great learning environment.

Source: Walter Thompson

1396. Highland Street School

The Highland Street School at the Rock was closed in 1919 and was sold in 1928 and was used as a private residence. After a bad fire it was torn down.

Source: Walter Thompson

1397. Wappanucket School (Walnut Street)

“Closed in 1932. Building sold in 1945 to Middleborough Fish and Game Association, later sold and made into a dwelling.”

Source: Mertie Romaine’s History of Middleborough, pg. 279.

1398. Plymouth Street School

This school, in recent memory, was used as a kindergarten and was permanently closed before the school consolidation in 1991. The school at that time was in poor shape and the students moved to Maude Demoranville School on Pleasant Street.

Source: Walter Thompson

1399. Pleasant Street School

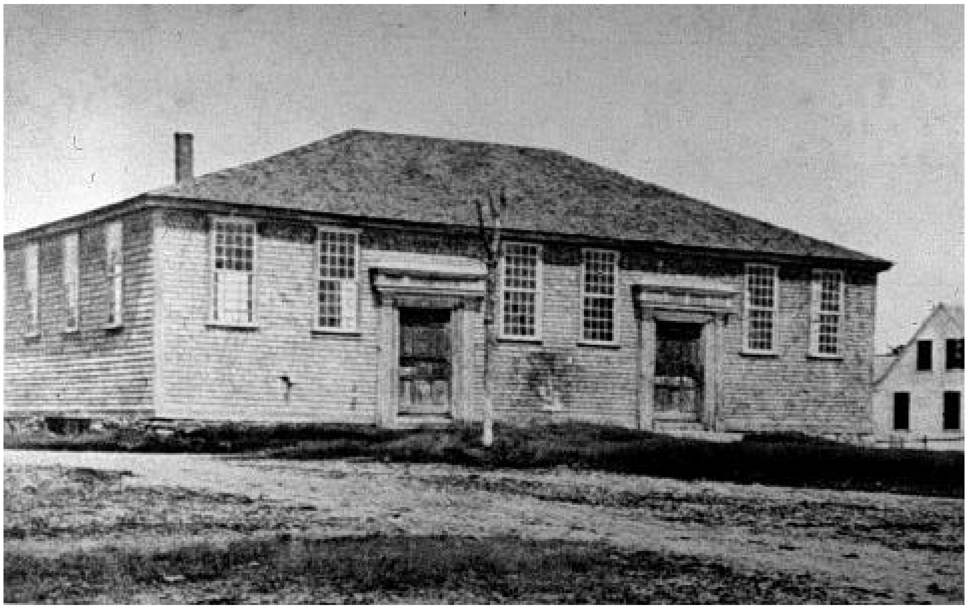
The Pleasant Street School was dedicated and named for the memory of Maude Demoranville, a longtime teacher. In 1988, due to heavy vandalism a major restoration took place on this school. They put in a small cellar with a new furnace and oil tank, a new kitchen and two new bathrooms were added. All new windows were installed. The Pratt Trustees gave money for the new wall to wall carpet.

Source: Walter Thompson

1400. Pratt Free School

Originally this building was the Titicut Academy incorporated in 1856 by Zebulon Pratt. Zebulon conveyed the property to his cousin, Enoch Pratt of Baltimore in 1864. It then became the Pratt Free School and funds were left for the maintenance and teachers salaries. The second floor contained an auditorium, which was later converted to two classrooms. As of 1998 it is still utilized as a school by the private Chamberlain School.

Sources: Walter Thompson and Middleborough Histories



1. The First Town House

This, very controversial, to say the least, was finally built by January 2, 1798 and served until 1872 when the new Town Hall was built. Job Braley bought the lumber and erected the old house on North Street that Albert Soule's family lived in so long. It was torn down to make way for the Oak Hill Nursing Home.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume IV, June 1962, Number Three, Page Two
Volume XXIII, March 1984, No. 3, Page 3

SOLOMON EATON

2. Solomon Eaton

The new town hall committee selected a native of North Middleborough, Solomon K. Eaton, then living in Mattapoisett, to be a builder and architect of the New Town Hall. The building committee consisted of Horatio Barrows, Albert Alden, Zebulon Pratt, and Ivory Harlow. The project had not progressed far when Mr. Eaton died. The work was carried out successfully under the direction of Horatio Barrows, chairman of the building committee.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
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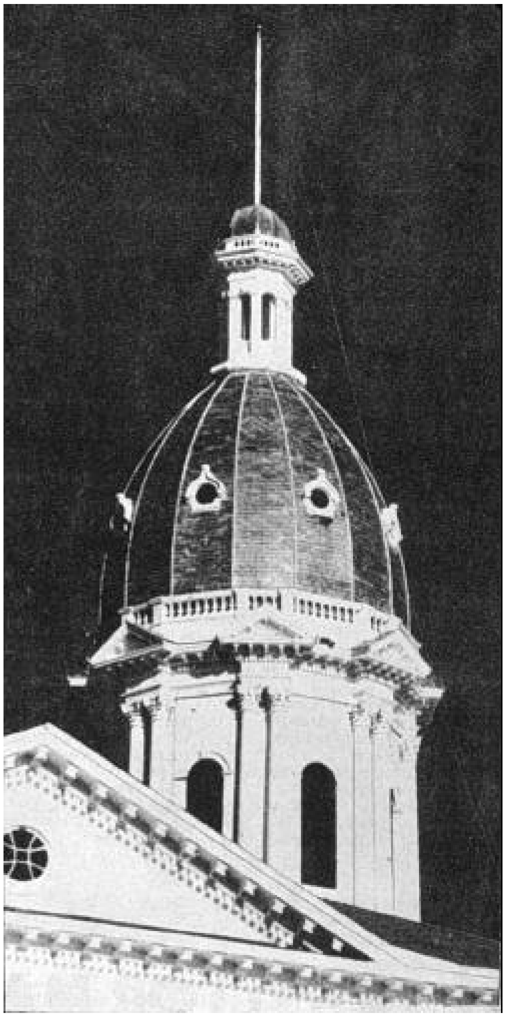
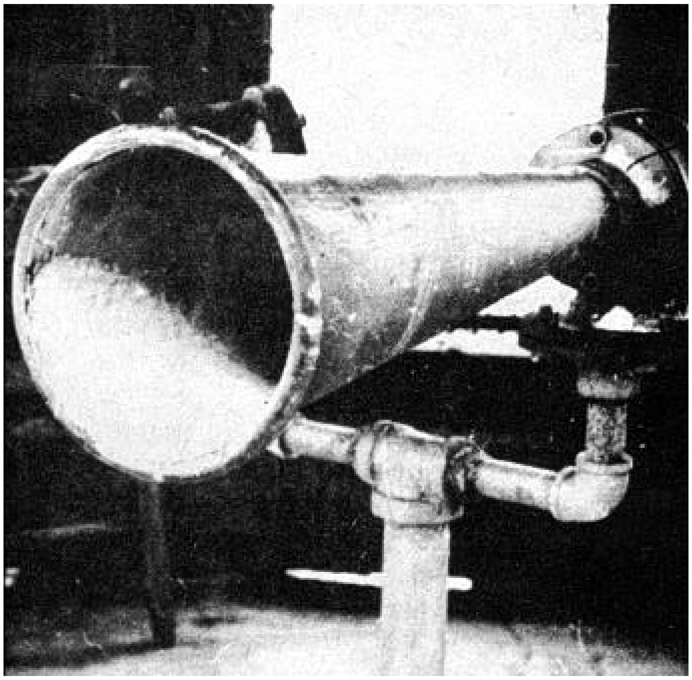
3. Town Hall Tower Featured in Clint Clarks Column "By the Way"

The tower held a fire bell until it was sold in 1917 when the electrical alarm system was installed.

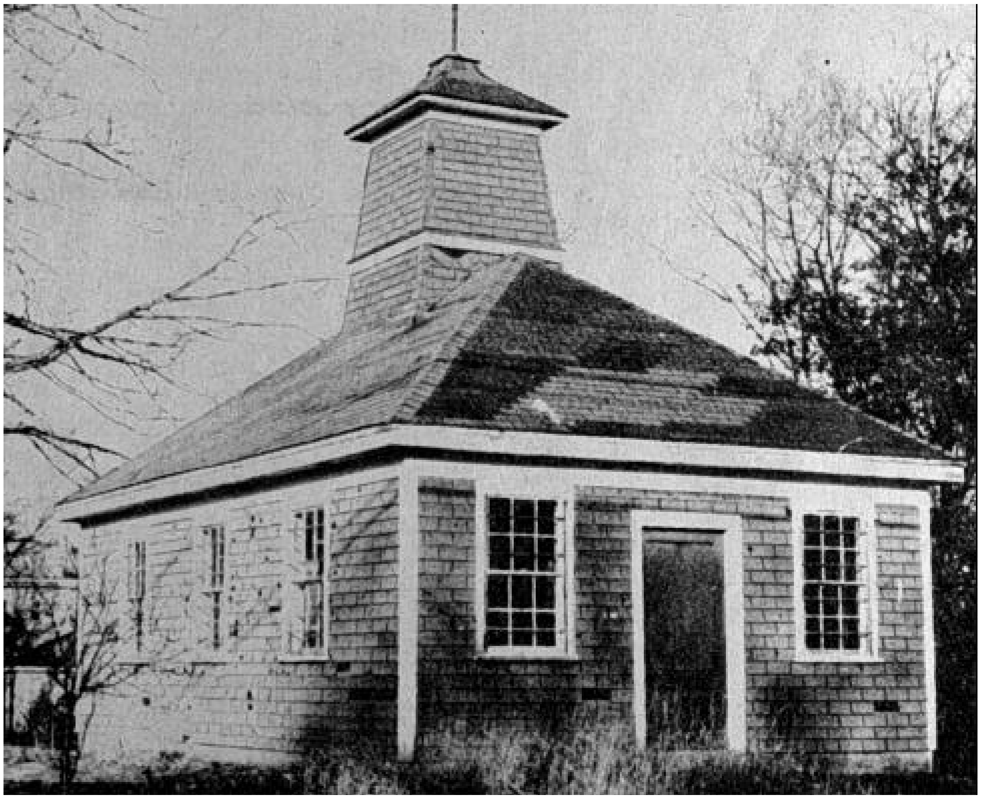




4. Air Horn in Town Hall

Air Horn in the town hall steeple was used for fire alarms. During WWII it sounded air raid warnings. Every neighborhood had its own air raid warden who checked for any visible lights. Joseph Kehoe was warden for the Forest and Everett Streets area. At noon the whistle sounded for the shoe shops to get out for lunch. You could set your watch by it, it was so punctual.

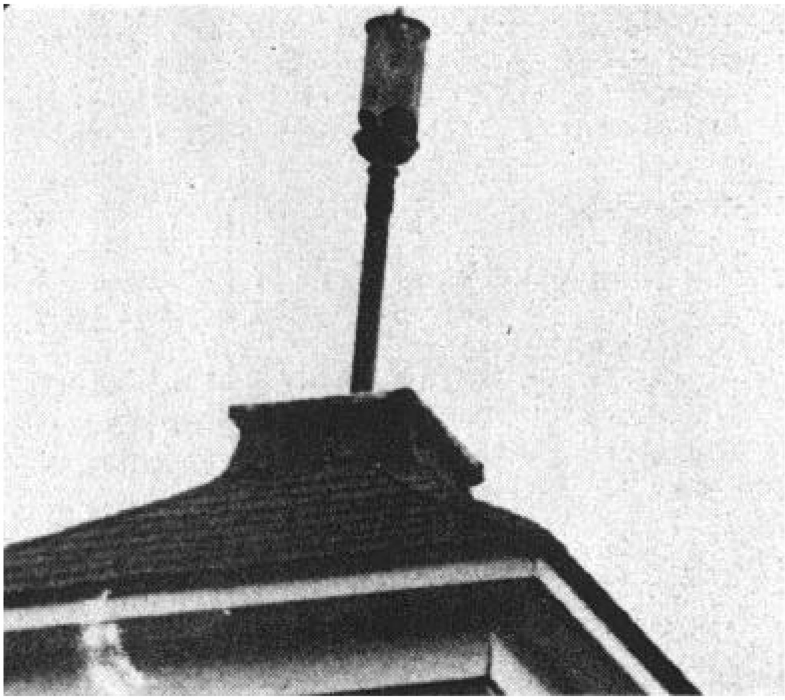
Source: Walter Thompson



5. Whistle Stop House

Clint Clark photo of Whistle Stop House was taken from his column, “By the Way”. It was through Clint Clark’s dedicated efforts that the Whistle House was saved from destruction and moved to the Middleborough Historical Museum grounds.

Source: Middleborough Gazette



6. Whistle Stop House Alarm

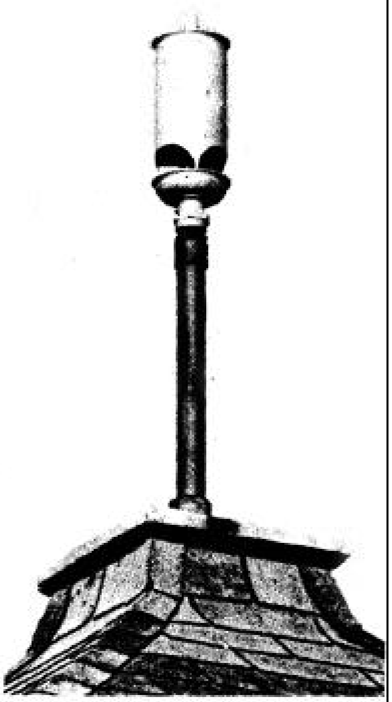
“Where and what is the device?” Clint Clark asked in his column “By the Way.” It is the whistle on top of the whistle stop house used for fire alarms and no school signals. The building was moved from the corner of May Ave. and Vine St. to behind the historical association’s Museum grounds.

Source: Walter Thompson

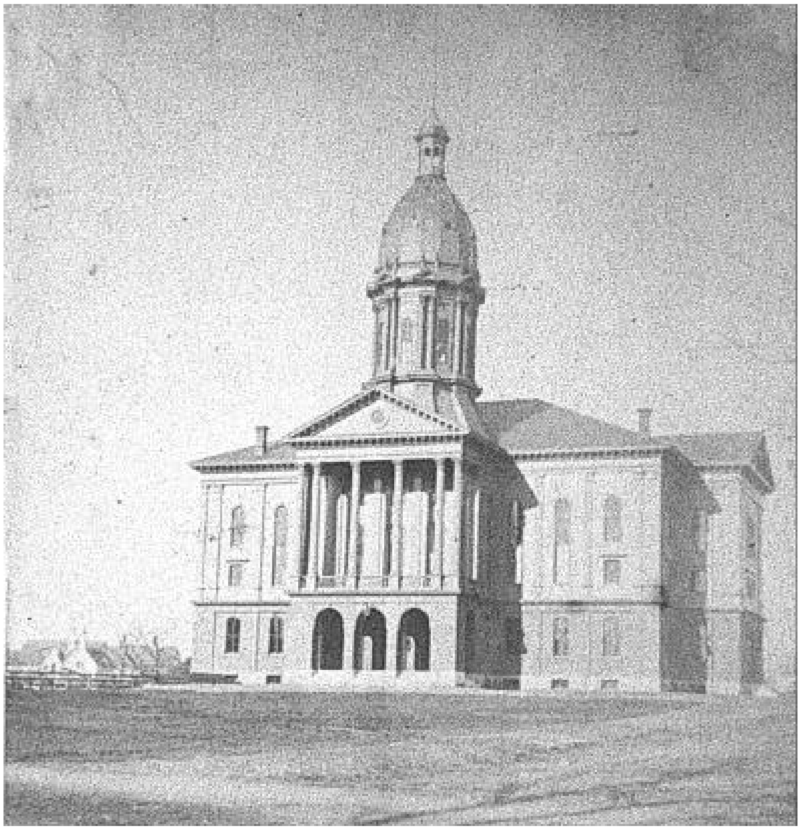
7. Whistle Stop House Alarm

Whistle from atop the Whistle Stop House that signaled alarm and school closings.

Source: Walter Thompson



WHERE and what is this device which for many years was a broadcaster of alarming news? Answer on Page 15. (Gazette Photo by Clint Clark)



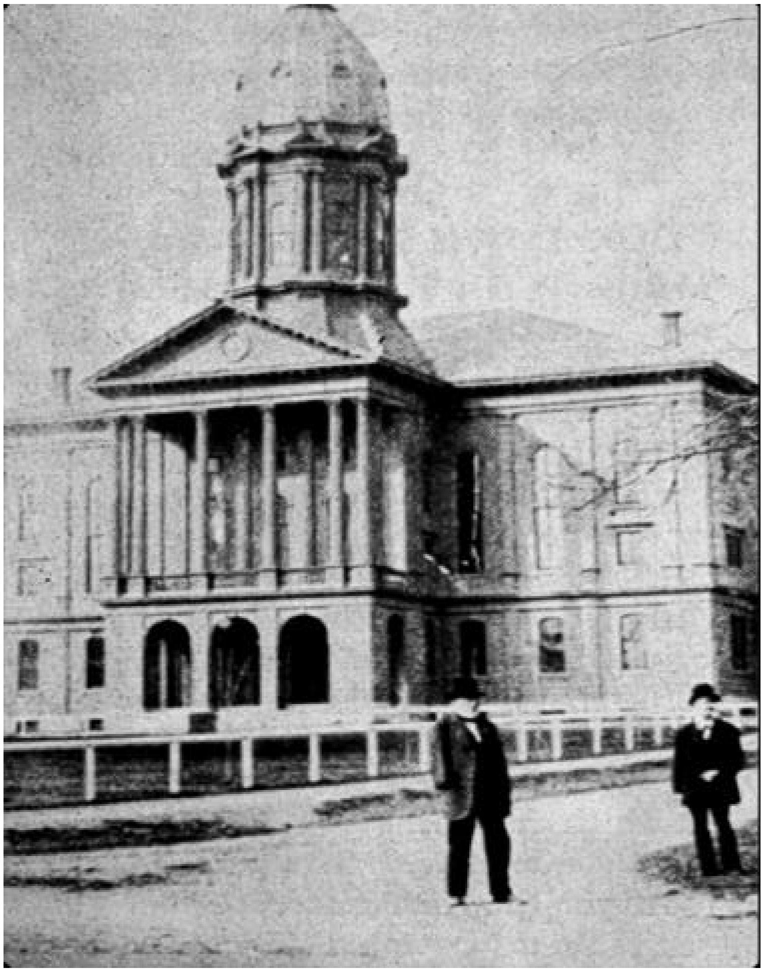
8. Town Hall, 1875

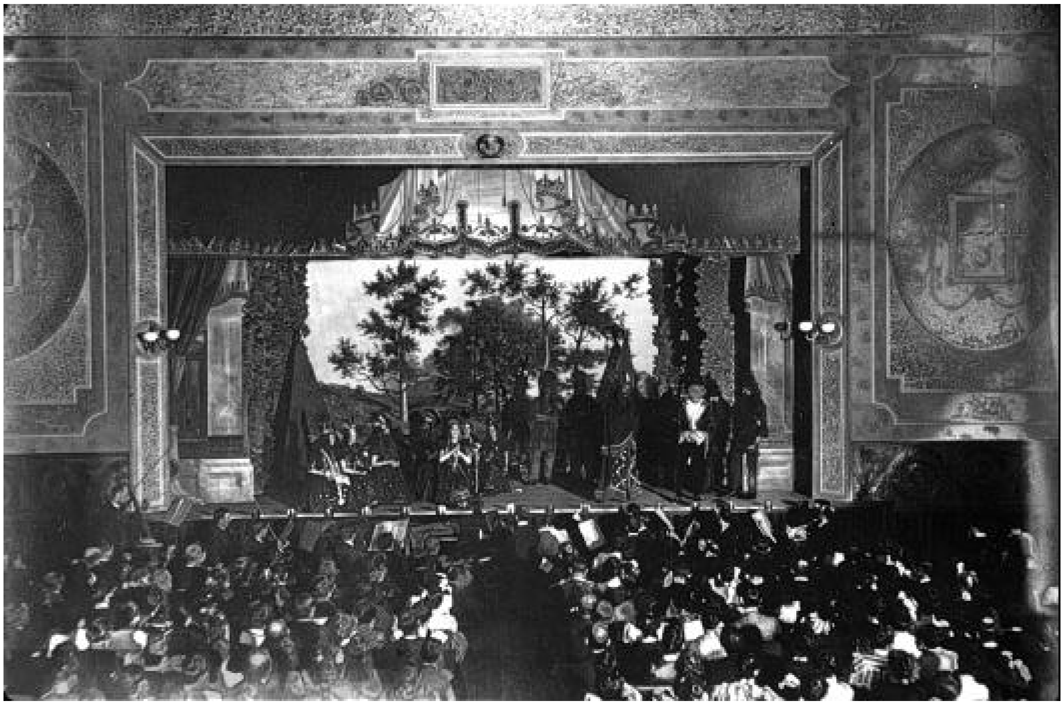
Original painted wooden siding has been disputed as to color. An old postcard printed in Germany shows it as red.

Source: Walter Thompson

9. Town Hall, 1890

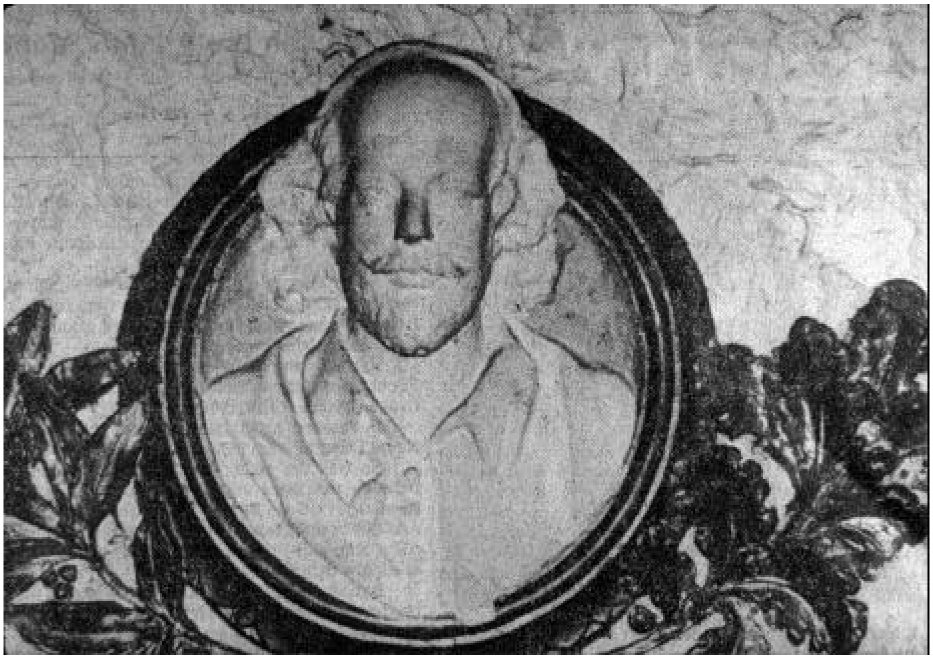
Image Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Volume IV, June 1962, Number Three, Page Two





10. Town Hall Auditorium

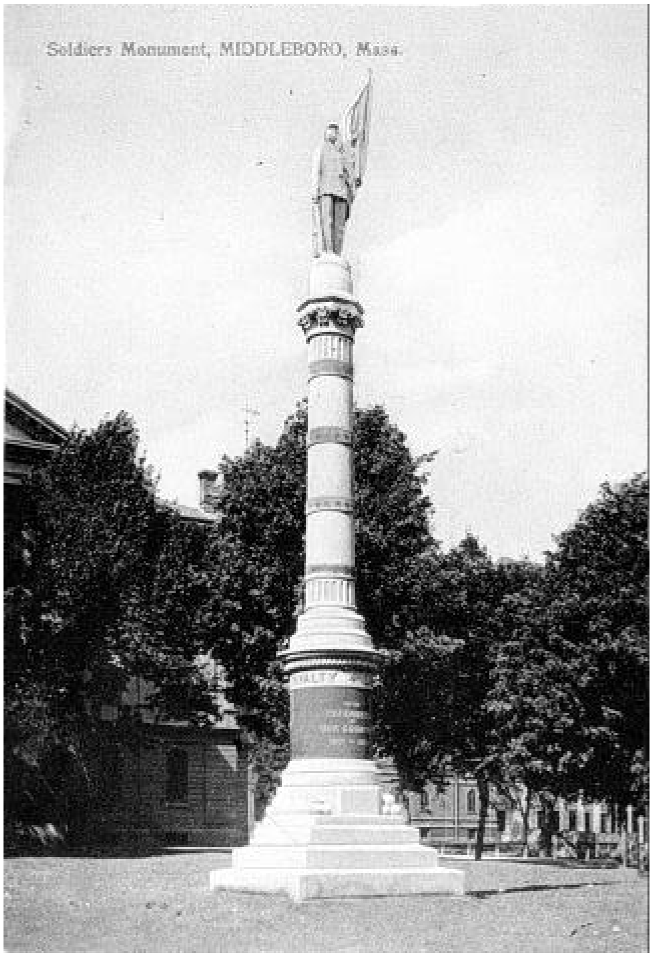
Production of the “Frog Prince” in 1895 was a successful musical that packed the town hall auditorium to capacity. Tin lined the area above the gas lights to prevent fire



11. Shakespeare Cameo

Shakespeare Cameo installed over the town hall auditorium stage as dedication to the arts.

Source: Walter Thompson


Soldiers Monument, MIDDLEBORO, Mass.

12. Civil War Monument

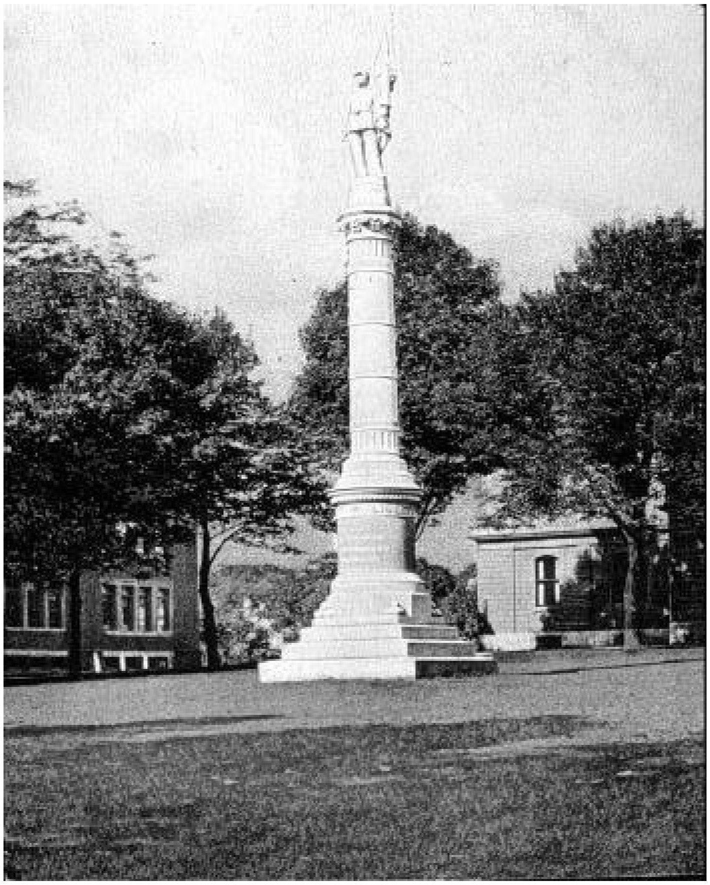
The civil war soldiers monument was built of Quincy granite in memory of those who died in the war. The cost was about $5000.00.

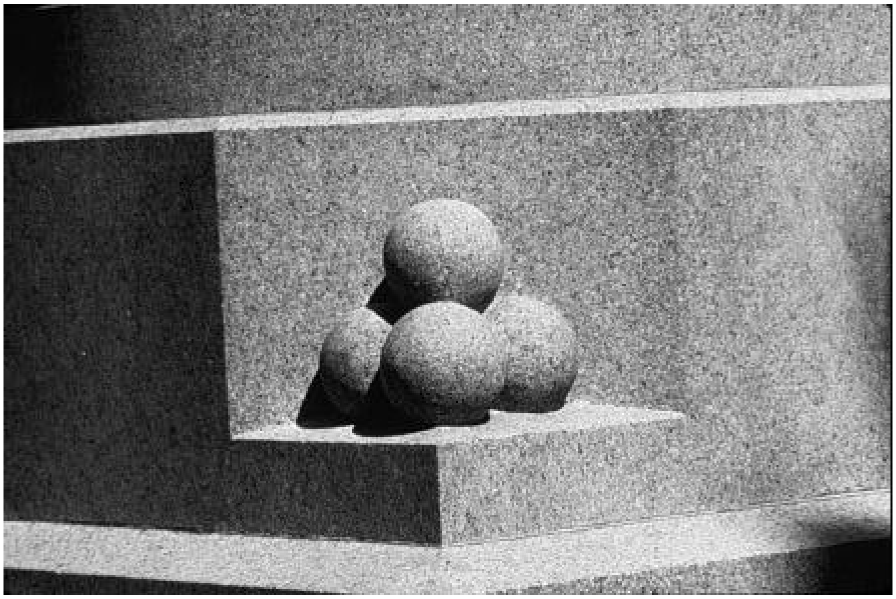
Source: Weston's History of Middleborough

13. Soldiers Monument

The Quincy granite monument rises 40 feet 11 inches high. Its base is 9 feet square. It was dedicated May 30, 1896 with an address by Ex-governor John D. Long. This postcard shows the towns first high school, later called Bates School.

Source: Weston’s History of Middleborough.



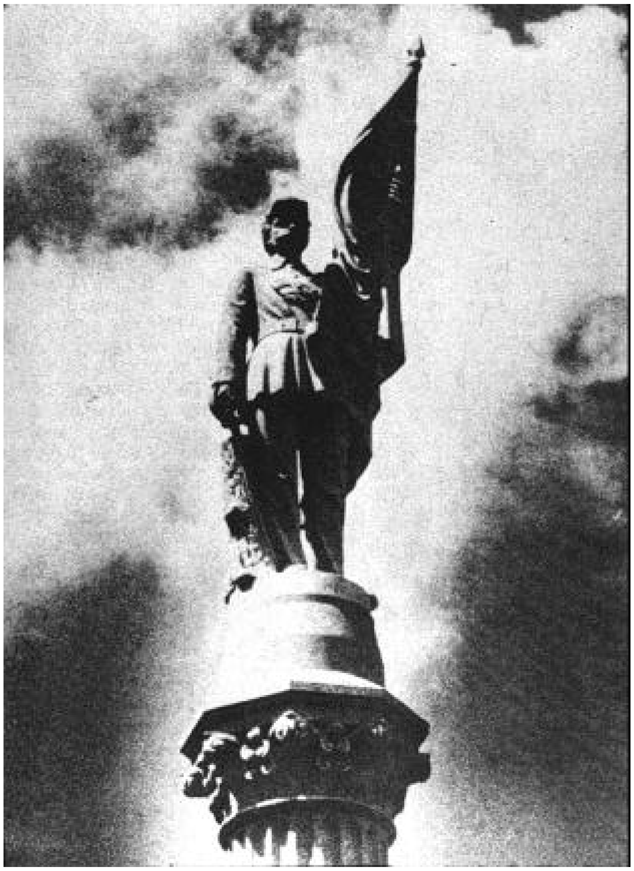


14. Cannon Balls on Soldiers Monument

Granite cannonballs at the base of the soldier’s monument on the front lawn of the town hall.

15. The Soldier Figure on Top of Soldier’s and Sailor's Monument

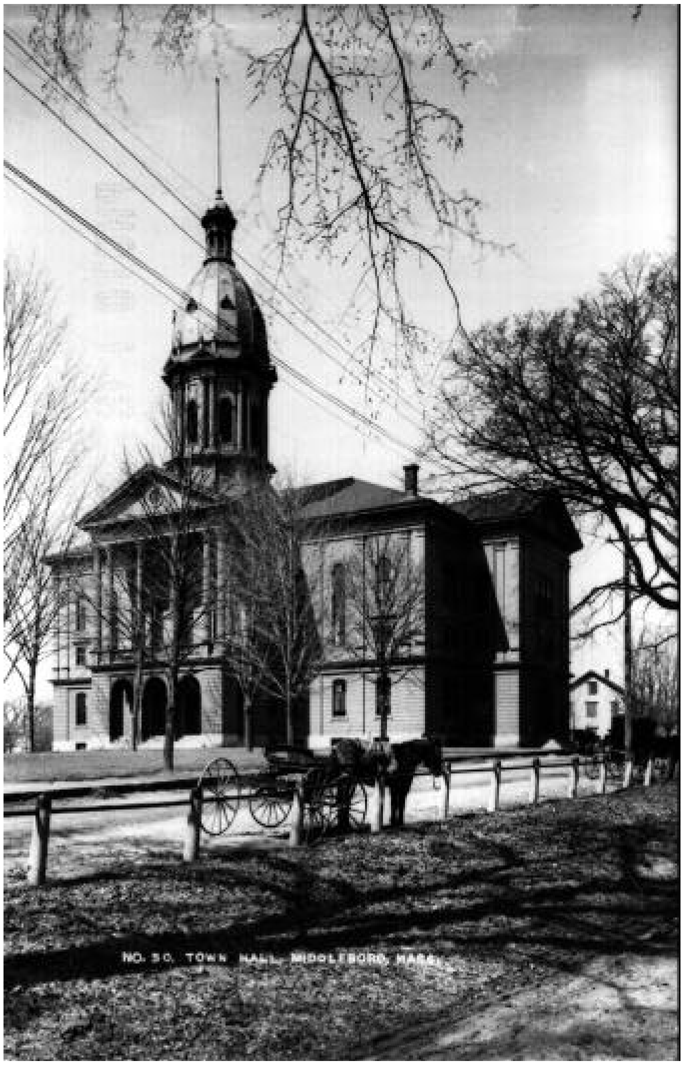
Clint Clark has captured the beauty many of us never notice.



16. Town Hall

Town Hall photo in year 1907. In the rear you can see the original Union St. School. Temple Way shows in foreground, which went up to the front door of the Baptist church. View of horse and buggy are tethered to Temple Way fence.

Source: Walter Thompson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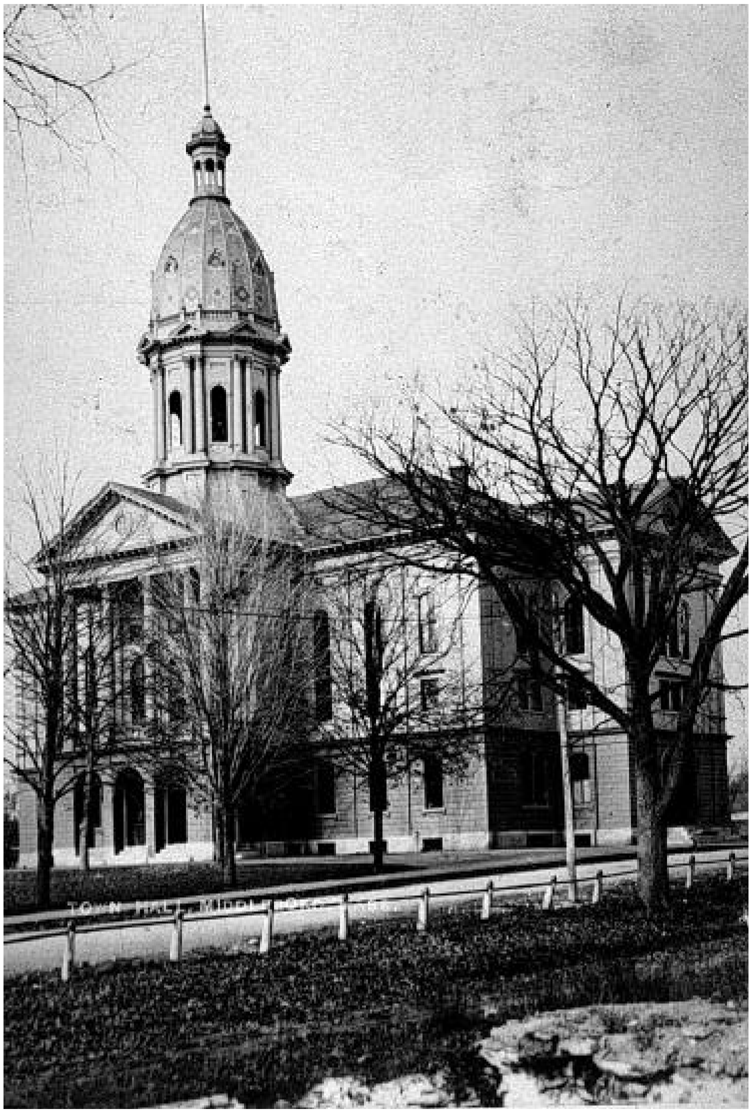
17. Town Hall

This view of the town hall shows the snow of winter, which has gathered on Temple Way.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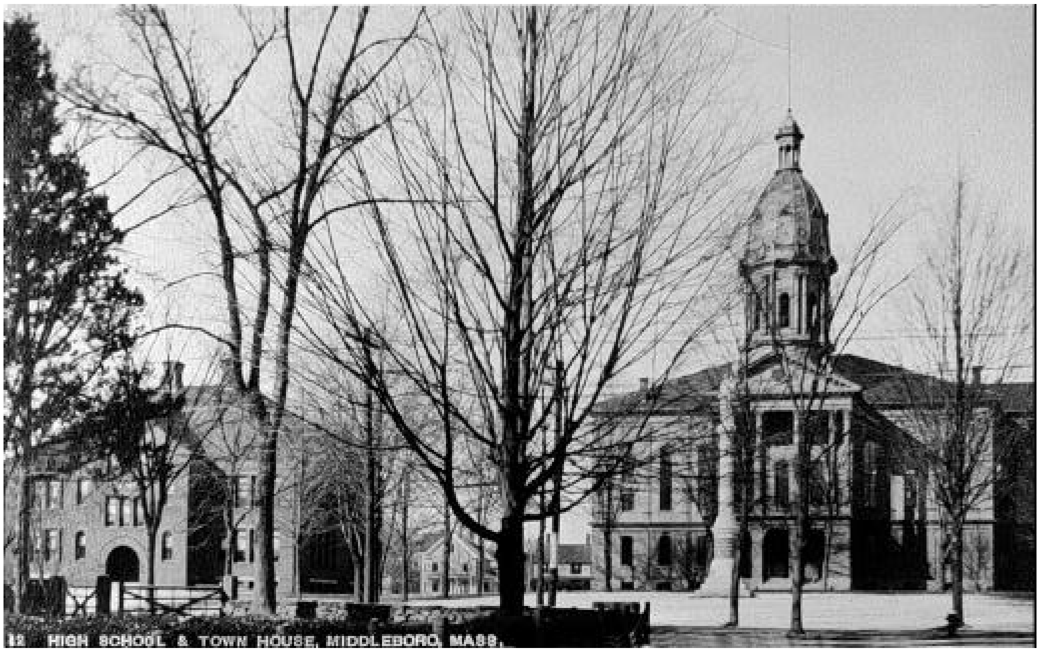
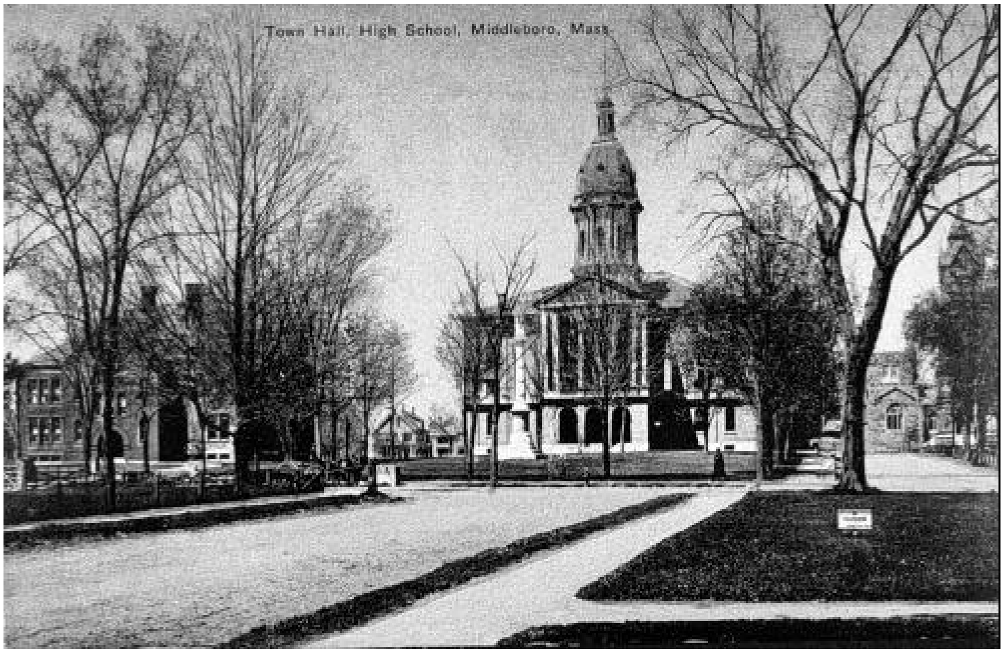

12 HIGH SCHOOL & TOWN HOUSE, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

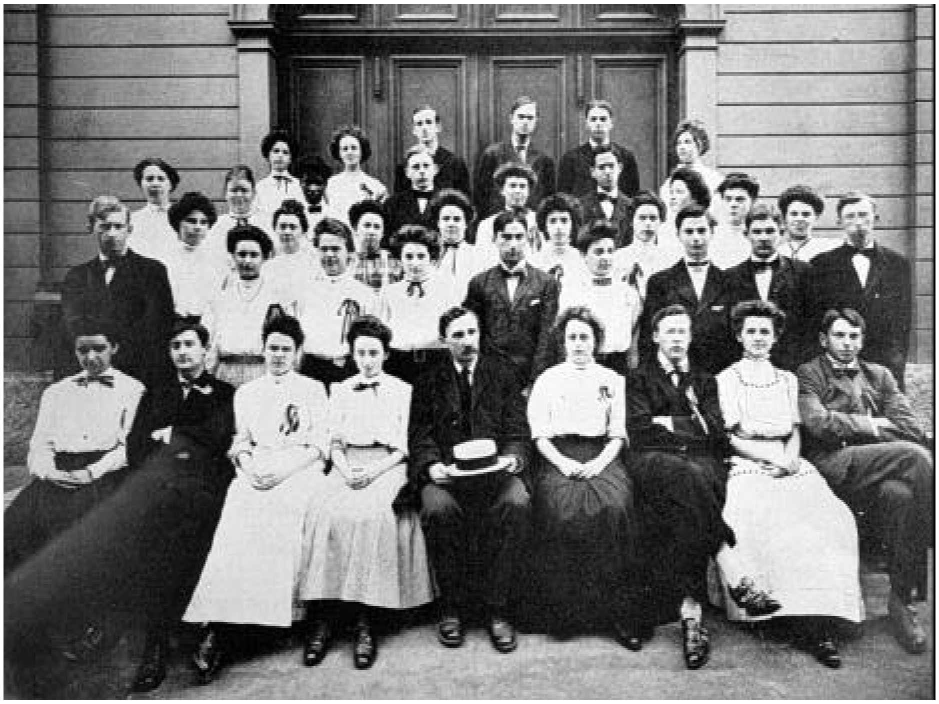
18. Town Hall and High School

The first high school was built in 1887 next to the Town Hall on land donated by the Washburn family.


Town Hall, High School, Middleboro, Mass.

19. Town Hall and High School

This picture depicts the close proximity of our first high school to our town hall in which high school classes were held before the school was built. By the way, did you realize that Nickerson Avenue was first named Washburn Avenue, then Town House Avenue before it got its present name?



20. Middleborough High School Class of 1908

Front Row, Left to right: Annie Pasztor, Harry Belmont, Sadie Surrey, Martinia Donahue, Walter Sampson, Principal – Mildred Cushman, James Williams, Myra Andrews, and Reginald Drake.
Second Row: Frank Harrington, Florence White, Bessie Norton, Archie Godfrey, Russ Murray, Rose Pasztor, Leo Quindley, Clarence Wilbur and Pearl Phinney. Third Row: Gladys Shockley, Edith Cushing, Gertrude Cox, Evelyn Reed, Lillian O'Neil, Annie McQuade, and Ethel Norris. Fourth Row: Helen Robbins, Alice Howes, Zilpah Letcher, Albert Alden, Marjorie Davis, Gilbert Ramsey, Theresa Sheehan, and Mattie Snow. Fifth Row: Ethel Pratt, Ruby Keedwell, Bradford Swift, Willis Holcomb, Leland Barney, and Mildred Martin.

21. Middleborough Skating Rink

The indoor skating rink was located on the Union Street side of the future high school. George Lewis Soule bought the building in 1884 and rebuilt it on Cambridge Street as the George Woods Organ Company.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
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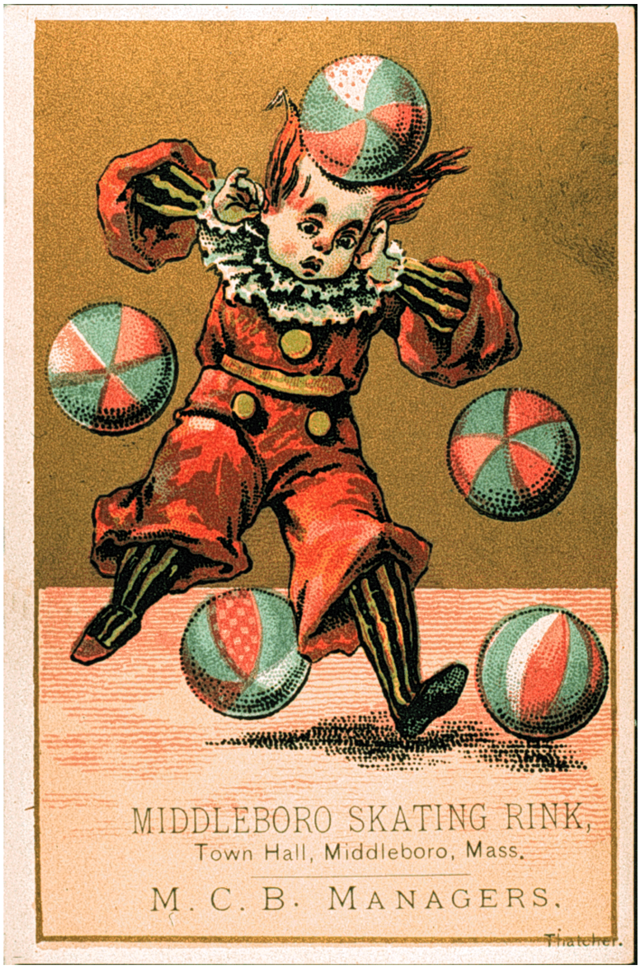
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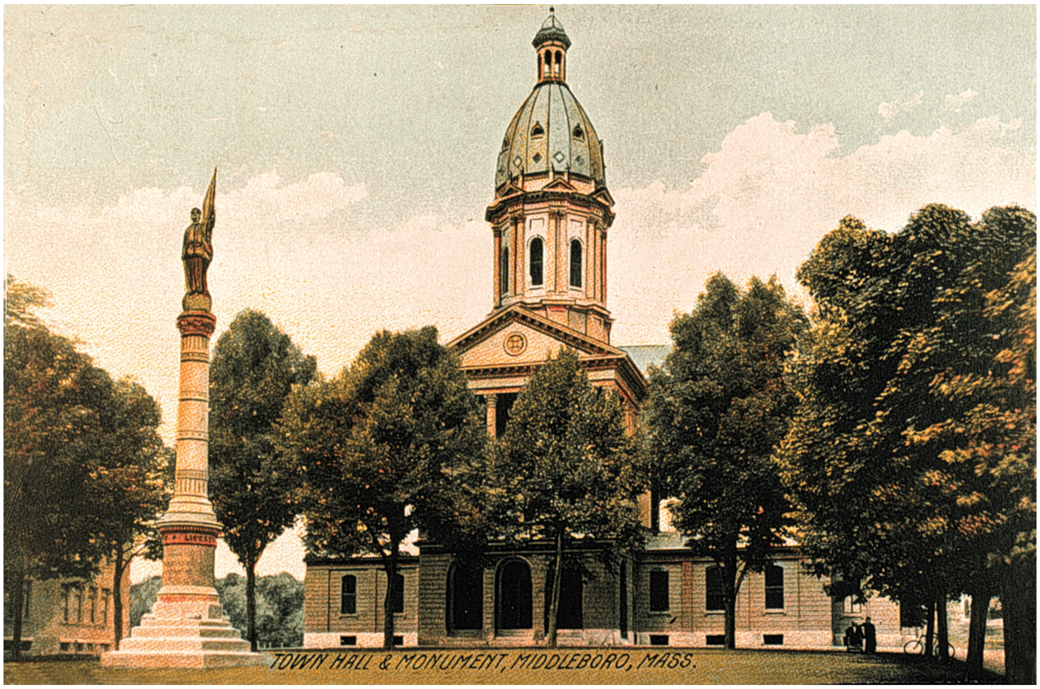
TOWN HALL & MONUMENT, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

22. Town Hall

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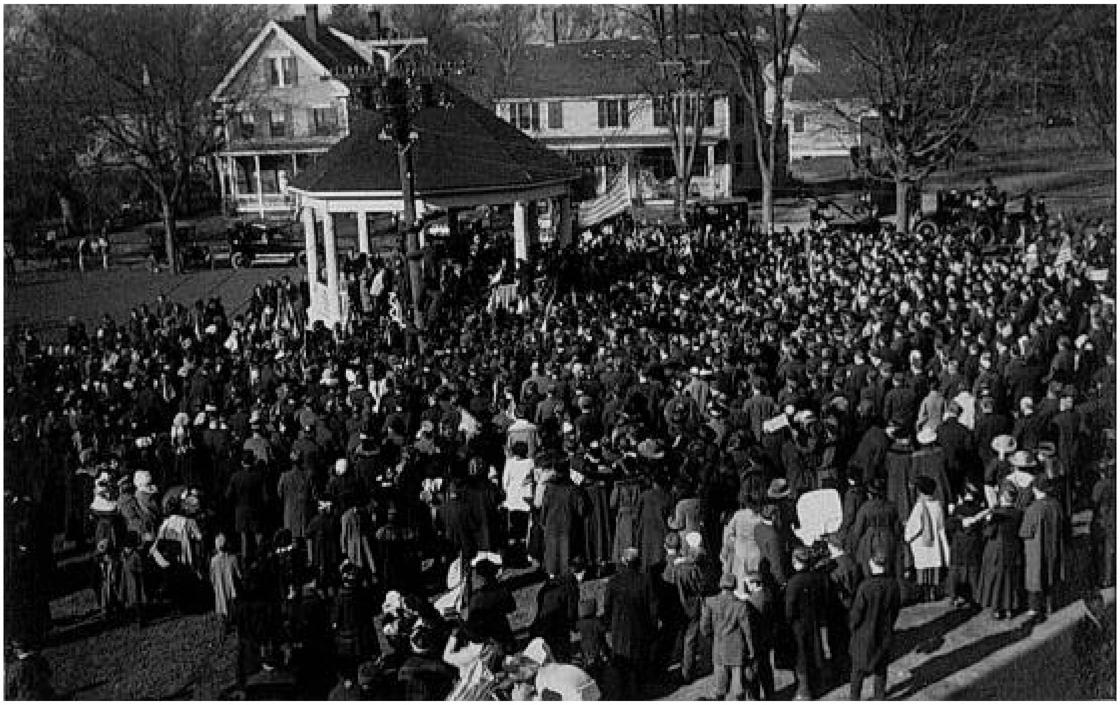
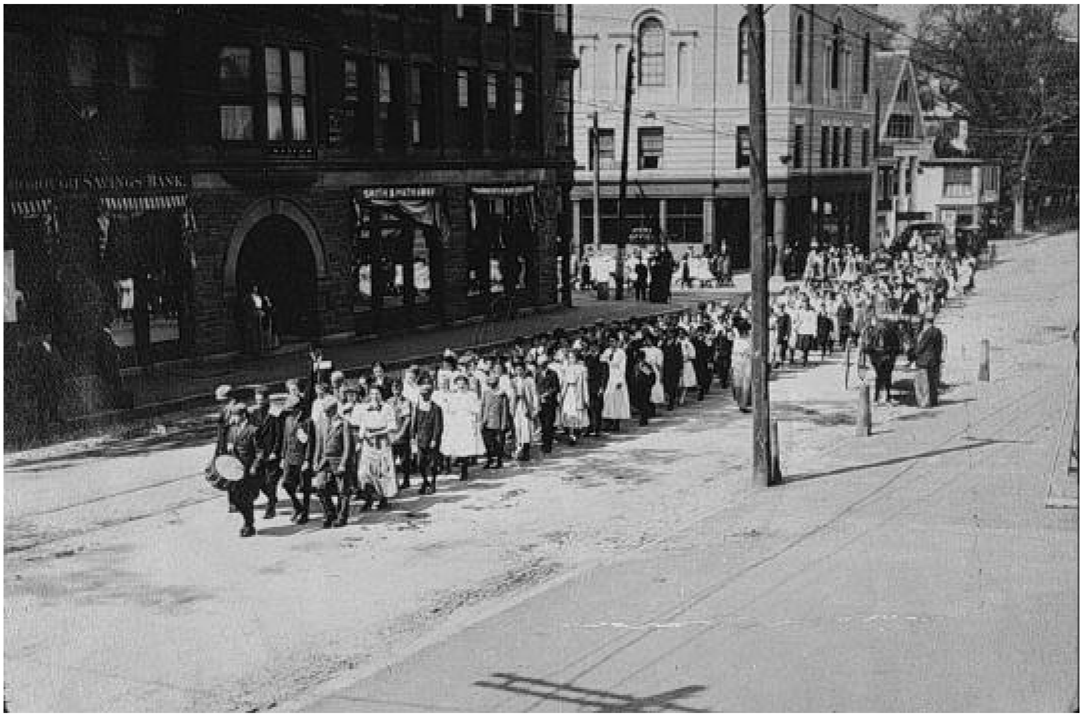


23. Band Stand

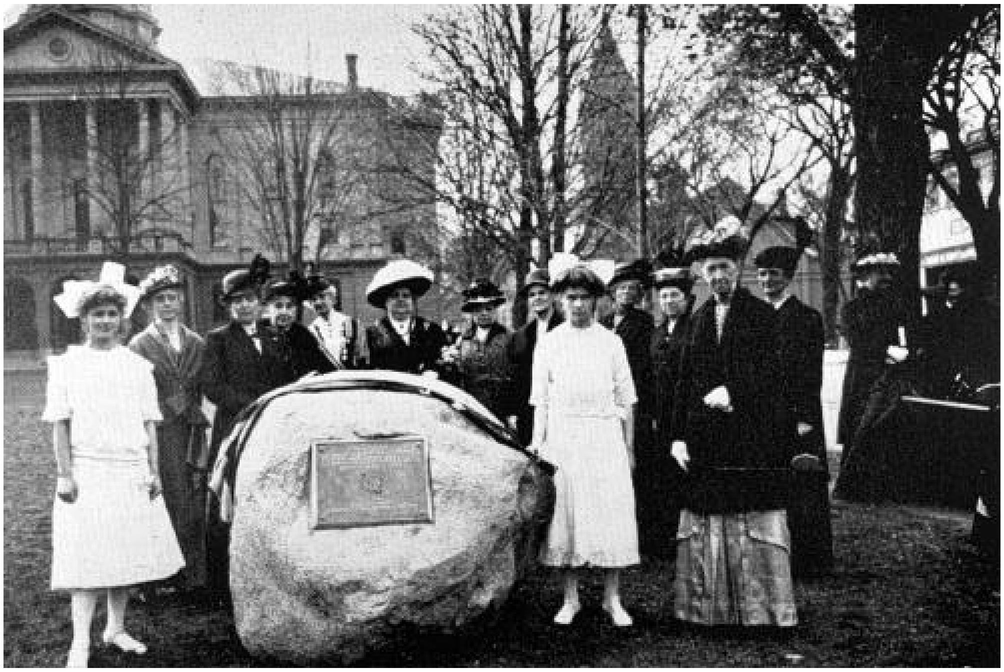
Bandstand later moved to the rear of Memorial Jr. High School

Source: Romaine, History of Middleborough, page 332



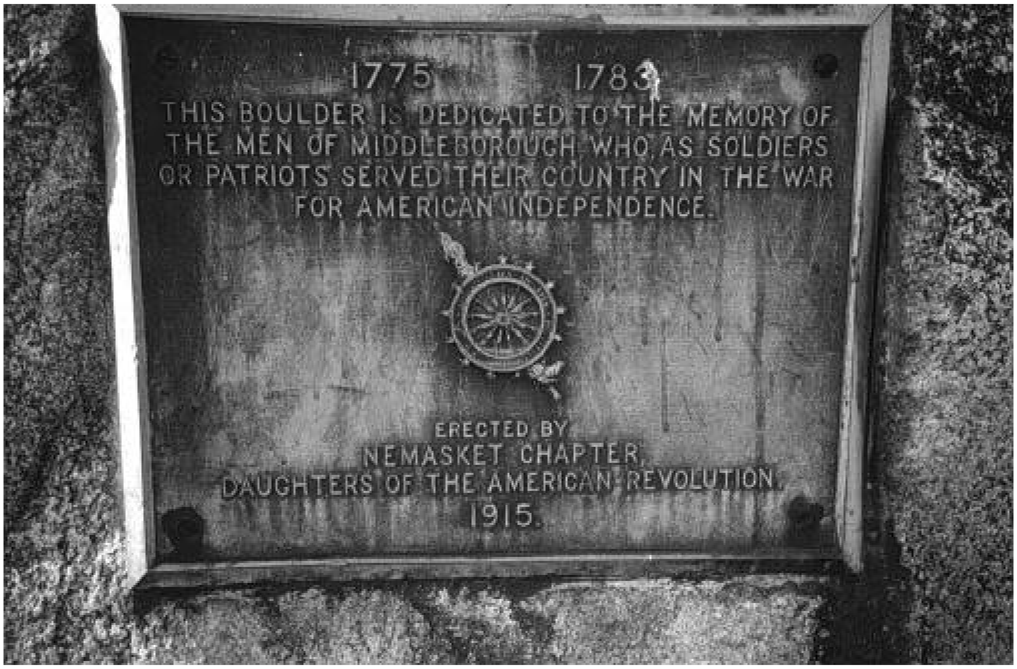
24. School St. School Students

Marching to D.A.R. dedication. The little drummer boy is Clifford Winberg. In the photo one sees the bank block, Peirce Block and Nemasket House.



25. Revolutionary War Memorial

Nemasket Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, participated in raising the funds for the memorial tablet and dedicated it on May 5, 1915. "Standing beside the boulder are the Misses Thalia Stetson on the left and Catherine Bates on the right. Mrs. C.D. Kingman, far right, made the presentation. Among others in the background may be recognized Mrs. Ruth Cushman Holmes, Center; Mrs. Edward H. Cleveland, Mrs. Charlotte Ellis, and Mrs. Charles H. Bates."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THIS BOULDER IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF
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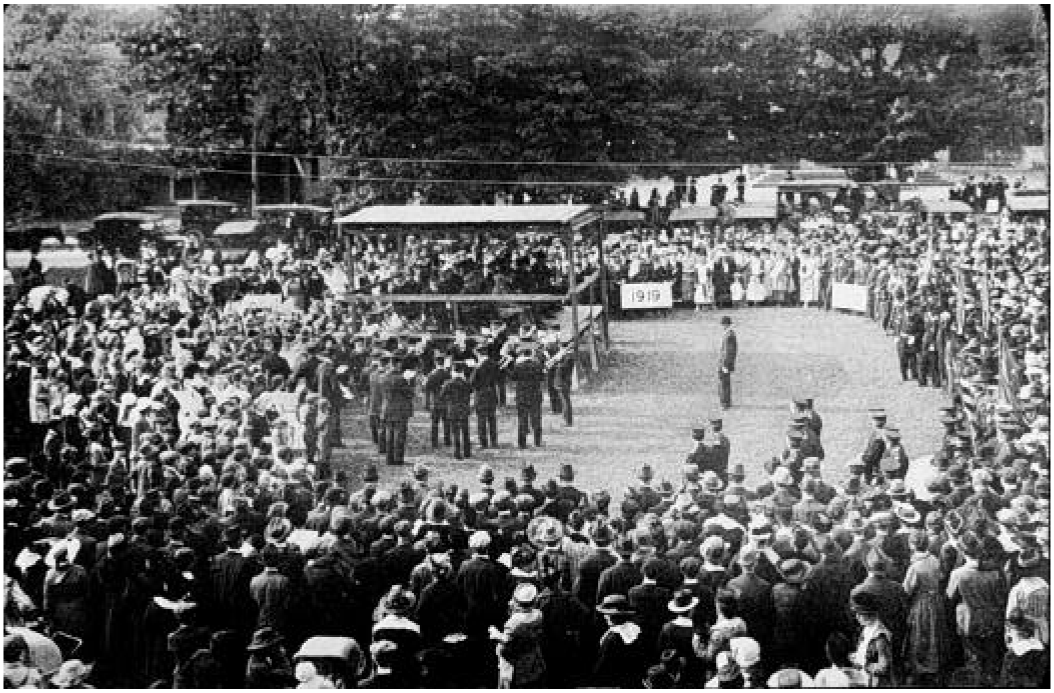
FOR AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE.
ERECTED BY
NEMASKET CHAPTER
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
1915.

26. Daughters of American Revolution

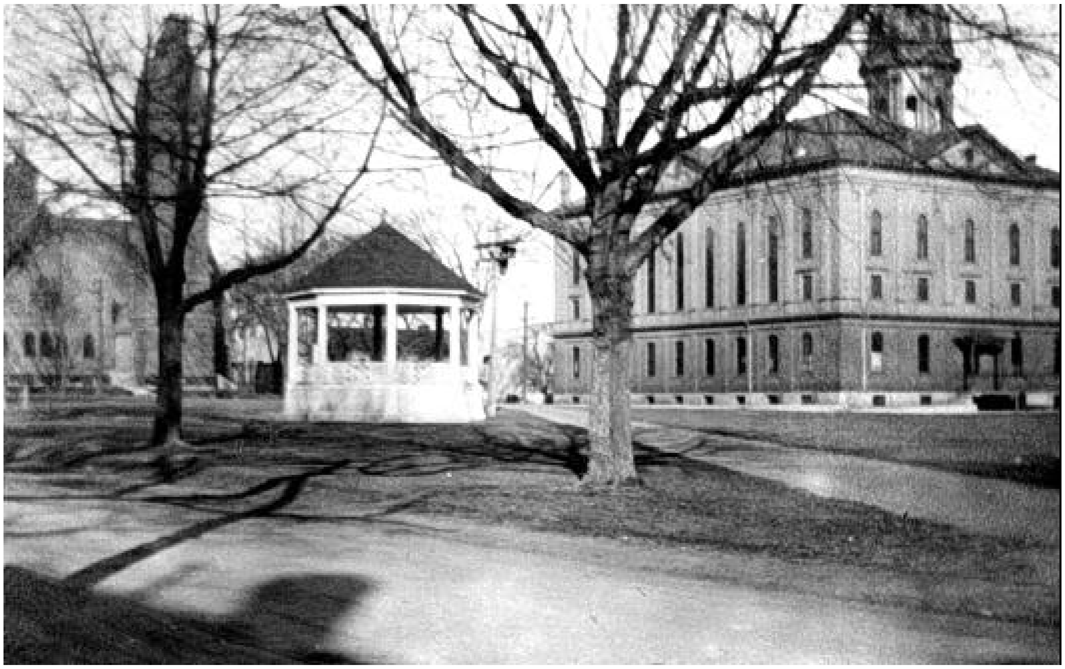
This is a photo of the bronze plaque on the boulder, which is a memorial to Middleborough's service men that fought in the war for American independence.

Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine, pages 481-482.



27. Reviewing Stand

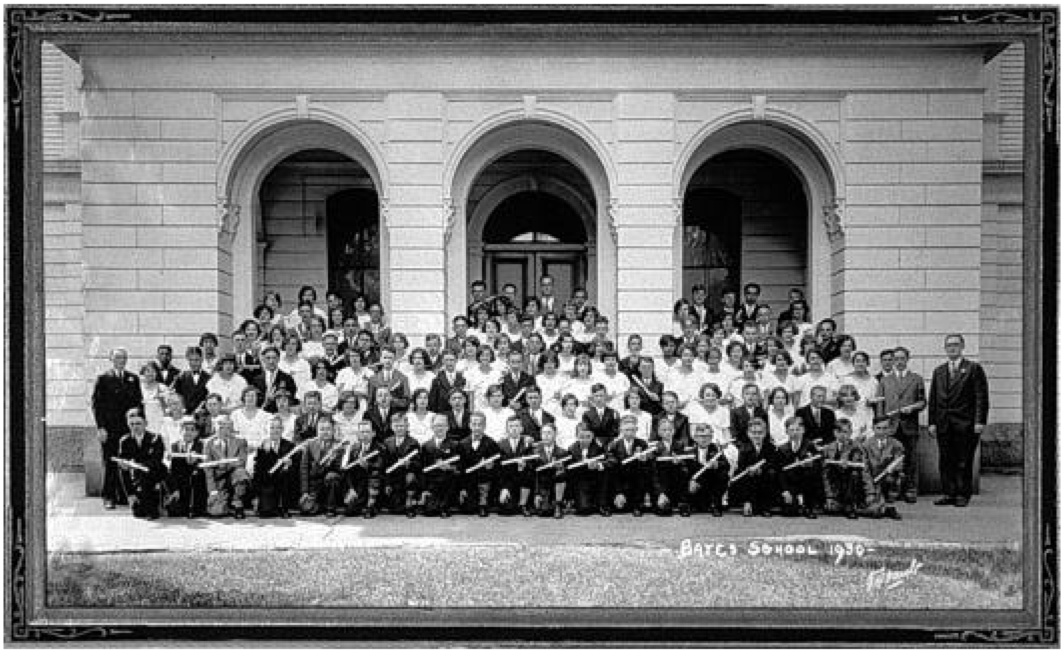
Reviewing stand set up behind the town hall to review the 1919 Armistice Day Parade.



28. Bandstand Behind Town Hall

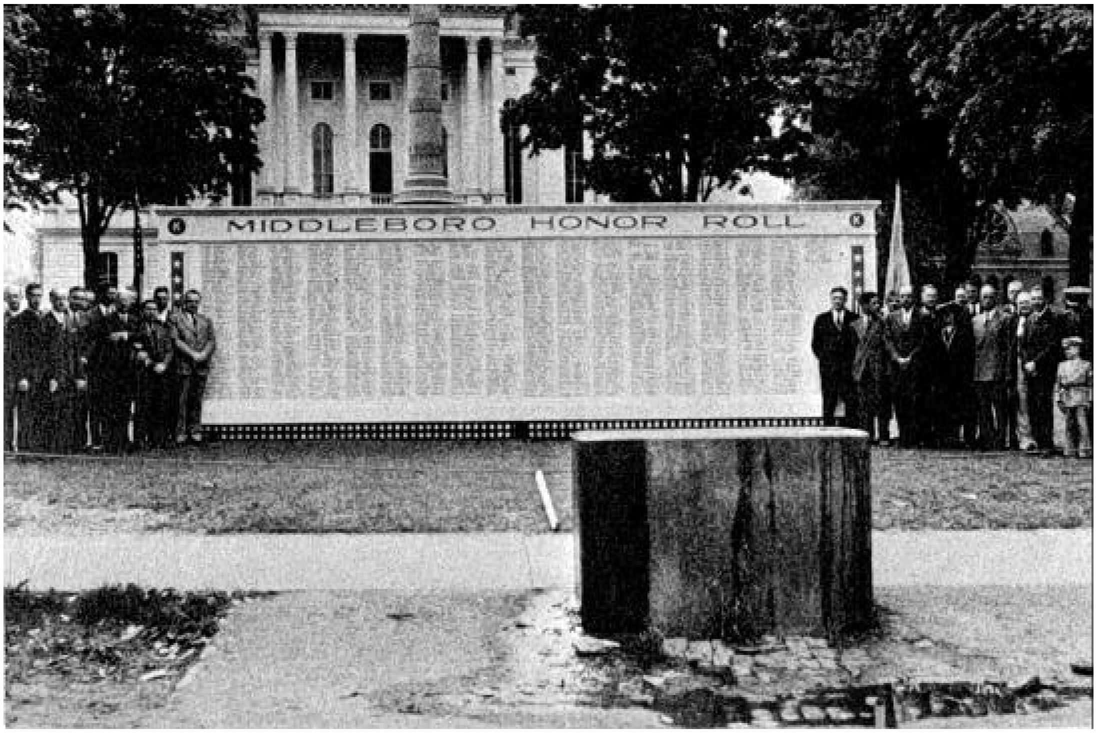
The bandstand was sponsored by the Maerican Federation of Musicians, Local 491 just before 1920. It was very well used and popular until the 1930's. It was moved to the playground off Lincoln Street in 1934..

Source: History of Middleborough – Mertie Romaine, Page 331-332



29. Middleborough Junior High School Class of 1930

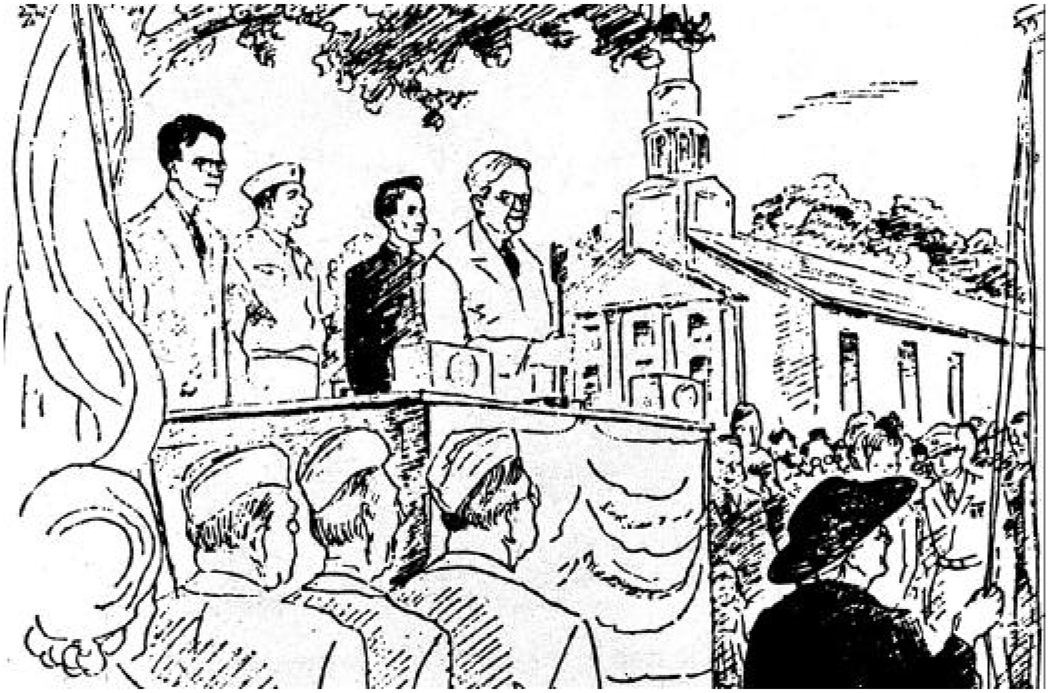
This photo was taken in front of the Middleborough Town Hall showing the 1930 graduating class of Bates Junior High School. Wirt B. Phillips music director on left; Principal Henry Bendt Burkland on right of the photograph.



30. Middleborough Honor Roll World War II

Honor Roll was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club as a memorial for the service men and women who served during World War II. It is located on Town Hall lawn. Photo shows the dedication exercises as performed on Memorial Day, May 30, 1943.

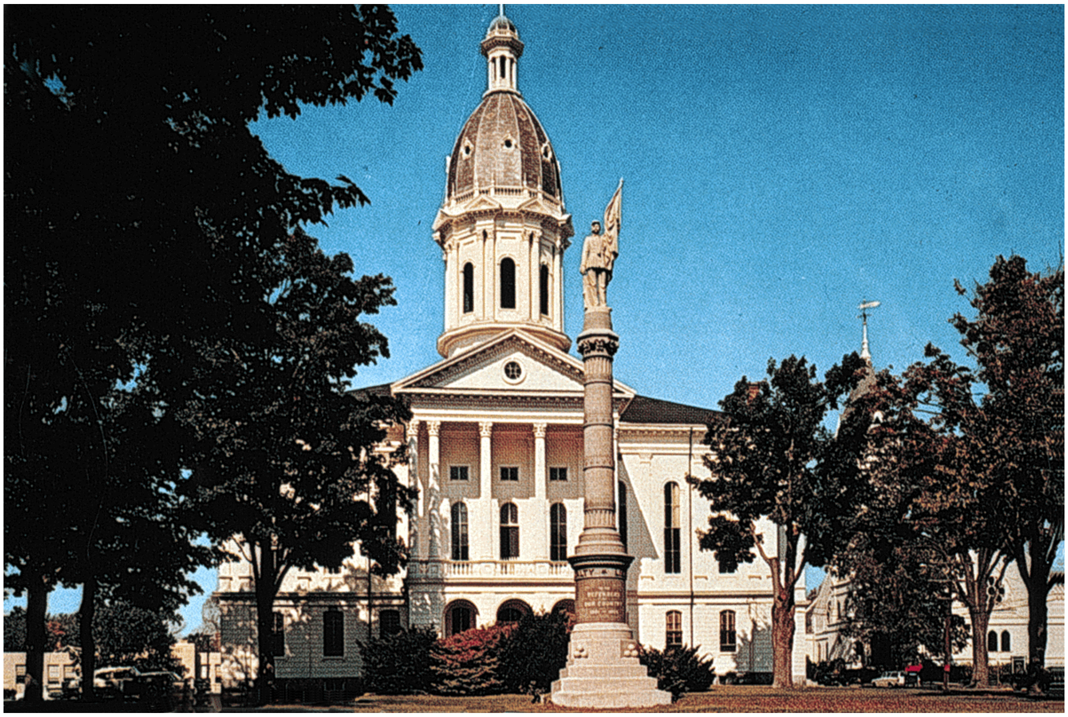
Source: History of Middleborough-Mertie Romaine



31. Memorial Services

Scene of unveiling day service is one of the many cartoons that were drawn by local artist Nicholas Panesis. A TOWN HONORS ITS WARRIORS – Under a big elm tree on the Town Hall lawn, Middleborough unveils its World War II honor roll, donated by the Kiwanis Club. On the stand are the Rev. David J. Julius, State Rep. Ward Stetson, Father Vincent McCarthy, and Congressman Charles L. Gifford. Officiating at the unveiling is the community's first gold star mother, Mrs. Hiram Archer, whose son Lt. Thomas Archer, was killed in an airplane crash in the Aleutions.

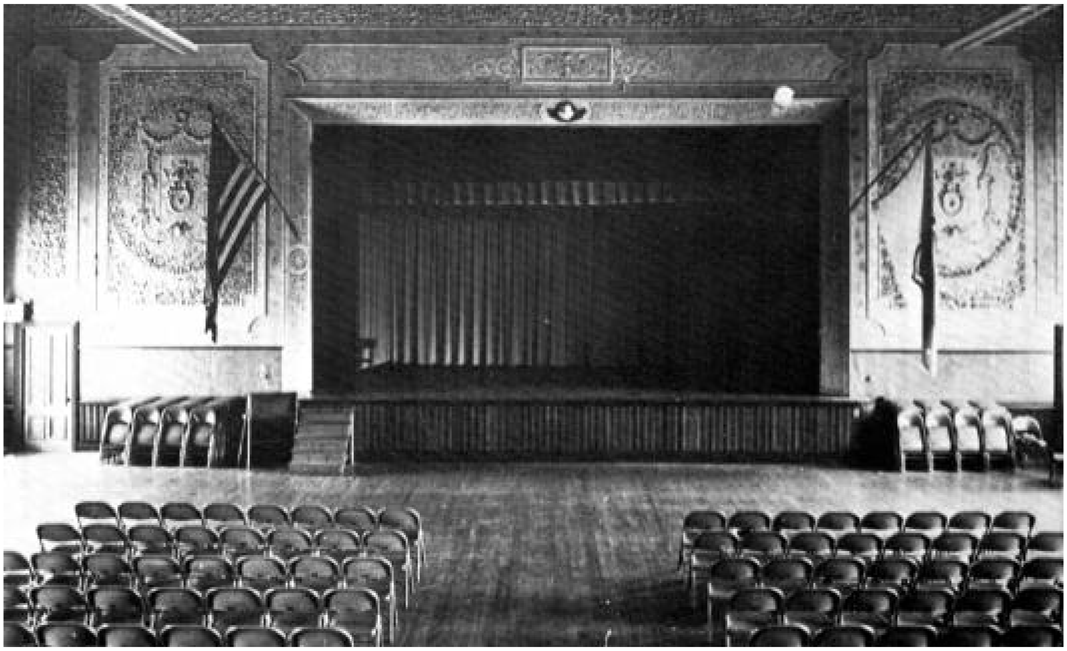
Source: The Middleborough Gazettes, Reflections (1940 to Present), Page Eight, March 28, 1985



32. Middleborough Town Hall

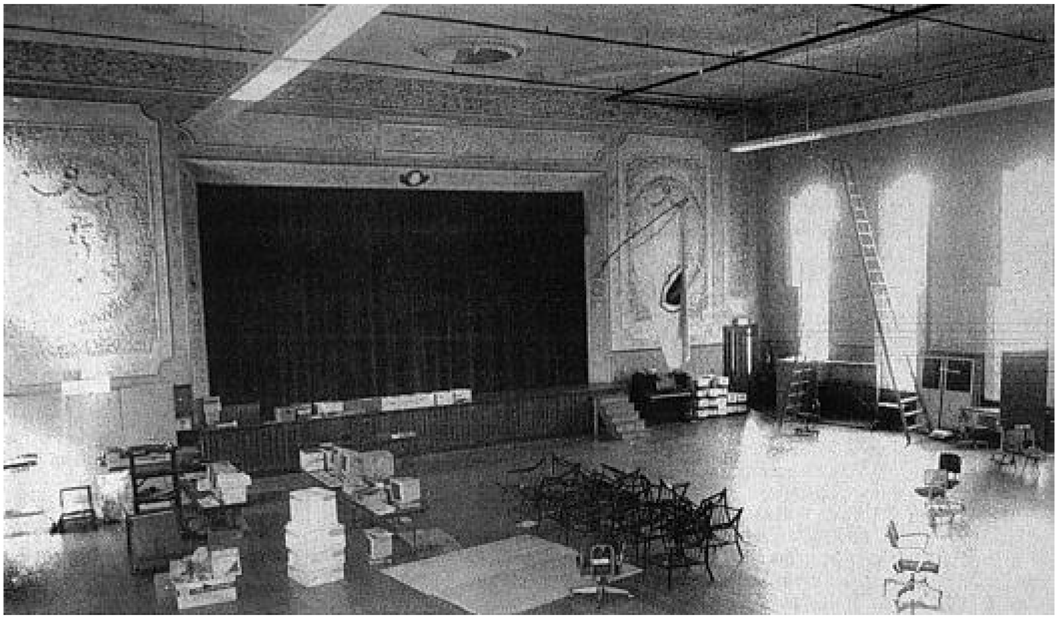
In this time period the Town Hall was in good shape. Photo shows the Soldier's Monument, Central Baptist Church on right and Union Street School on left.

Source: From a postcard.



33. Town Hall Auditorium

This is a picture of the auditorium as it looked in 1984 after being cleaned up. It had been in disuse since the erection of the new High School on East Grove Street. It was being used for plays and school department displays, etc. It was going to be closed down by the Fire Department. Peirce trustees gave them new fireproof drapes for the stage. Finally it was shut down because of the danger of the steeple coming through the ceiling and for general instability of the hall as a whole.

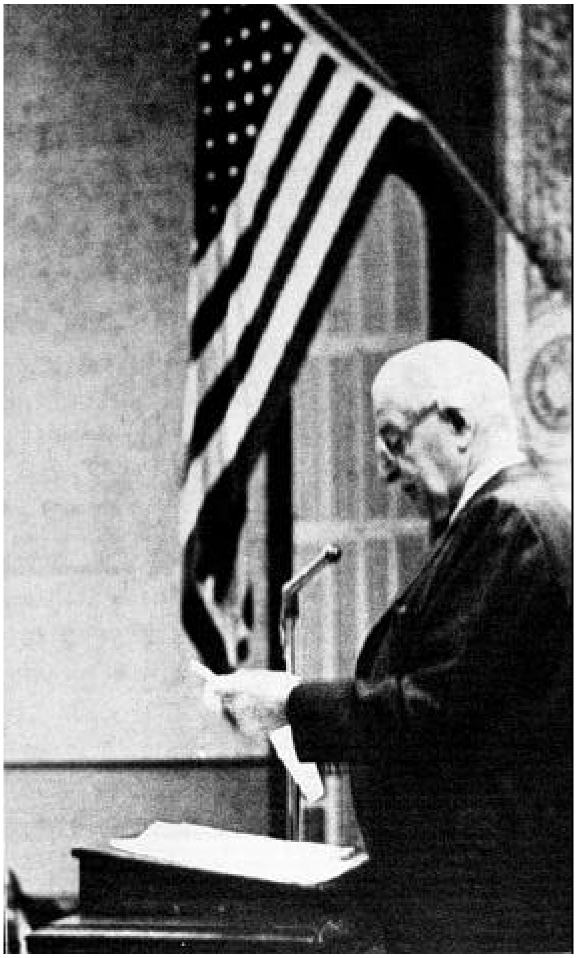


34. Town Hall Auditorium

This is a picture of the town hall auditorium being used as a depot for holding supplies until they were taken as needed.

35. Fletcher Clark Jr., 1922-1974
Town Moderator

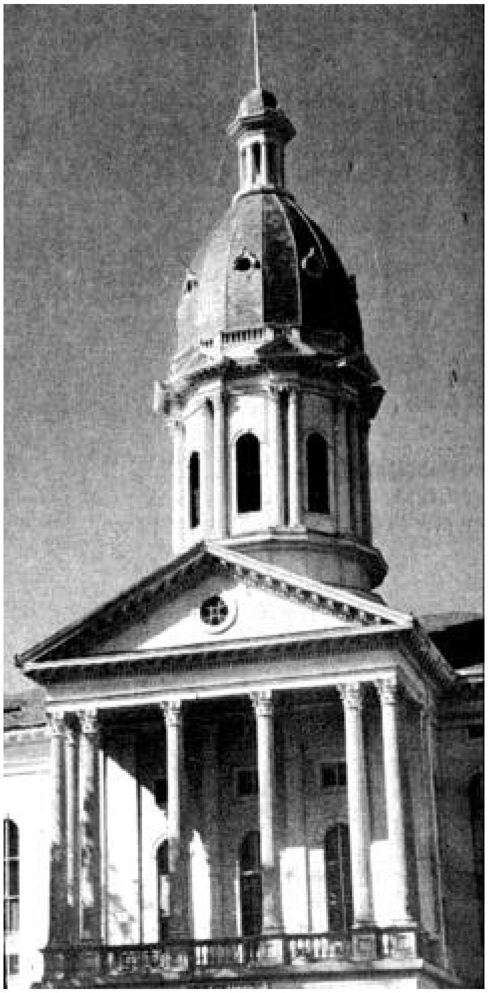
This is a picture of Fletcher Clark Jr. presiding as town moderator for the last time in the town hall auditorium in 1974. He missed only one town meeting in his term of 52 consecutive years.

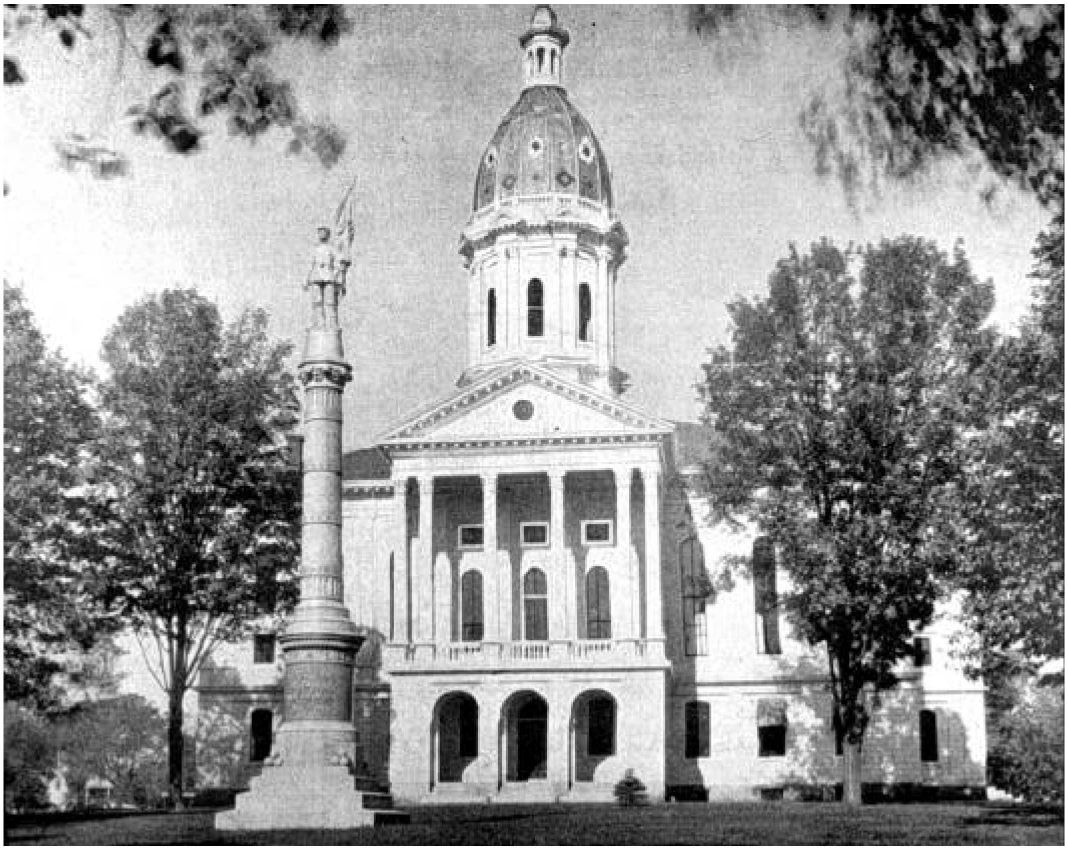


36. Town Hall

This is a photograph showing the front façade and steeple of the town hall.

Source: New Bedford Standard Times, Sunday, October 27, 1985.





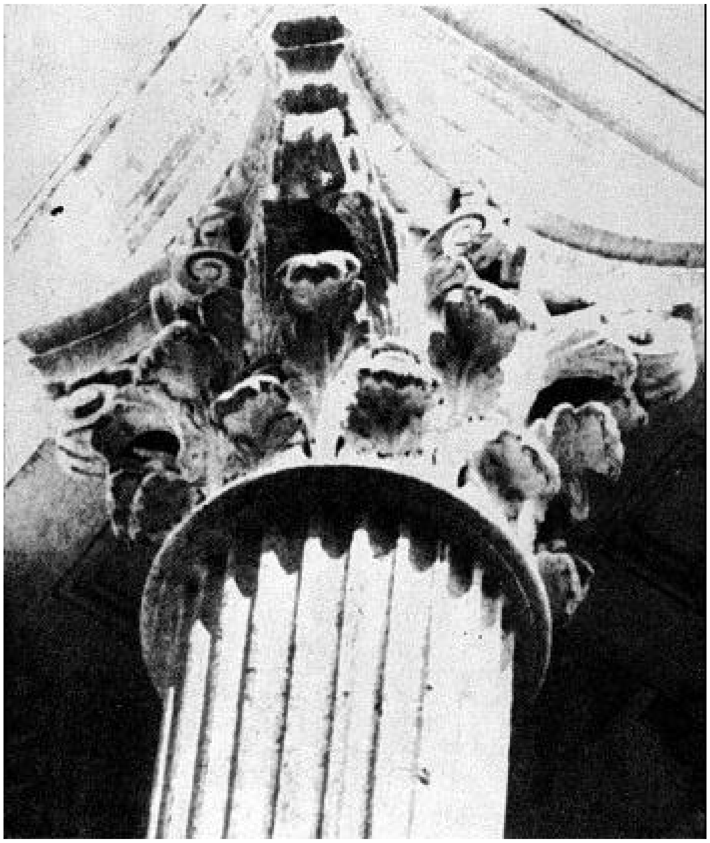
37. Town Hall

Town needed more space for its offices and meeting hall so as a result the present town hall was built in 1872, at a cost of $49,000, and dedicated in December 1873.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume X, September 1968, Number Two, Cover, Page One

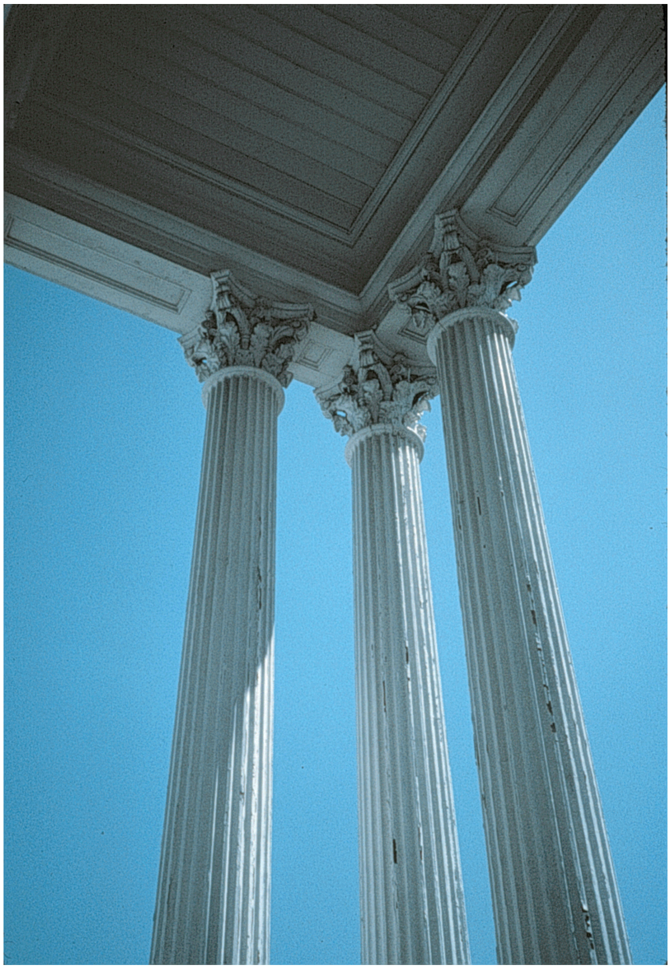
38. Corinthian Column on Town Hall Façade

This unfortunately is a photograph of one of the Corinthian columns on the town hall façade; and in very bad need of scraping and painting.



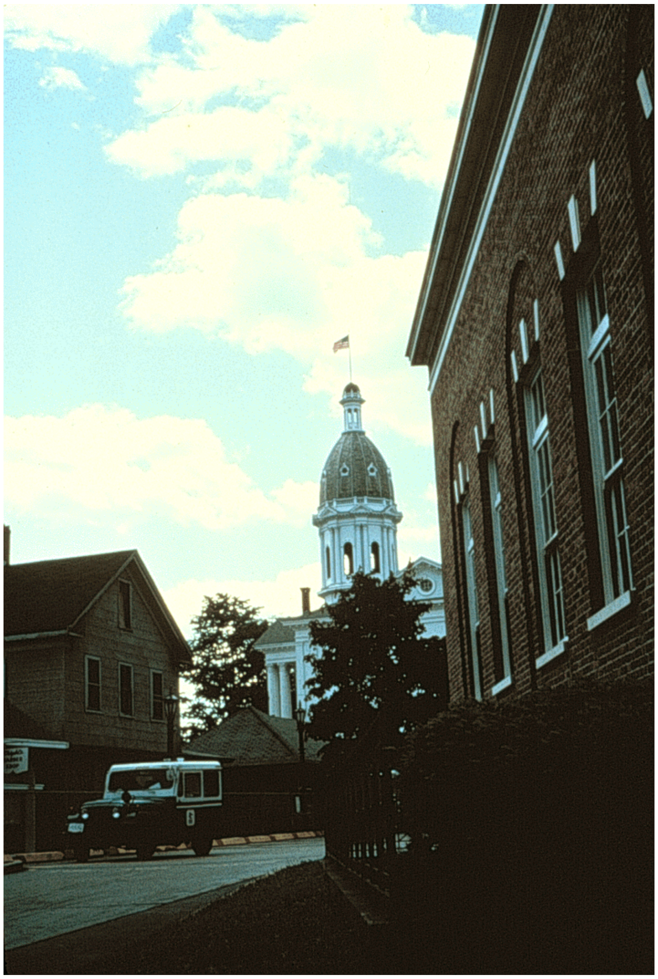
39. Corinthian Column on Town Hall Façade

This view of the town hall Corinthian columns gives you the feeling of being on the Aegean Sea in Greece. As in the other photo they need to be scraped and painted.



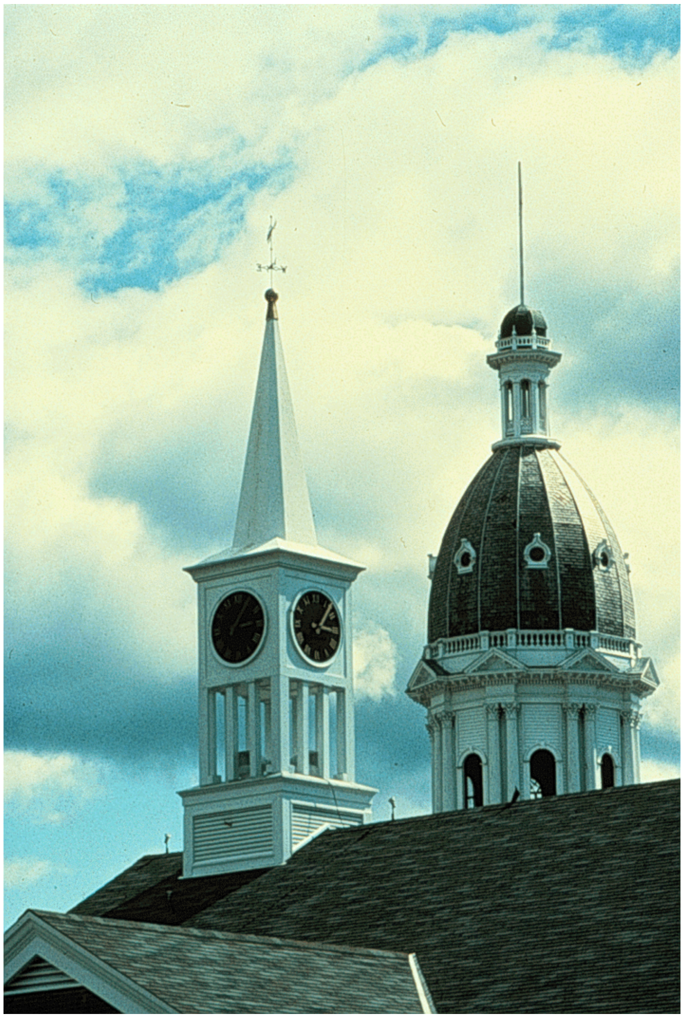
40. View Towards Town Hall Steeple

This is a photo looking past the Post office showing the Thatcher Printing block on left before ending at the Town Hall steeple.



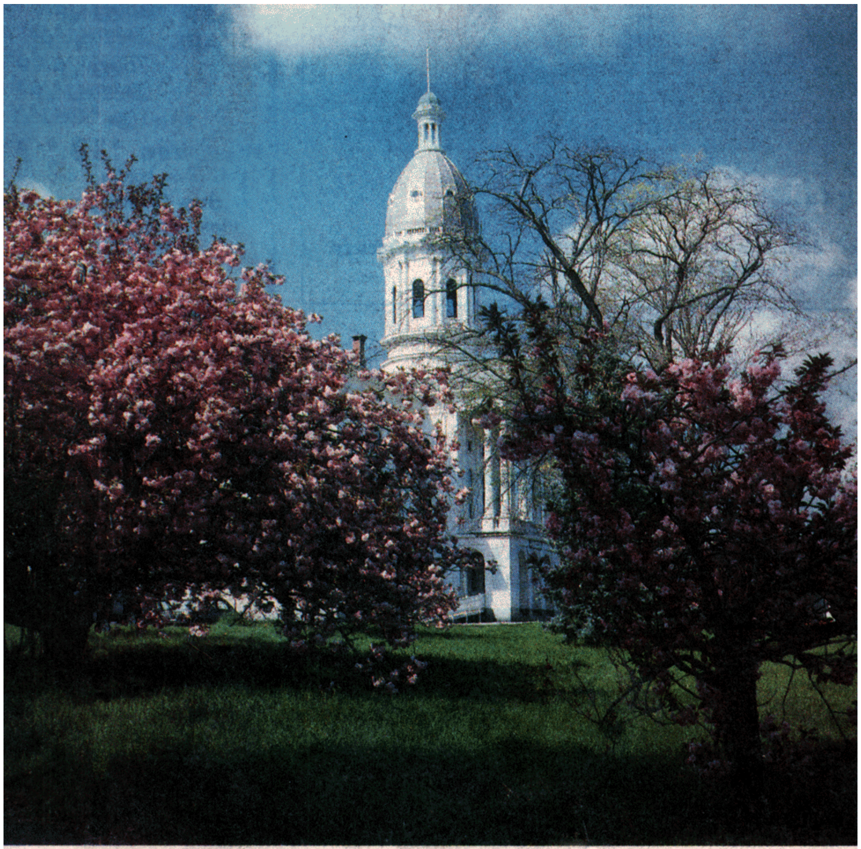
41. Central Baptist Church Clock Tower and Town Hall Steeple

This scenic view shows the original clock tower on Central Baptist Church and the Town Hall Steeple against a beautiful sky of clouds.



42. Town Hall

This is a nostalgic view showing the beautiful Kwanzan Cherry Trees forming a picturesque view towards the Town Hall.

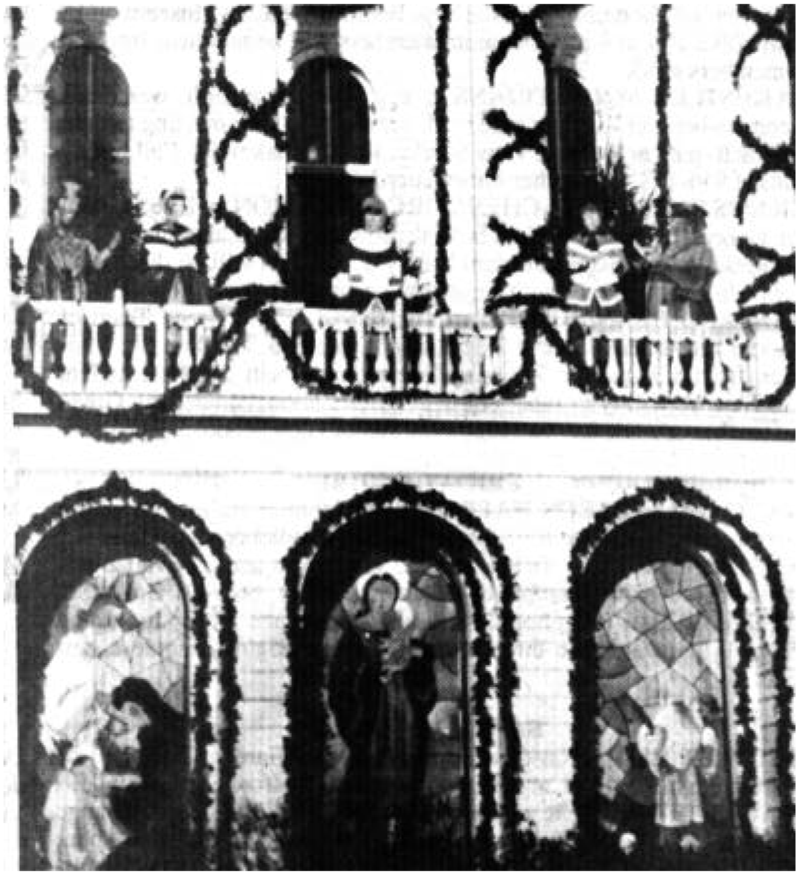


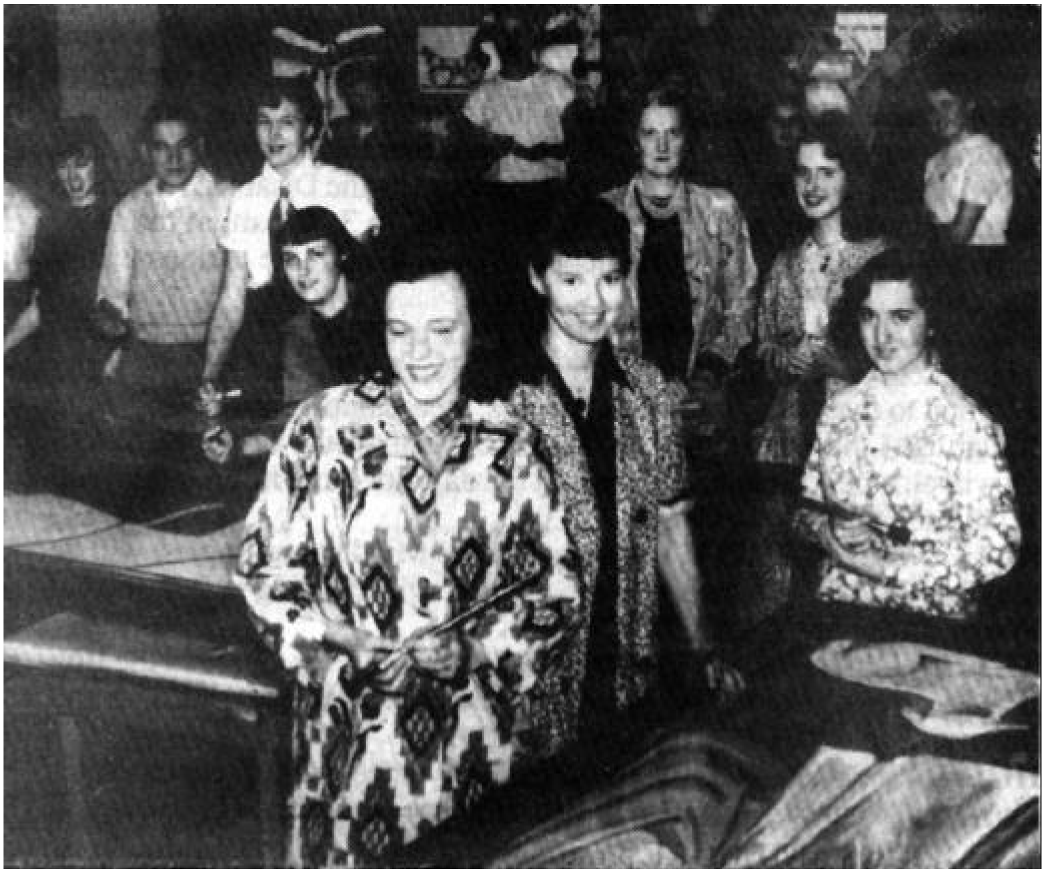
Spring glory

DOUBLE PINK BLOSSOMS of Kwanzan cherry trees form a vivid foreground for the Town Hall tower on a glorious May morning. (Gazette Photo by Clint Clark)

43. Town Hall – Christmas Décor

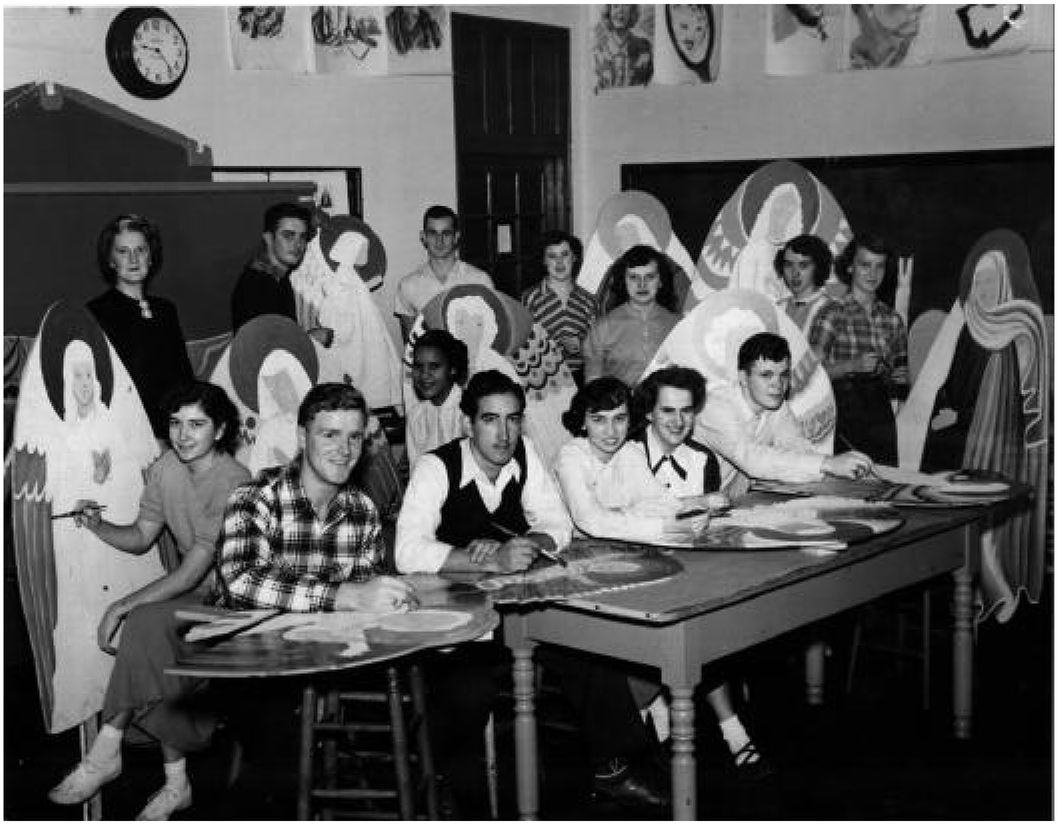
In early 1940, Mrs. Sylvia Matheson had the idea of her junior and senior classes making Christmas displays for the Town Hall façade and lawn. This photo shows the three panels on the lower arches with the carolers on the façade balcony. The Gas and Electric Company made the metal candles that adorned the balcony and lawn areas. They put the display up and adorned it with the greenery.





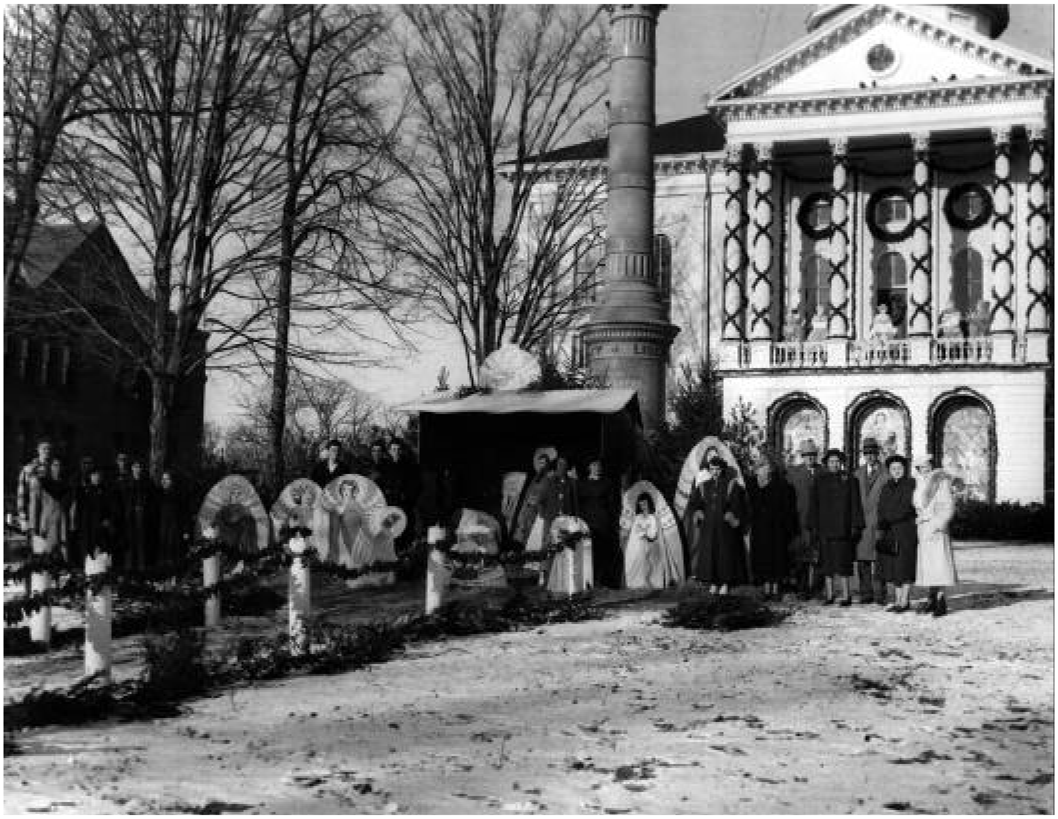
44. Sylvia Matheson's Art Class of 1949

This photo shows the class of 1949 of Middleborough Memorial High School preparing the Christmas panels in the art room. Upper center is Sylvia Matheson and on her left is Delores Veronesi.



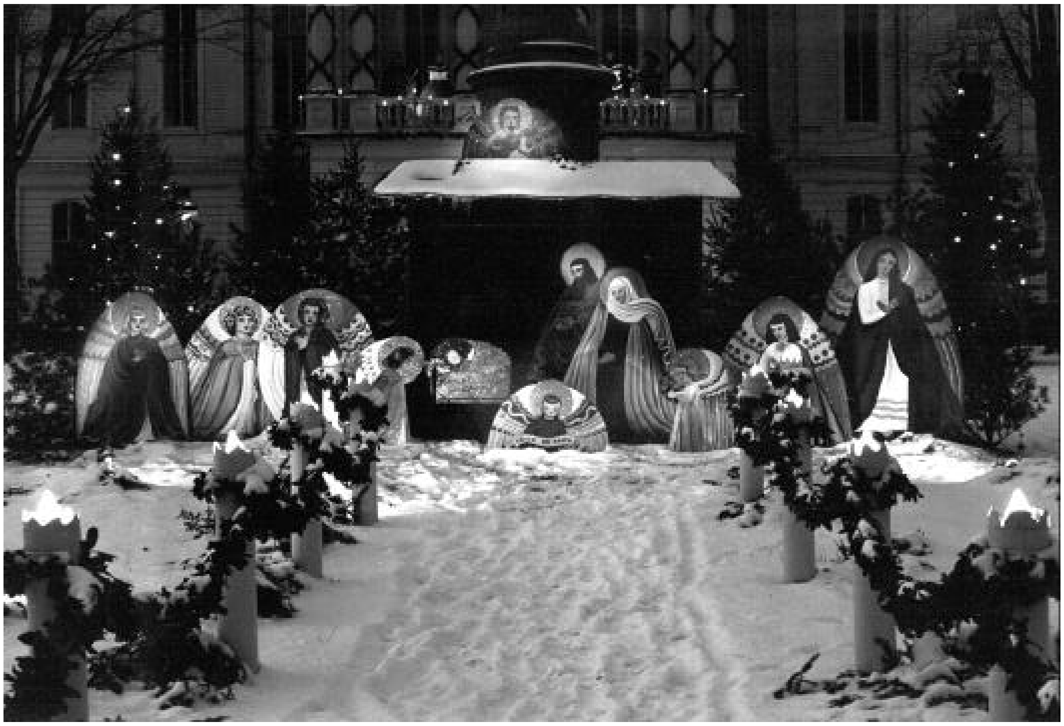
44a. Sylvia Matheson's Senior Art Class

Members of the senior art class, on the third floor of Memorial High School, pictured in 1950 painting the nativity figures. Front row sitting: Joanne Gomes, Donald Houghton, Naomi Haynes, Earl Banta, Irene Connolly, Dolores Corsini, and Walter Thompson. Second row standing: Mrs. Sylvia G. Matheson, John Alley, Gerard Richmond, Dorothy Falconeiri, Eleanor Brehault, Barbara Freitas, and Eila Peltola. The Gas and Electric Department cut out the wood figures.



44b. Nativity Scene

Photographed for the nativity scene opening in 1951 are left front: Naomi Haynes, Eleanor Brehault, Irene Connolly, Unknown; left rear; Donald Houghton, Gerard Richmond, and Earl Banta. Center: Walter Thompson, John Bradford, and John Alley. Front nativity: Eila Peltola and Dorothy Falconeiri. Right: Barbara Freitas, Mrs. Lillian Osborne, Horace K. Atkins; School Committee Chairman, Unknown, Roger W. MacDonald, Town Manager, Unknown, and Mrs. Sylvia G. Matheson. The photo shows the Bates Junior High School on the left and the carolers on the balcony with the three large door panels painted by the Memorial High School Class of 1950. In the back is the 1951 class Nativity and some of the forty electric candles made by the Gas and Electric Dept.



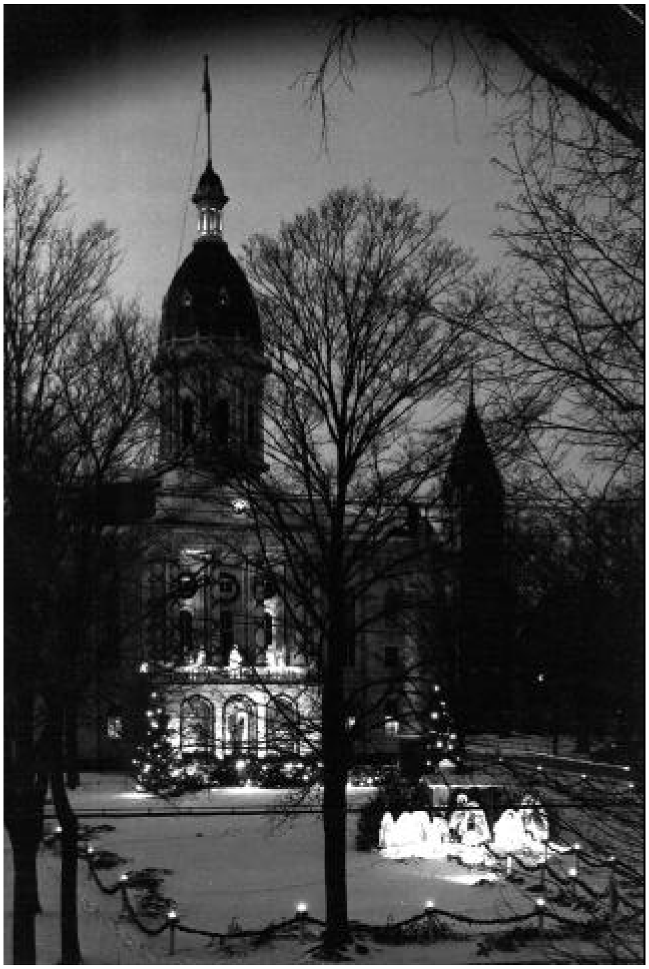
44c. Lit-Up Nativity Scene

A Nativity scene is the main theme of the community holiday lighting project on the lawn of the Middleborough Town Hall and the after dark brilliance of the decorations has raised much favorable comment. The stately Town Hall building is used as a backdrop. The scene was constructed by art students at Memorial High School under supervision of Mrs. Sylvia G. Matheson, Art Supervisor. Workmen of the municipal light department handled construction and lighting under supervision of Joseph Brown, foreman.

Source: Quote from New Bedford Standard Times

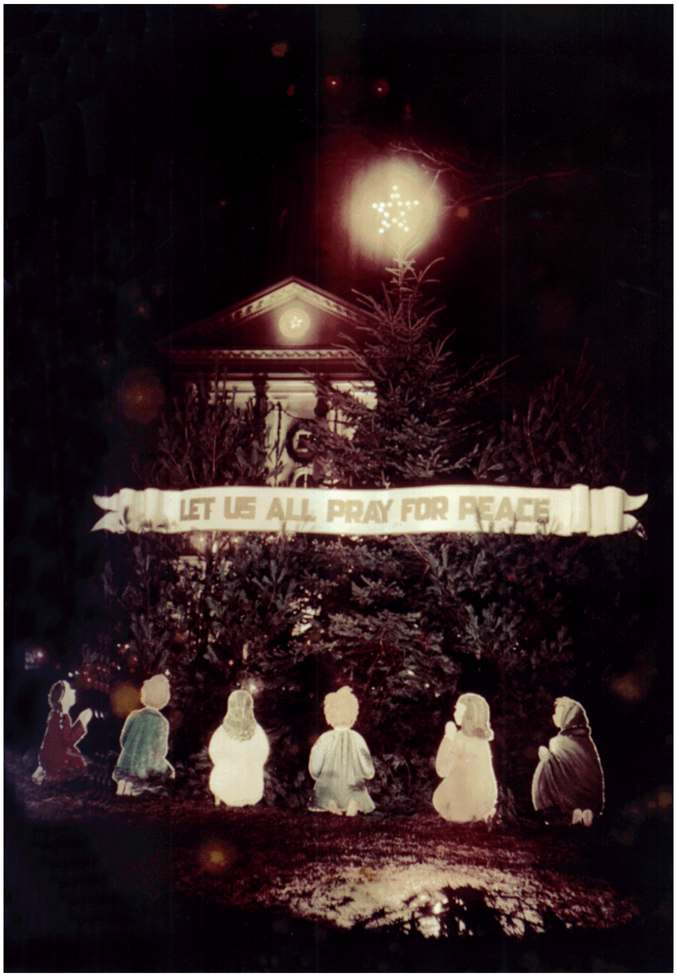
44d. Aerial View of Town Hall Christmas Lighting

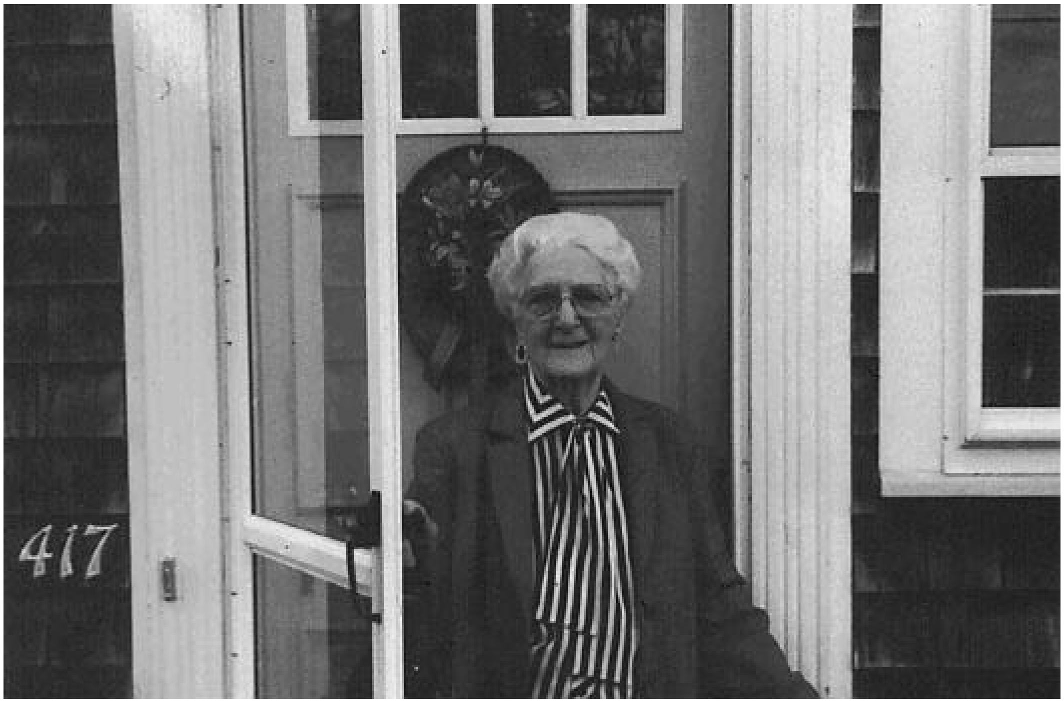
This beautiful aerial shot shows the lights in the steeple, the lit-up shrubbery and the forty electric candles lighting up the nativity scene and Town Hall façade decorations. On the right may be seen the steeple of Central Baptist Church.



44e. Children's Corner

The Children's Corner, praying for peace was painted by the Memorial High School Class of 1952, under the direction of Mrs. Sylvia G. Matheson. It was added to the main nativity scene in 1952.


LET US ALL PRAY FOR PEACE



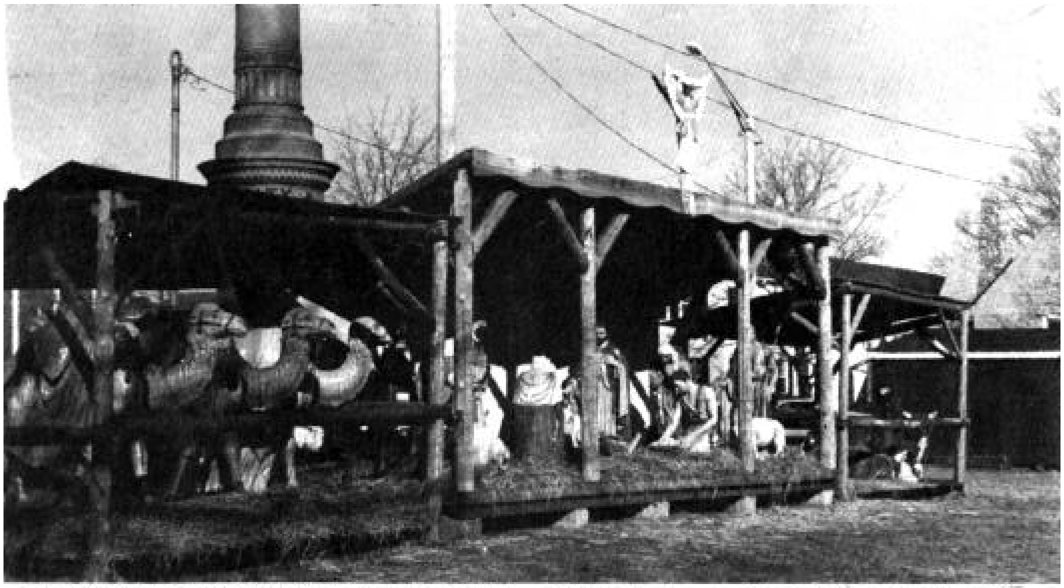
45. Sylvia Matheson

This is a photograph of Middleborough’s beloved school art teacher taken on an outing in Scituate by one of her students Sherwood Burnett.

46. Sylvia Matheson

This is a picture taken at Sylvia Matheson's 90th birthday celebration on April 8, 1992. She came to Middleborough in 1925 as a twenty-two year old art teacher as Sylvia Comley and taught art until she retired in 1961.

SYLVIA MATHESON, an art teacher in the Middleboro schools for many years, celebrates her 90th birthday on April 8 at a gathering of family and friends. (Gazette Photo by Peter Sgro)



THE NATIVITY SCENE is set up on the Town Hall lawn again this year thanks to the students at Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School who repaired the figures. (Gazette Photo by Jane Lopes)

47. Nativity Scene

The annual Nativity Scene as it looks when students at Bristol Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School had repaired the figures.

48. Nativity Scene

Bristol Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School sophomore, John Papoulis, in front of the statue of Joseph minus his feet.

Nativity scene gets repairs from high school students

MIDDLEBORO - Joseph couldn't stand anymore. His feet were falling off. The camels were chipped and scarred and the donkey was half gone. Then the students in a workshop at the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School stepped in to help save a Middleboro seasonal tradition.

Each year, Middleboro's Gas & Electric Department puts out the town's life-sized Nativity scene on Main Street and takes it down for storage after the holidays have passed. And each year, these magnificent figures, imported from Italy more than 40 years ago, are marked and damaged a little more while in motion and in storage. Last year, it looked as though the town would lose Joseph, a key figure that night in Bethlehem.

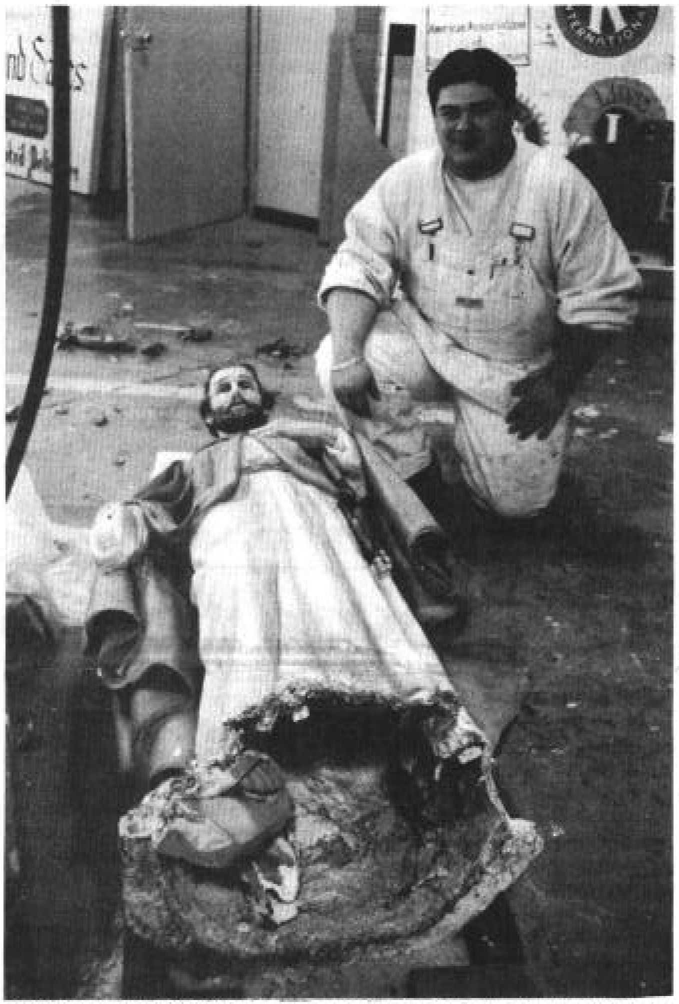
"You can't have a Nativity scene without Joseph," said Sandra Cataldo, the department's communications and marketing specialist. "We were afraid to put the figures out at all last Christmas."

The department put out the call for help instead.

Bristol-Plymouth came to the rescue in the form of Ellen Grant, the chairwoman of the B-P regional school committee and former Middleboro treasurer. With Ellen's help, the department worked with Dr. John Avery, the regional technical school district's superintendent, John McLaughlin, the school's vocational supervisor, and Tom Cosato, the school principal, to bring the figures to the school for repair.

Under the direction of Ray Vargas, the painting and decorating instructor, students repaired the forms by re-plastering their broken parts, in some cases having to reassemble entire bases that were splitting apart from years of moisture damage and wear. They than applied fresh paint to get the figures ready for another season in the elements. "We appreciate the great effort these students put into their work," said Ms. Cataldo. "This shows again what a great asset this school is to the area."

So far, Joseph and the three animals have been completed by the students with the Gas & Electric Department paying only the cost of the materials and manpower to transport the figures. The school plans to repair and repaint all of the figures over time and the department is now looking into storing the entire scene in a more plaster-friendly place than their garage. For now, Joseph and the animals have rejoined the rest of the Nativity figures standing tall in the holiday spirit in downtown Middleboro.



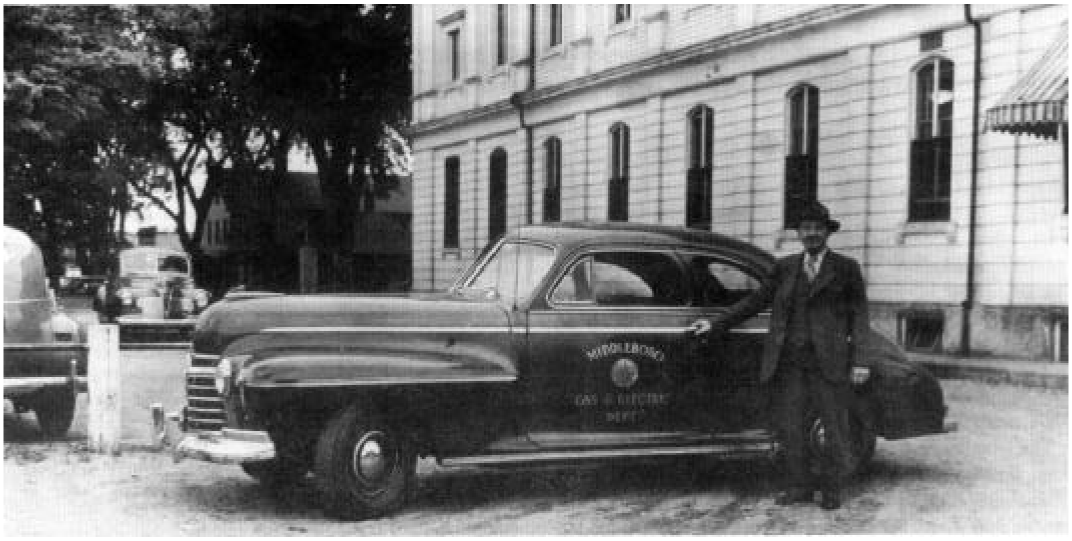
BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH Regional Technical School sophomore John Papoulis looks over "Joseph" and the broken feet.

49. Nativity Scene

An evening view of the Nativity scene shows the star aglow.

50. Town Hall Tower Debris

These sections were removed from the town hall tower after pieces of material were breaking off and falling to the ground.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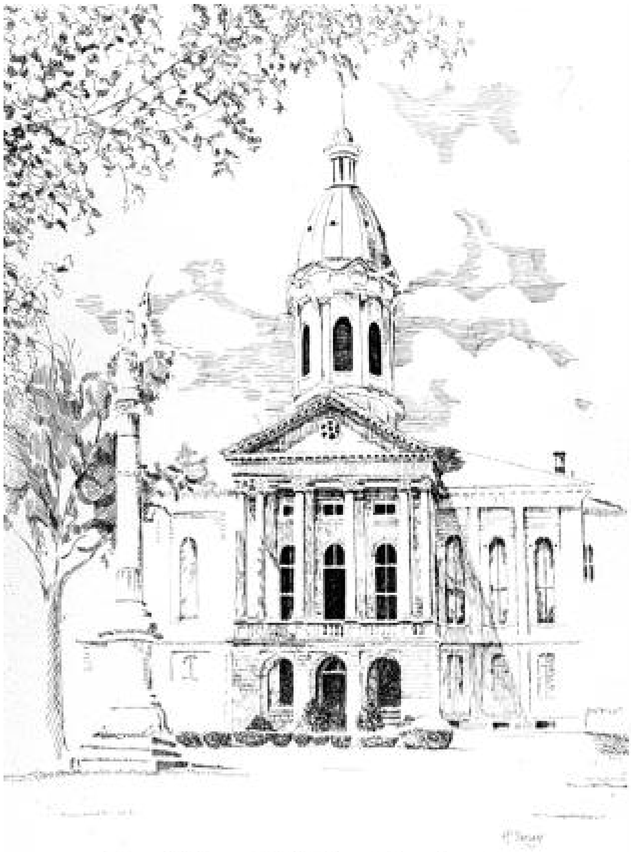
51. George Philbrook

Standing beside his official “G&E” car, a 1941 Oldsmobile coupe, is George Philbrook, father of Middleborough historian Mertie Romaine and the town’s fire chief as well as the “key man” in the gas and electric department.

52. Town Hall

Sepia Pen and Ink drawing handed out at a town meeting in the 1980’s.



Town Hall — Middleboro, Massachusetts

53. Town Seal

The state mandated that every town have an official seal by 1900. We do not know who designed the seal or when, only that it was used for the first time in 1909.

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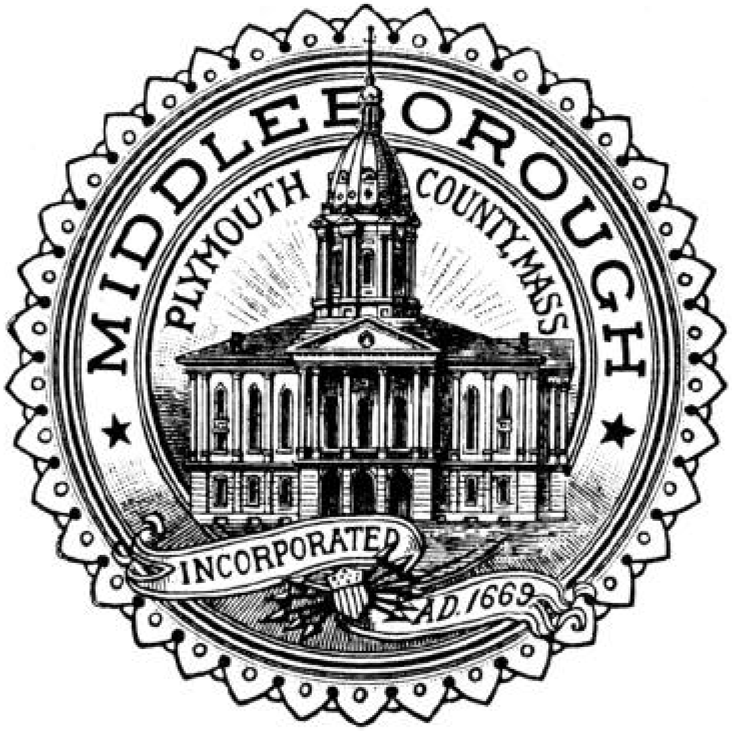
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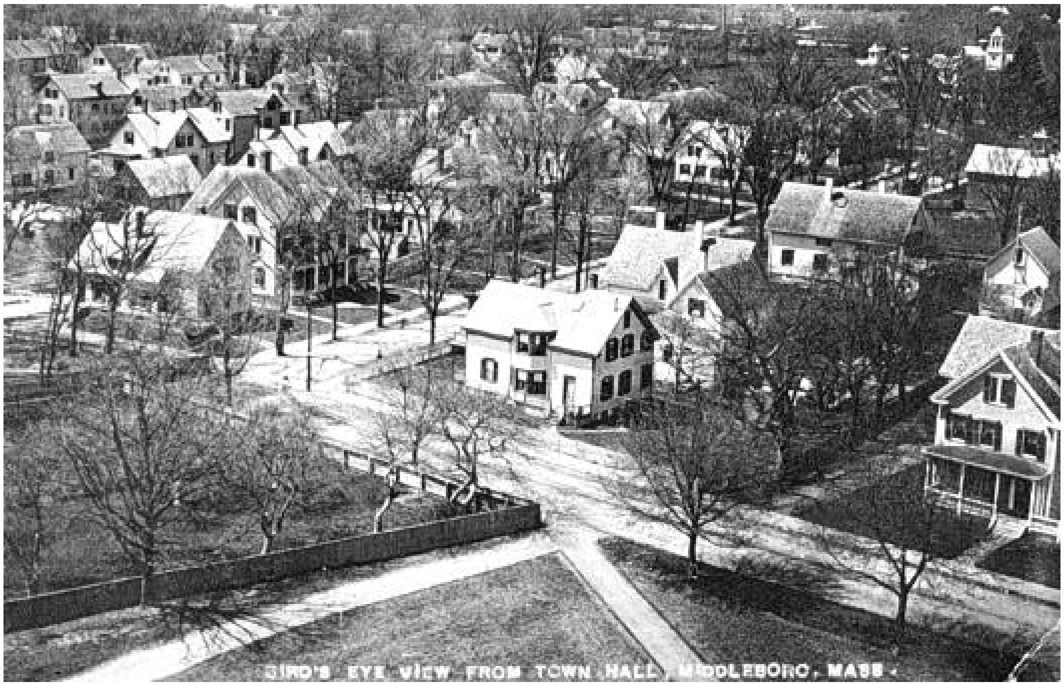
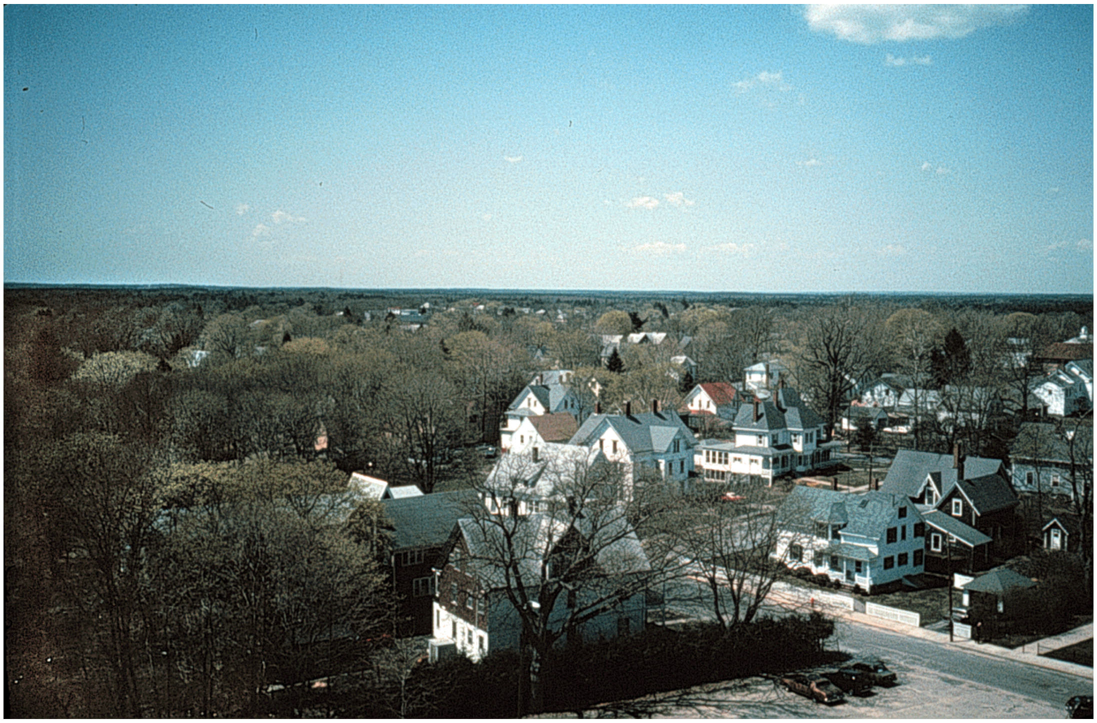

BIRD'S EYE VIEW FROM TOWN HALL, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

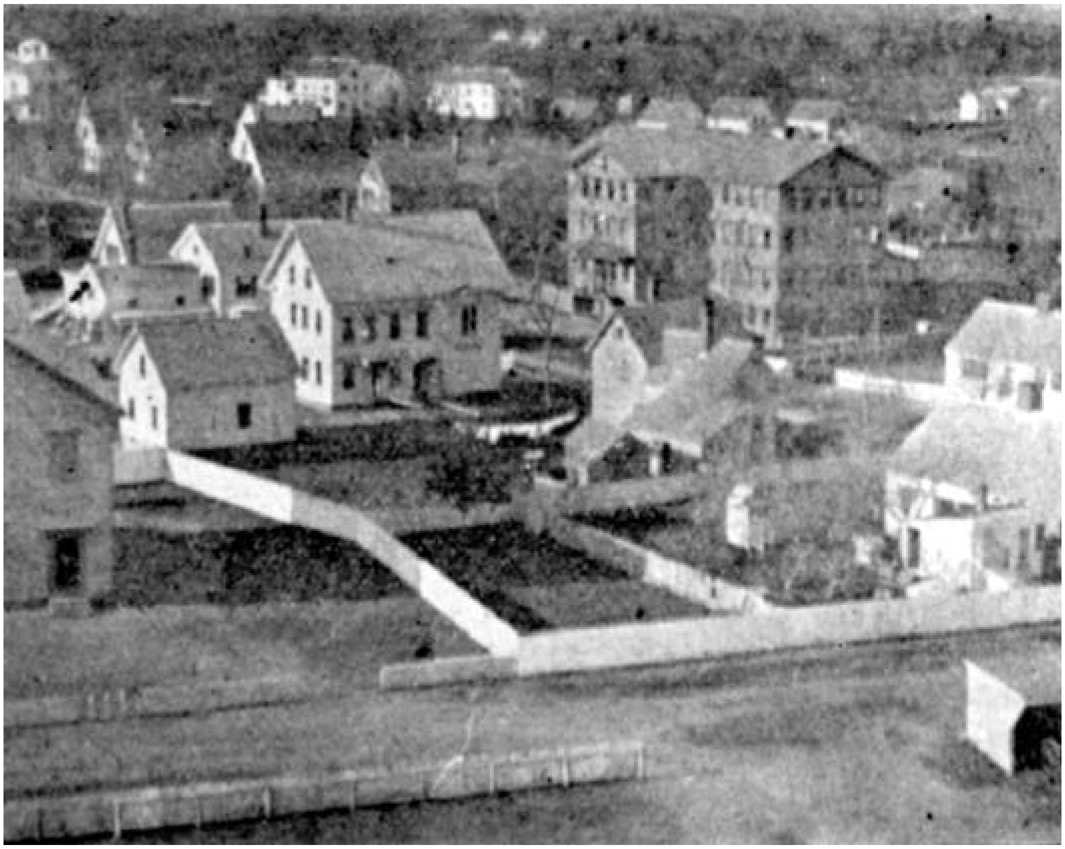
54. View from Town Hall Steeple

View toward High Street. Lower left corner shows Devlin Home; upper right corner is the Elks Building, Thomas Leonard Estate. The house, lower right corner, was moved to the lot behind onto Pearl Street, where the present Union Street School was built in 1937.



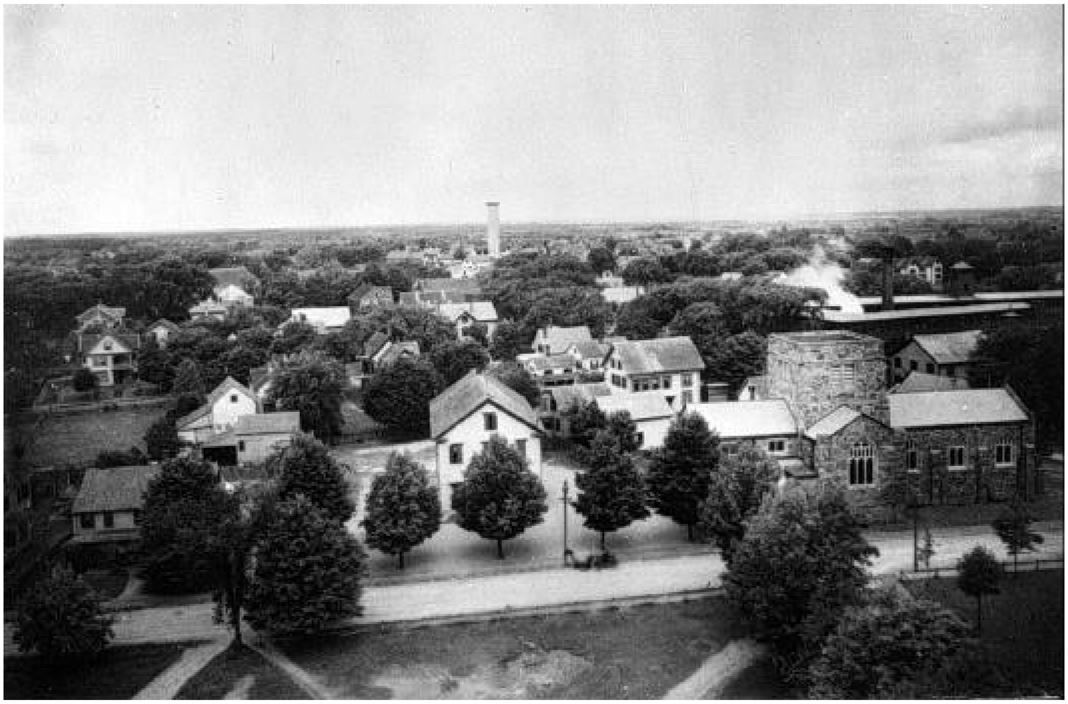
55. View – Town Hall Steeple

Lower left corner shows three family dwellings, behind house is Episcopal Church Parish Hall. Bert Perkin’s house is in the foreground.



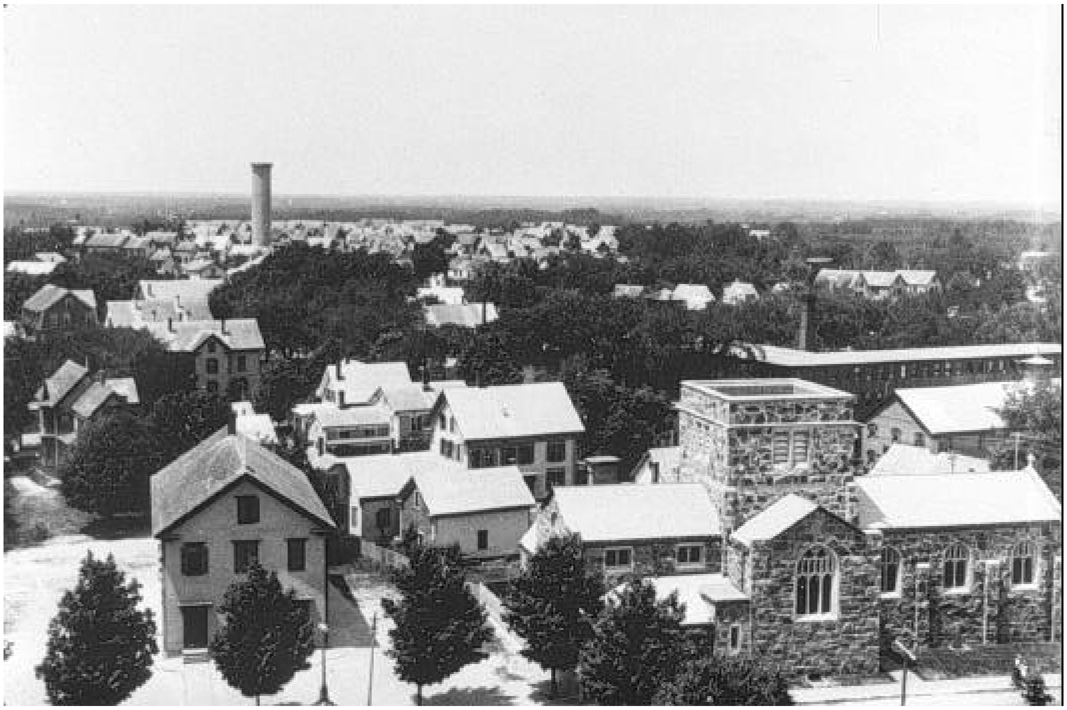
56. View from Town Hall Steeple

View looks toward original Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory, all of which burned in 1886. In lower right the Central Baptist Church carriage sheds and across from sheds is the Lucas Homestead, which has been replaced by the Church of our Saviour, Episcopal.



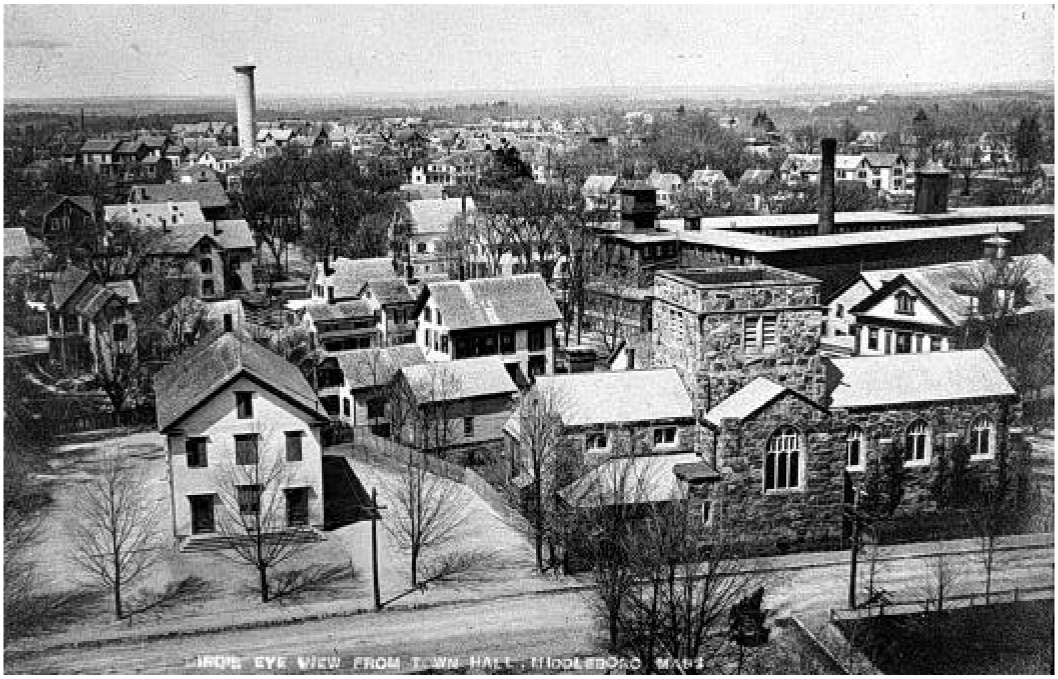
57. View Town Hall Steeple

View looking toward Union Street; lower right shows church of our Saviour Episcopal with the original Union Street School behind the church. In the distance the Forest Street standpipe can be seen



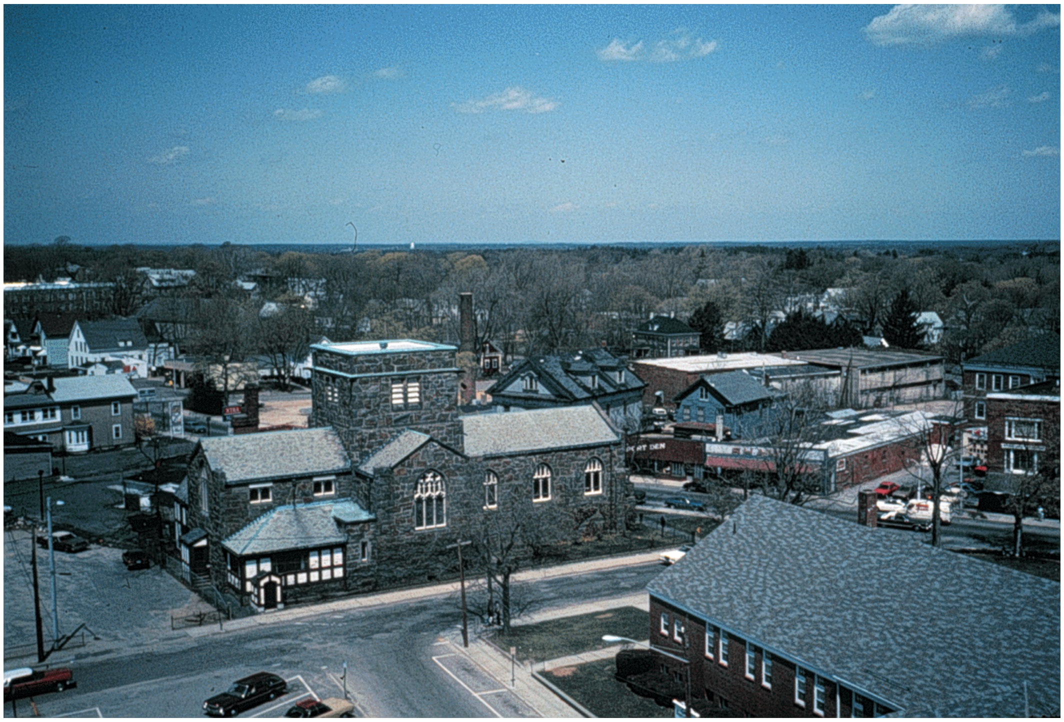
58. View from Town Hall Steeple

View looking toward Union Street in summer.


BIRD'S EYE VIEW FROM TOWN HALL, MIDDLEBORO MASS.

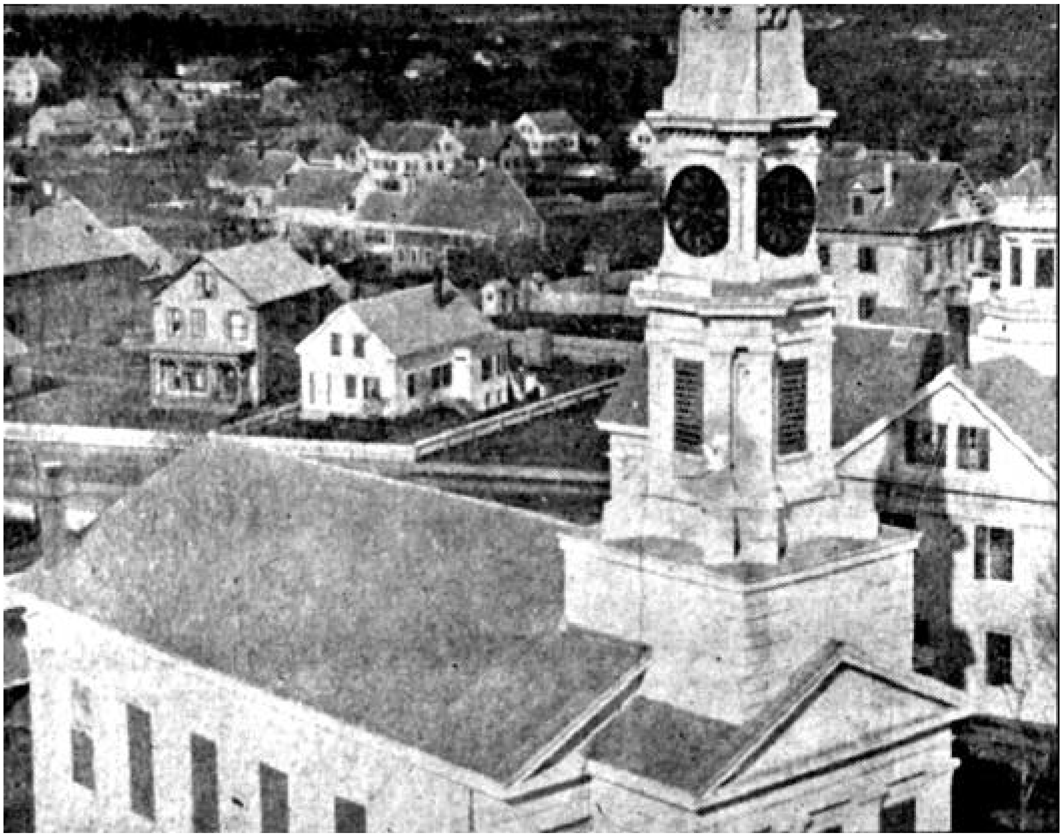
59. View From Town Hall Steeple

View looking toward Union Street. Lower right shows Church of Our Saviour, Episcopal with the original Union Street School behind the church. In the distance the Forest Street standpipe can be seen.



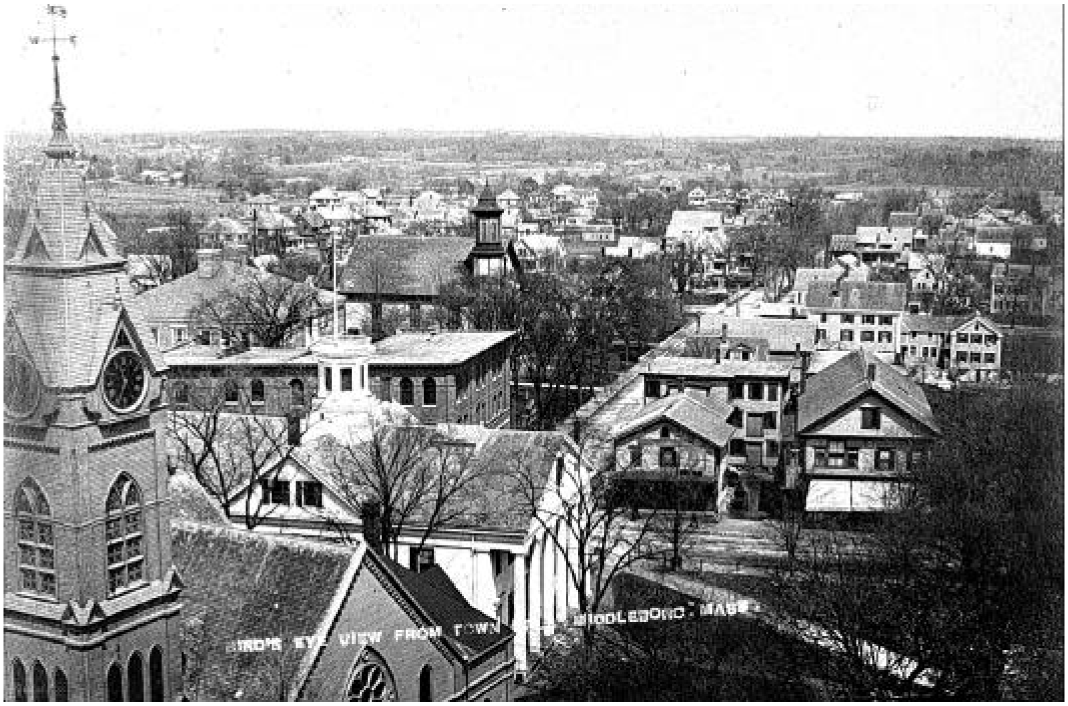
60. View From Town Hall Steeple

View showing Central Baptist Church, a corner at the Glidden Building behind it and across the street Church of Our Saviour, Episcopal.



61. View From Town Hall Steeple

This view looks toward the original Central Baptist Church. On the right of church the Peirce Academy, behind the Academy is the original School St. School. On far left of picture is Otis Briggs' livery stable, the site to which the school was moved to in 1906 when the new School St. School was built.


BIRD'S EYE VIEW FROM TOWN
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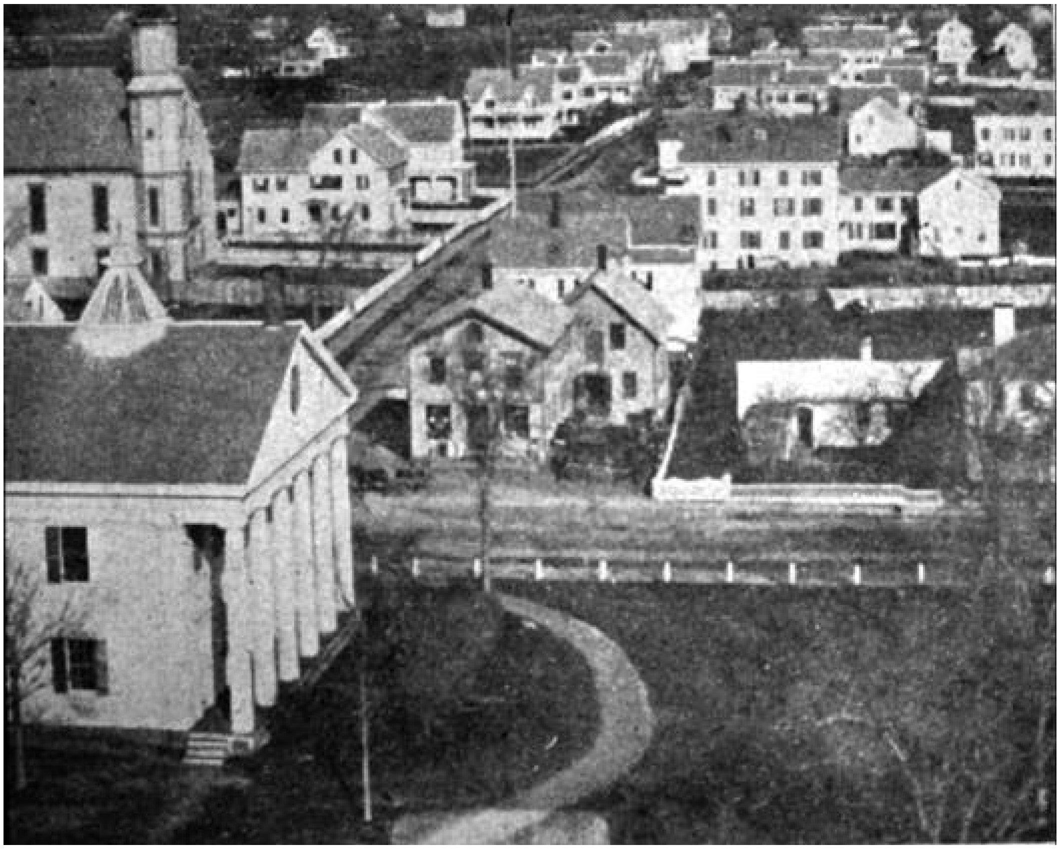
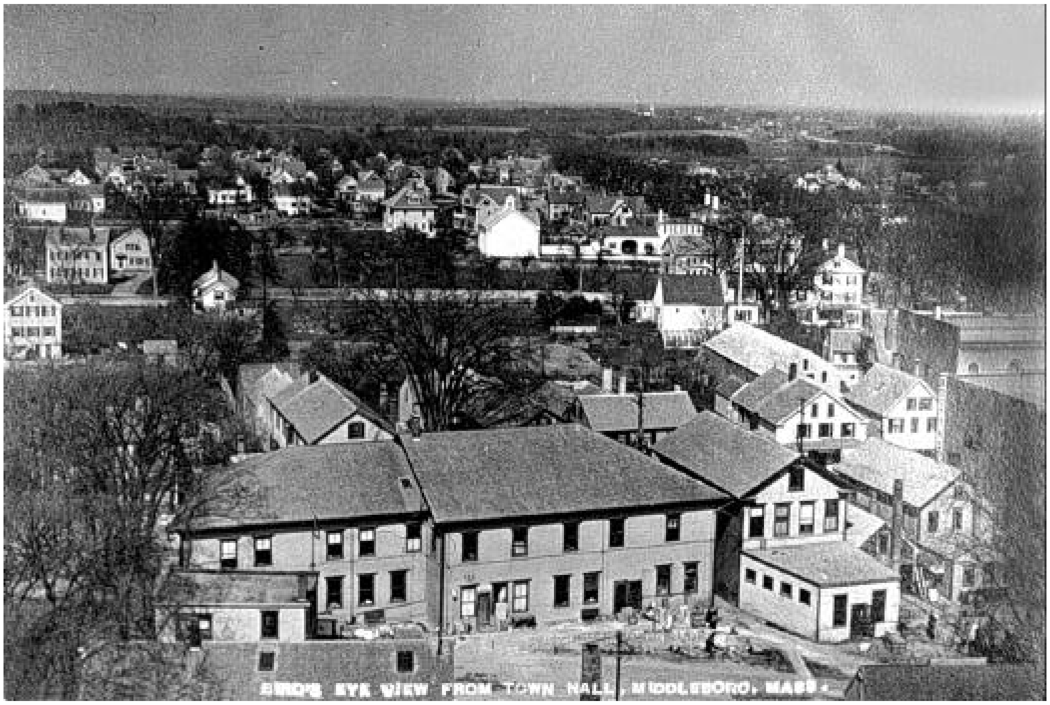
62. View From Town Hall Steeple

View toward Second Central Baptist Church, Peirce Academy, Glidden Block with the new School St. School, Central Methodist Church and the Beehive House, which was used by the Peirce Academy for students who boarded.



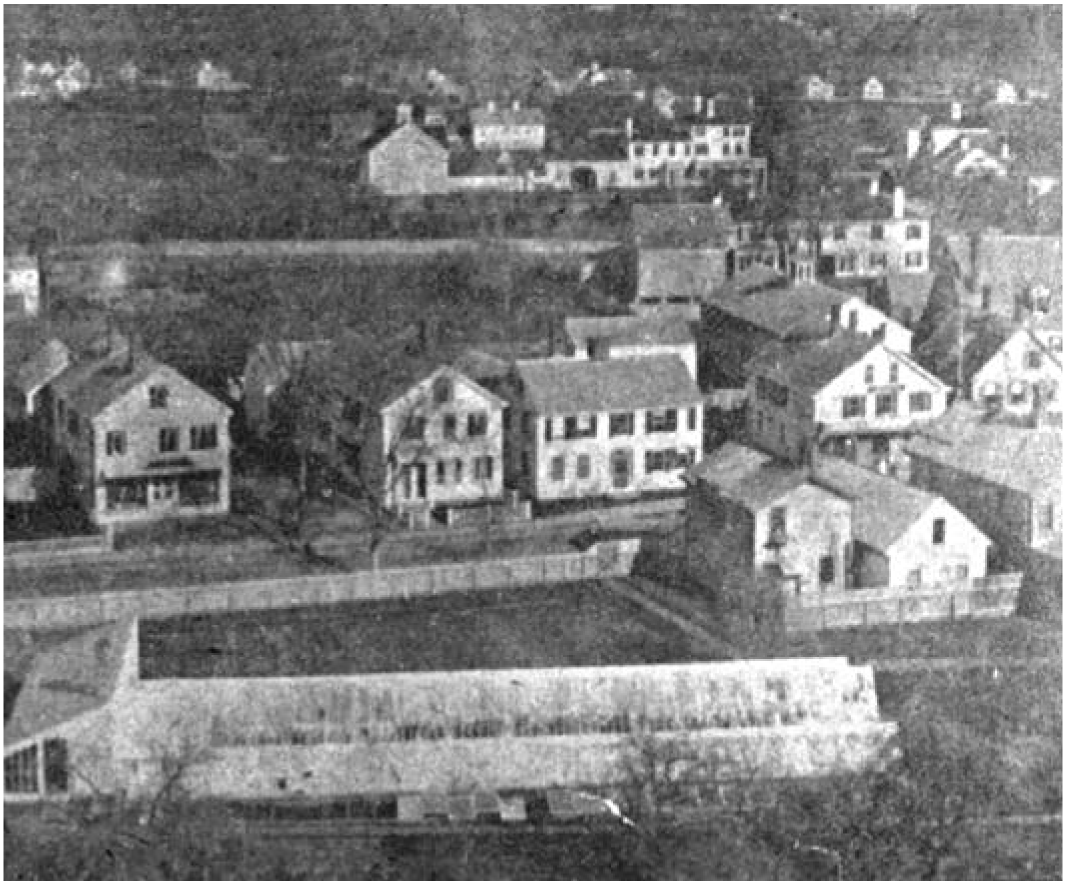
63. View from Steeple of Town Hall

View overlooks Peirce Academy, Central Methodist Church, the present parsonage, formally the Wood House, with the house next to it the original parsonage. The Beehive, Peirce Academy dormitory on right side of School St. Lower right is Central Baptist Church manse (parsonage) built by Levi Peirce for the Baptist minister.


BIRD'S EYE VIEW FROM TOWN HALL, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

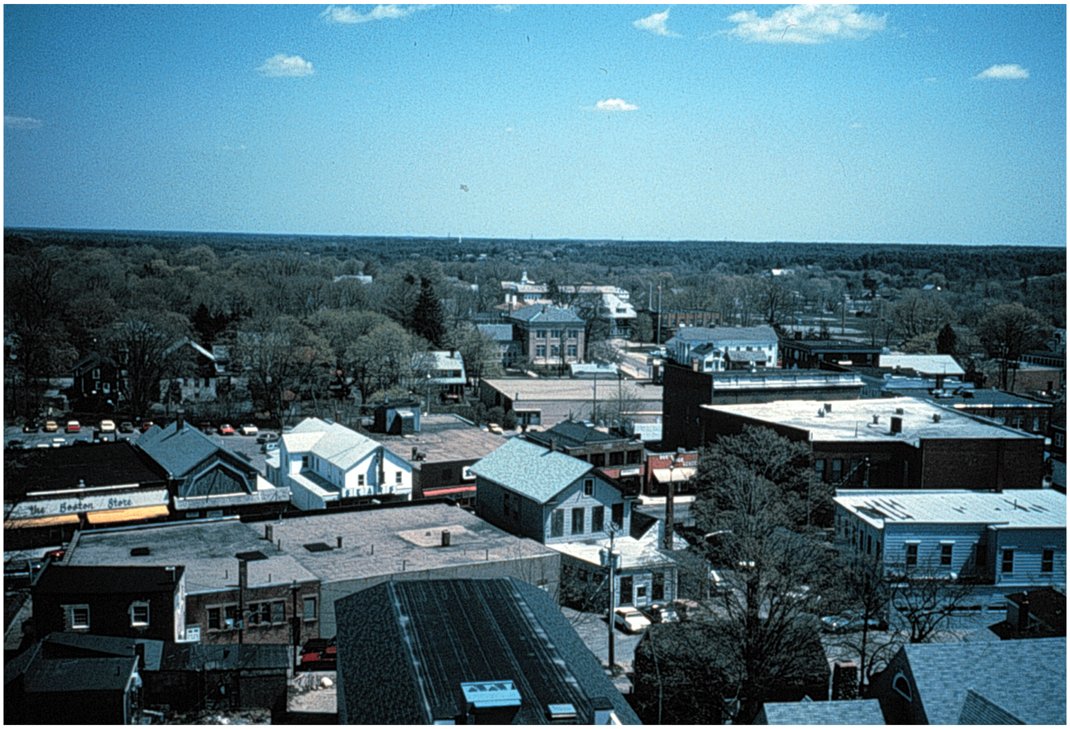
64. View from Steeple of Town Hall

Looking toward Peirce Street with Centre Street in foreground. Lower left shows 2-storied Thatcher Block, Middleborough clothing store, Tripps Confectionery and Bank block on corner. In the distance Peirce House.



65. View from Steeple of Town Hall

In foreground are Thatcher greenhouses, later moved to Wareham Street and presently Creedon's Florist Shop.


The Boston Store

66. Steeple of Town Hall

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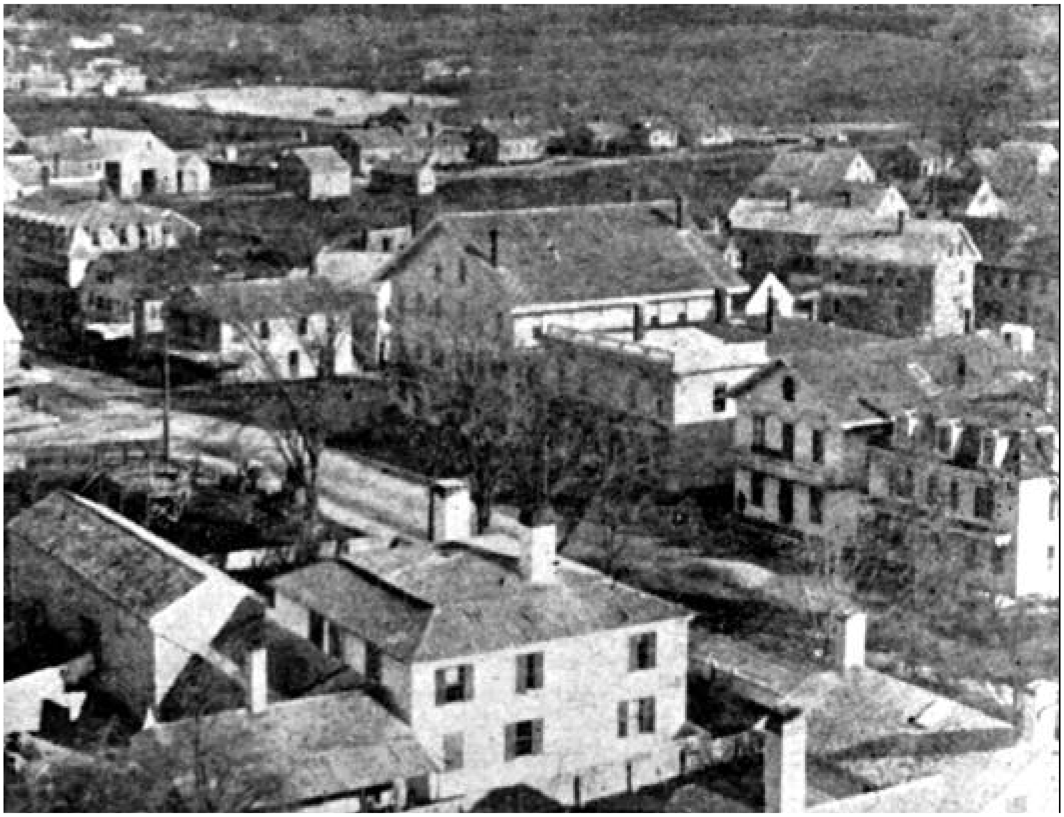
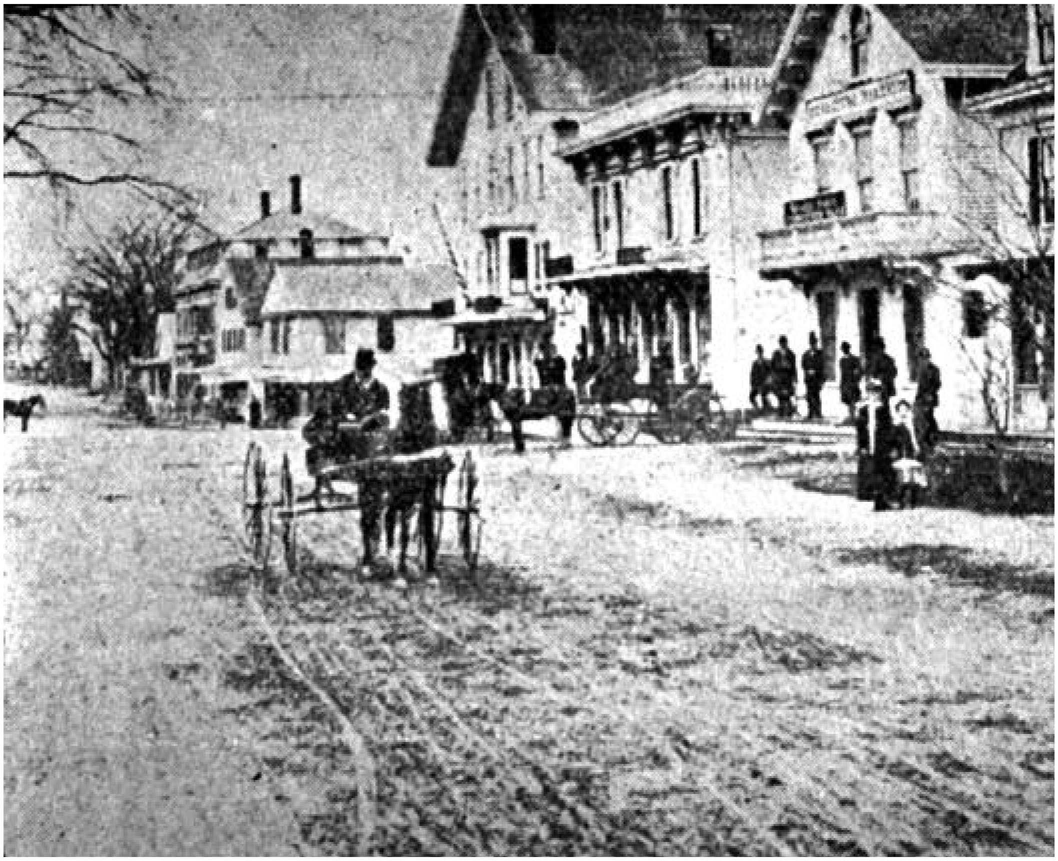


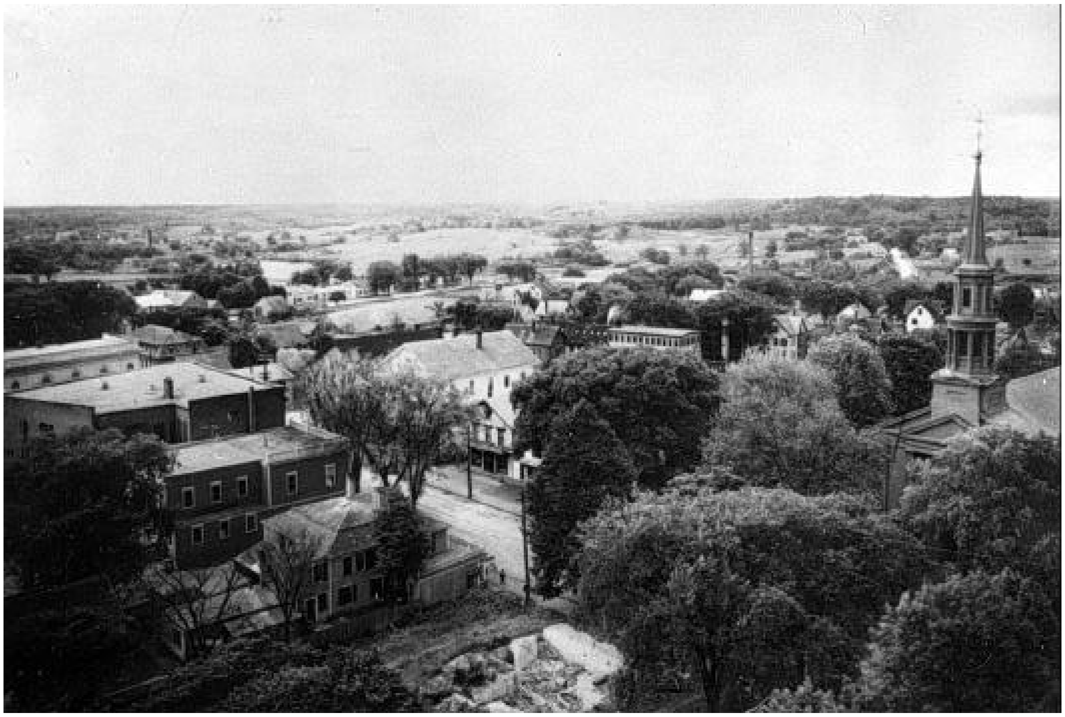
67. View from Steeple of Town Hall

This view is focused toward the Four Corners over the roof of the Thatcher Homestead. In the far left is original Jones Block. At the Four Corners is the building that became Bob's Diner. Coming down So. Main Street is American Block, then the 2 story Doan block, the Soule block and finally the Drake Homestead.



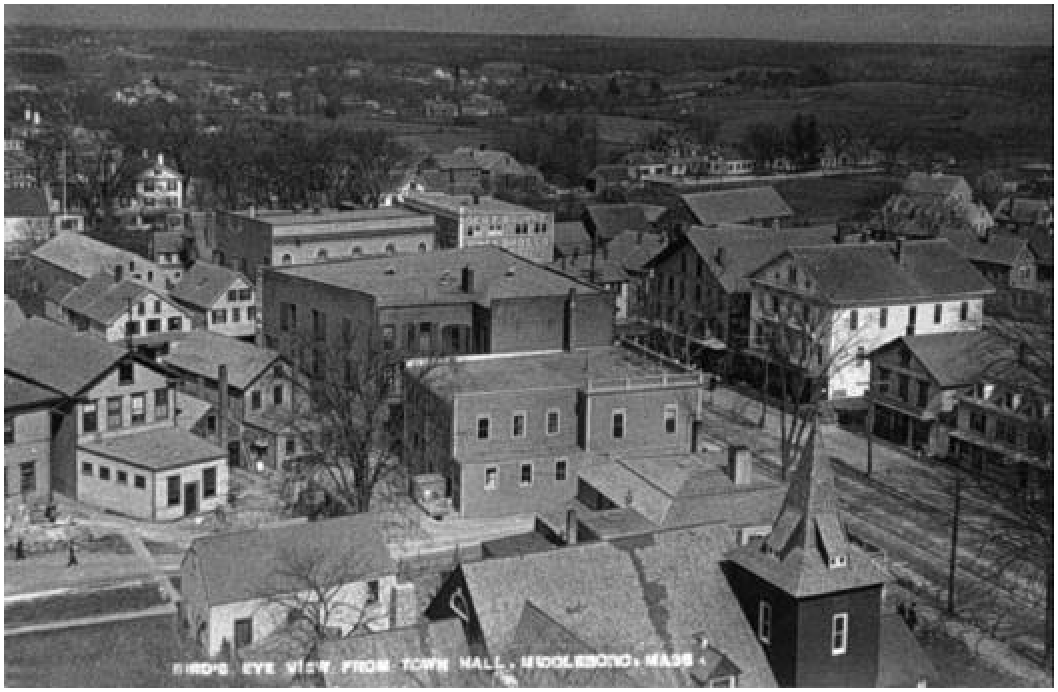
68. View from Steeple of Town Hall

In the distance on No. Main Street can be seen the Jones Block which burned in 1904; then crossing over to So. Main Street, first in line is the American block, the two story Doan Block and the Soule Block.



69. View from the Steeple of Town Hall

Looking towards the Peirce and Bank Blocks and returning to Homestead block, past the Washburn House to the recently vacated cellar hole of the Dr. Arad Thompson home, which was moved to No. Middleborough. Across the street the spire of Central Congregational Church and the Doan & Soule Blocks.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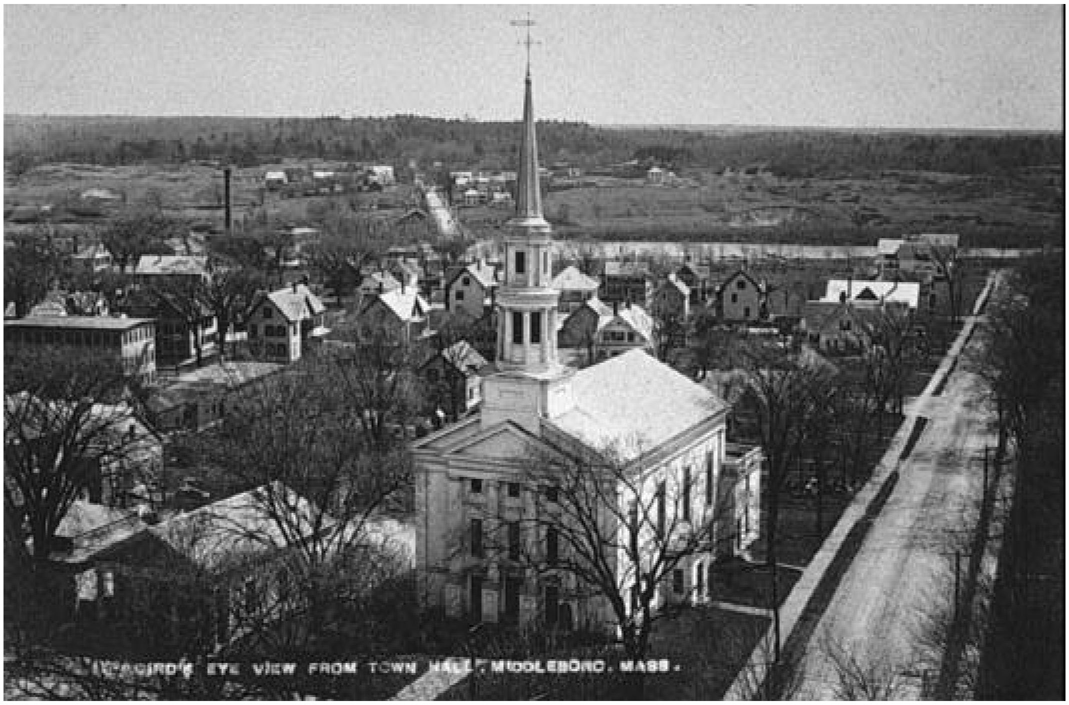
70. View from Town Hall Steeple

On the left Unitarian Church to Thatcher Block to Homestead Block, Bank and Peirce Blocks. Returning are American, Doan and Soule Blocks and the Drake Home.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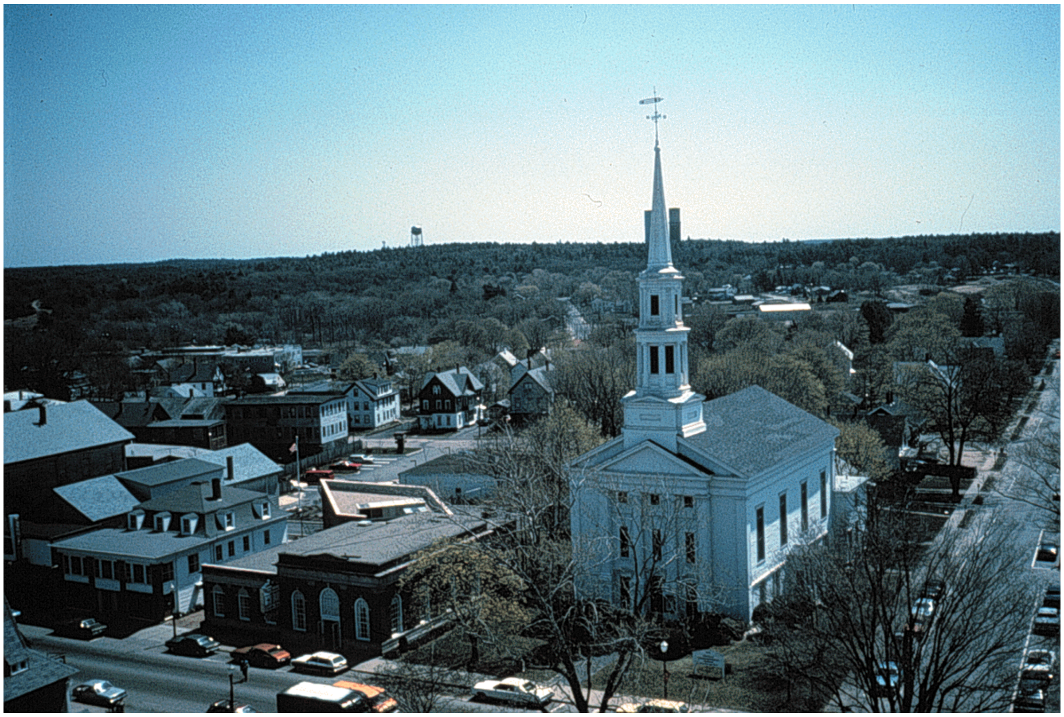
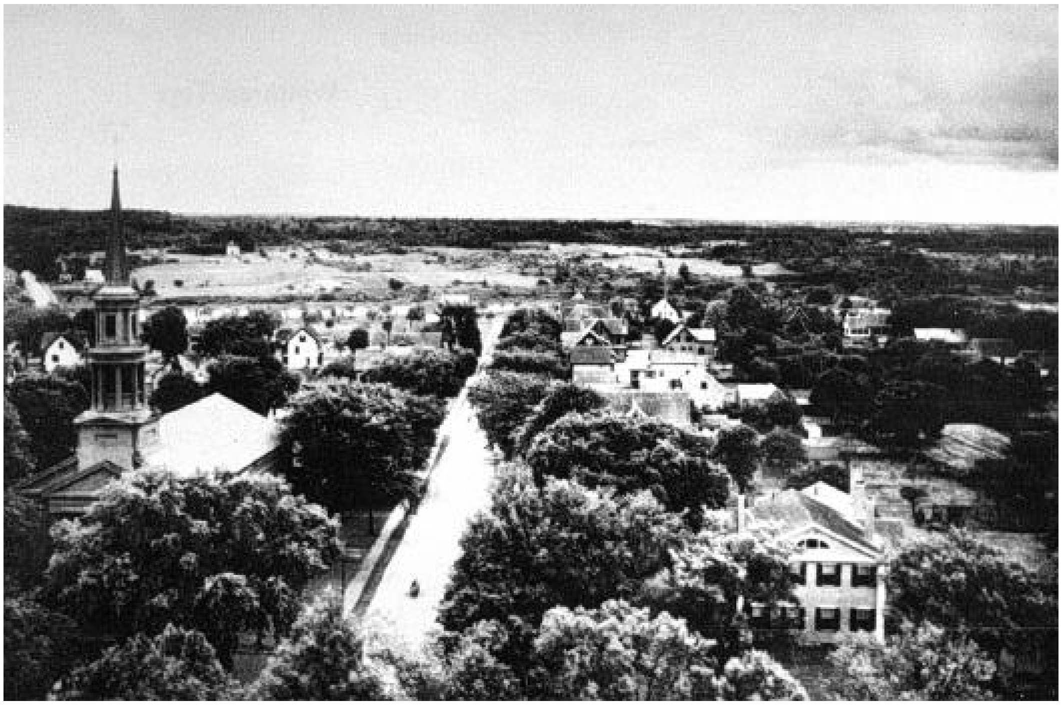
71. Central Congregational Church and Chapel

Looking toward Webster Street shows church and chapel which was the original church. The church itself was raised a story in 1891 and 1892. On December 23, 1923 it was hit by disastrous fire. Among improvements after remodeling was installation of a new organ. Church was rededicated on November 19, 1924.



72. Central Congregational Church

View of Central Congregational Church with Mayflower Bank on the site of the chapel, which was moved to the rear of church in 1928.



73. Central Congregational Church and Philander Washburn House

Through the trees on left side of Webster Street we see the Central Congregational Church and across the street on the right the Philander Washburn Home, which in the year of 1998 is serving as office space of Middleborough Gas and Electric Dept.

Source: Middleborough Antiquarian
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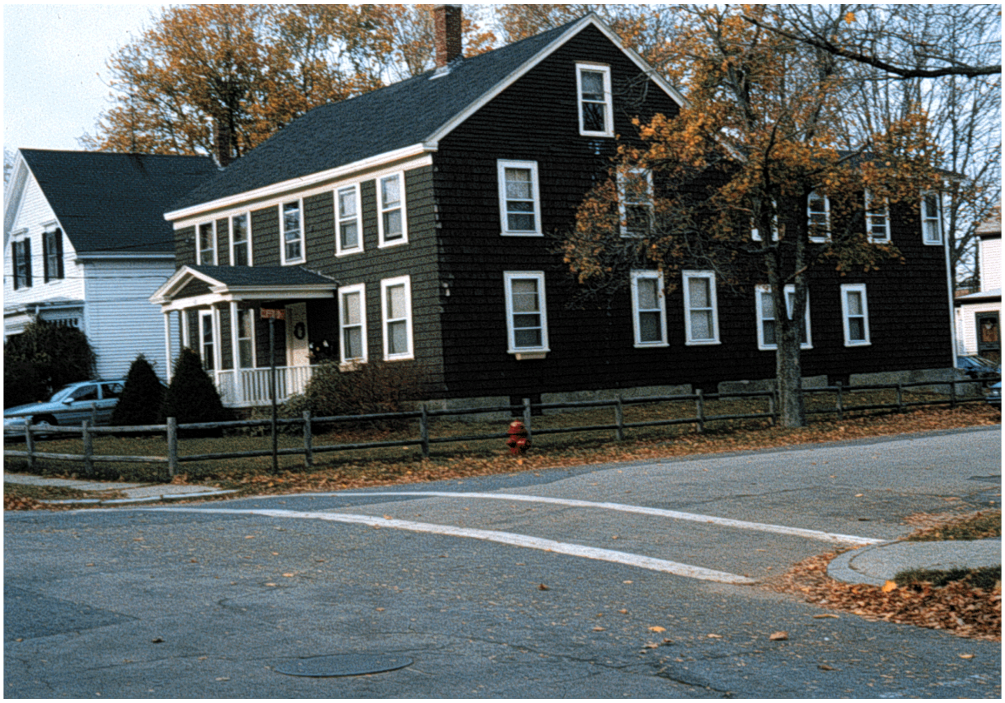
74. Thomas Covington House

This house was owned by Philander Washburn and lived in by Thomas Covington who stood up at Town Meeting declaring that he would sue the town if they did not vote a High School. Henceforth the house moved and the school built.



75. Thomas Covington House

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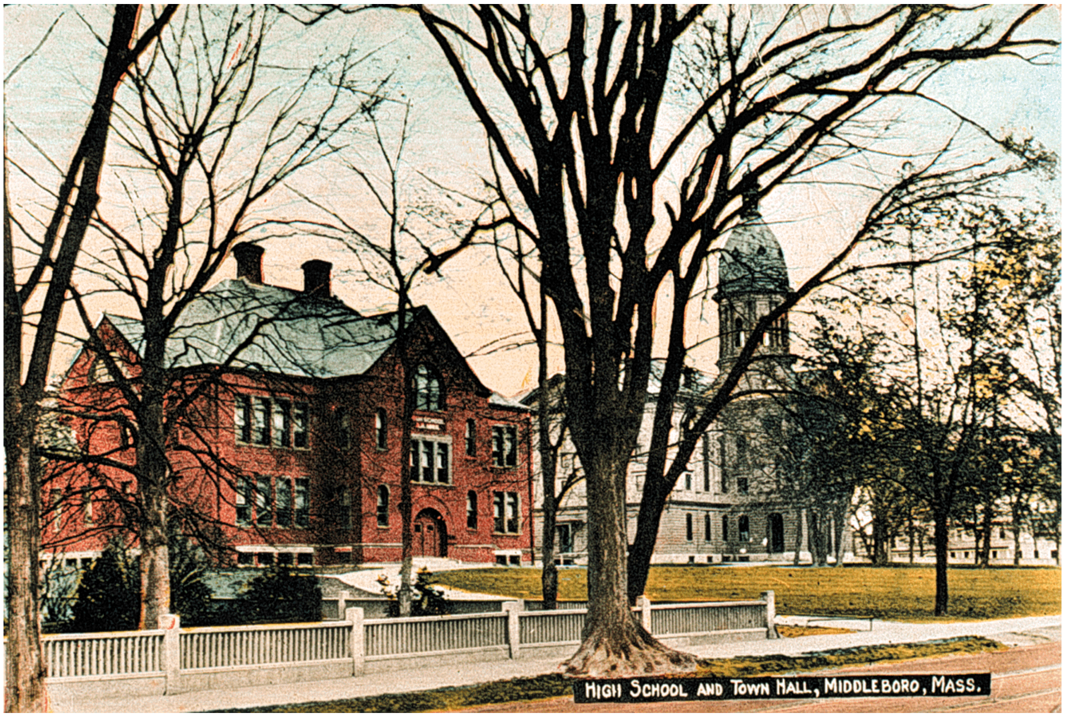

76. High School and Town Hall

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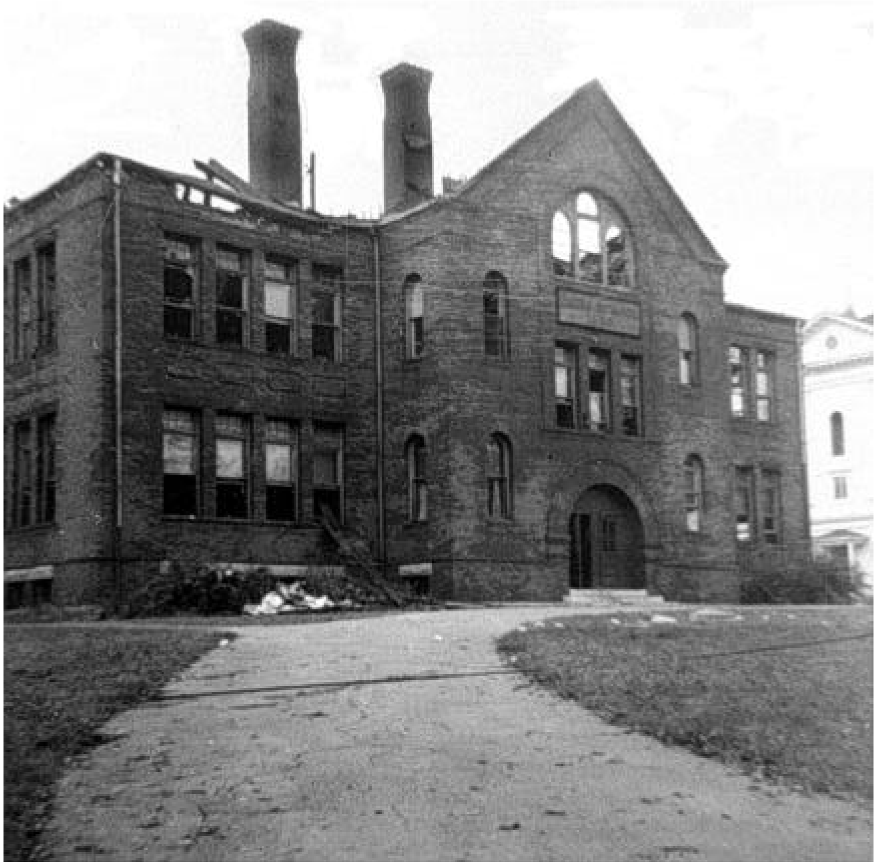
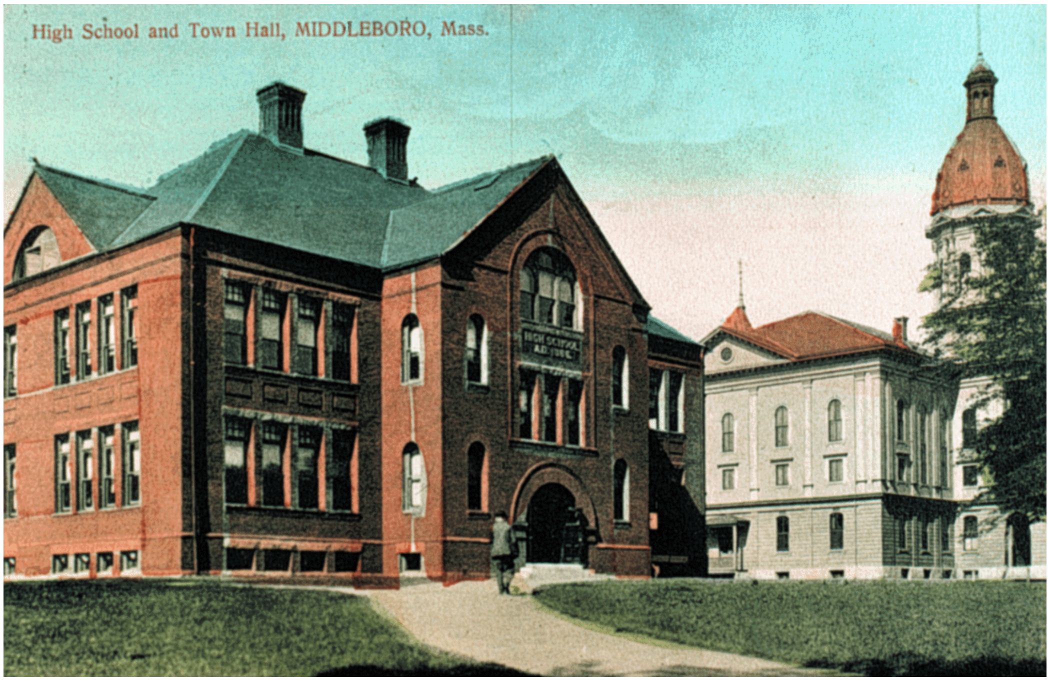
77. Bates Junior High School

Bates School burned in the evening of September 20, 1954. Across the street when moviegoers came out of the theater they found to their amazement an out-of-control fire gutting their Junior High School.




High School and Town Hall, MIDDLEBORO, Mass.
HIGH SCHOOL A.D. 1886

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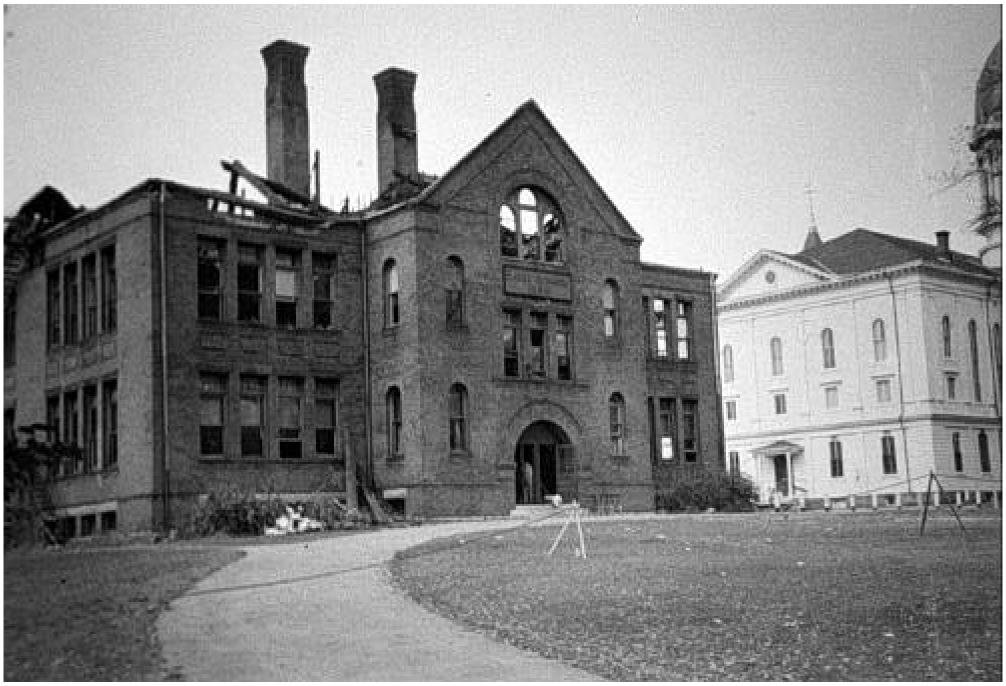
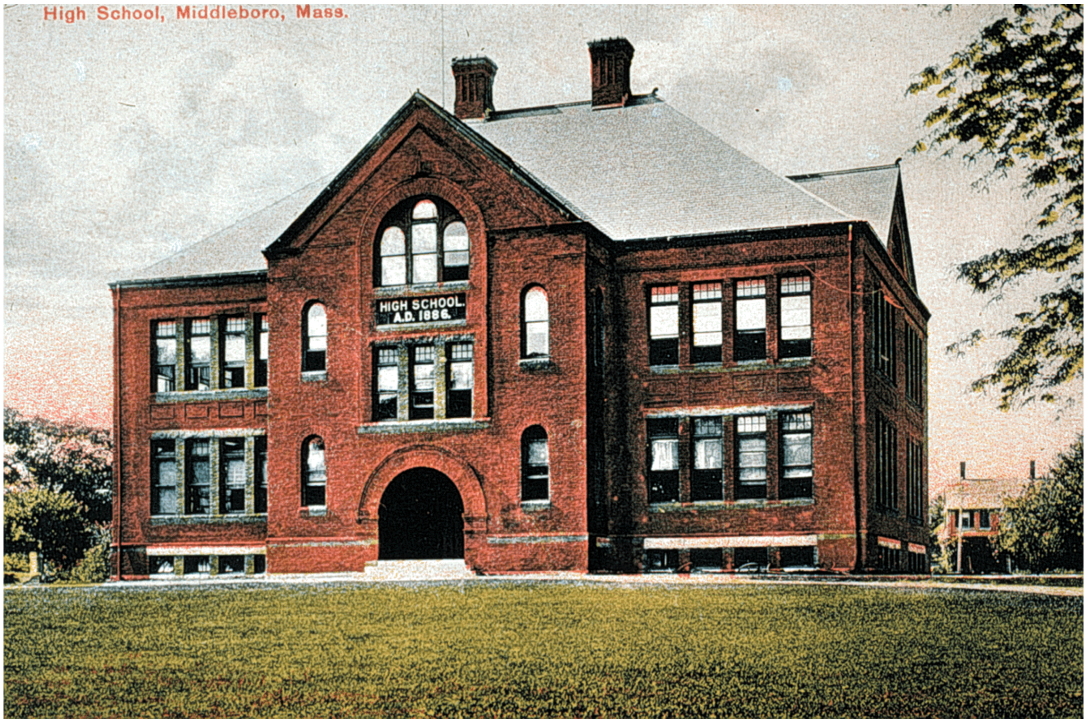


79. Bates Junior High School

Henry B. Burkland, principal (aged 51) raced up to the 3rd floor to the costume room under the eaves to rescue irreplaceable costumes before the flames consumed the third floor.


High School, Middleboro, Mass.
HIGH SCHOOL.
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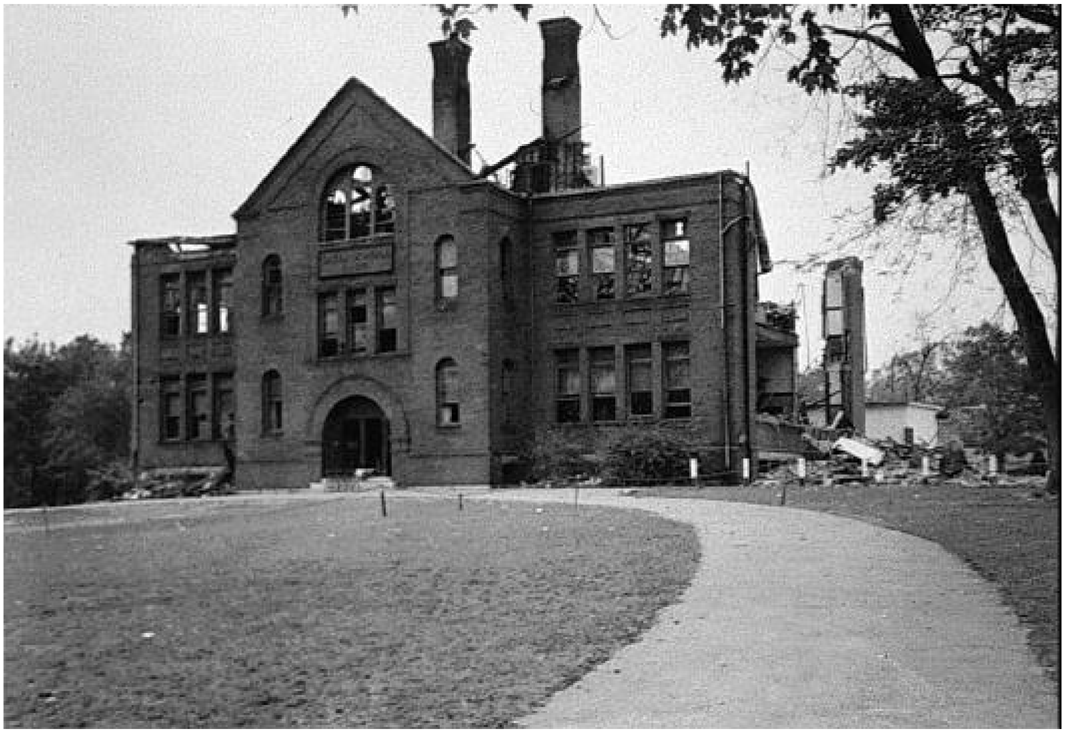
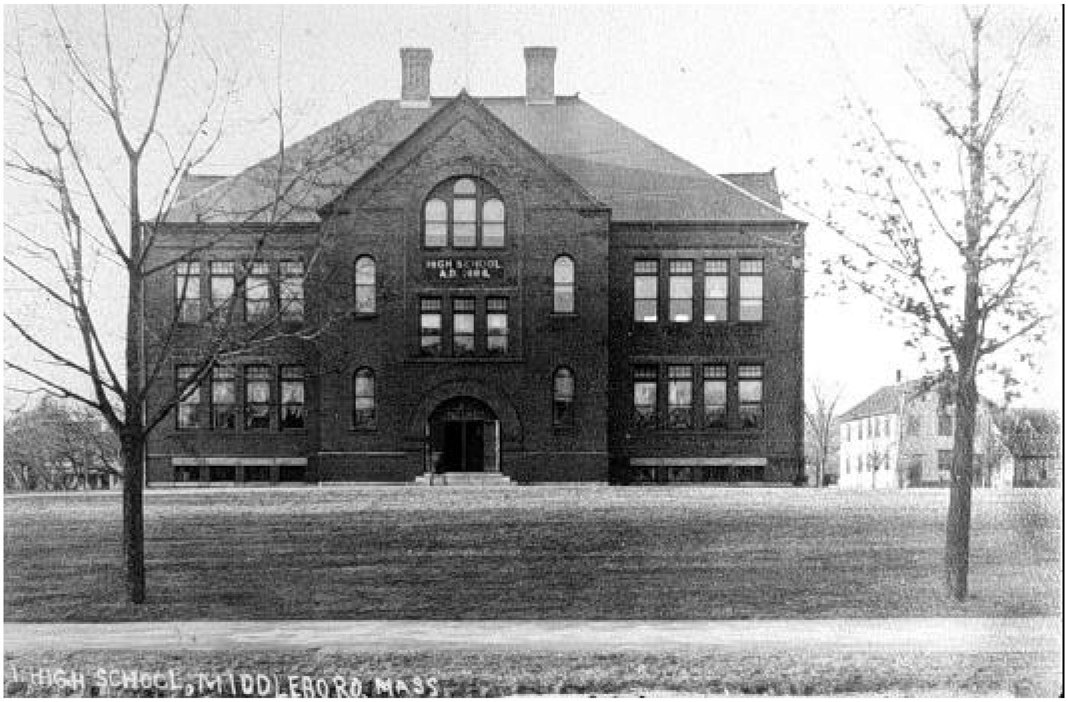
80. High School

Top floor classrooms were used as a high school between 1886 and 1927. The two classrooms on the right side were divided by sliding windows that were pushed up to make an auditorium.



81. Bates Junior High School

Searchers in the rubble were disappointed not to find the bronze nameplate on the building front. The basement hole was excavated in the early 1980's as it was causing flooding in the Town Hall basement. Dr. Lincoln Lynch, Superintendent of Schools at the time was certain it could be found in that debris, but was unable to find any trace – concluding that the bronze plate melted in the great heat.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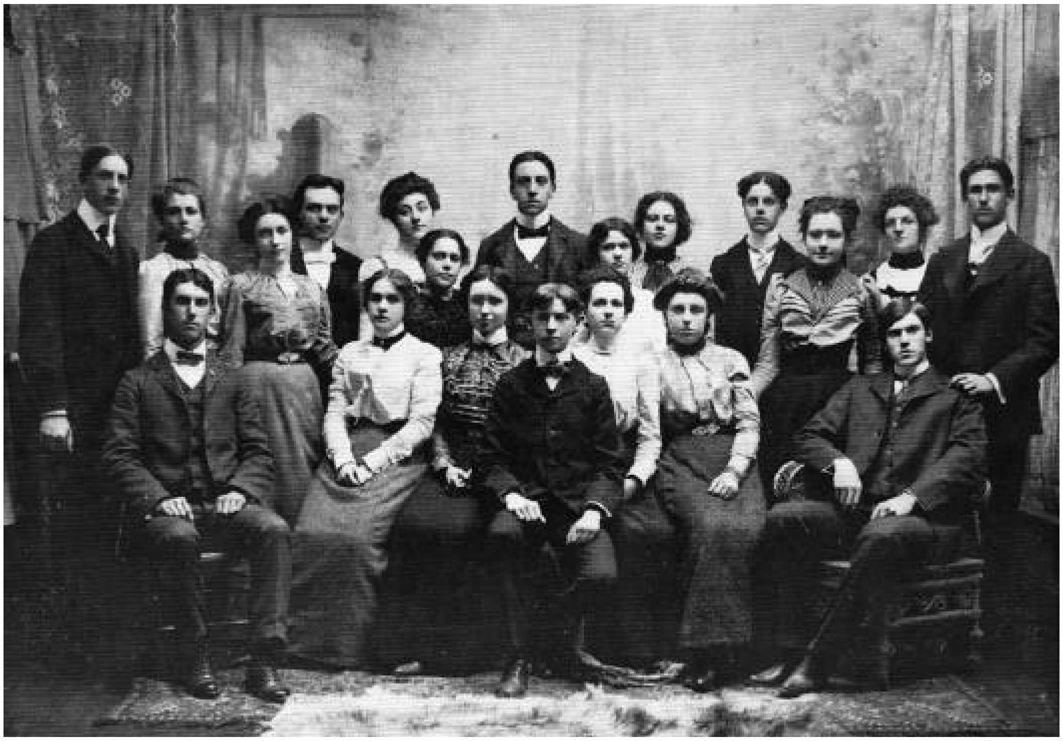
82. High School

1907 was the year the building was totally taken up by high school students, as the elementary school pupils were now at the newly built School Street School. (To the right rear is a good view of the original Union Street School.)



83. High School Class of 1900

Middleborough High School Class of 1900 (Not in the order of their appearance) Wendall Harlow, Mary Harper, Howard Stevens, Betsy Alden, Edna Potter, James Creedon, Marion Tillson, Pamela Caswell, William Shaw, Bessie Packard, Edith Pierce, Wardel Roberts, Mary Surrey, Sumner Coolidge, Winnifred Packard, Charles Kingsley Woodbridge, Laura Eaton, Lottie Bessie, Viola Kirkpatrick, and Fred Weston.

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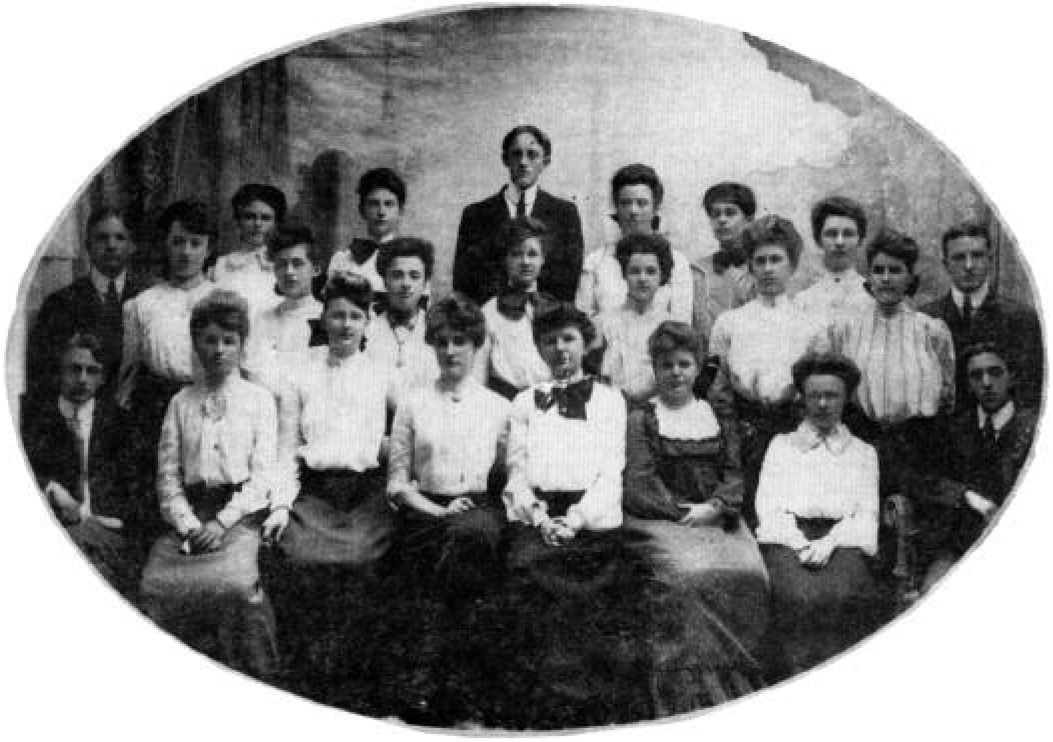

84. Middleborough High School Class of 1904

Back row, from left, Percy Jackson, Lena Macomber, Jean Surrey, Florence McDermid, George Richardson, Susie Bump, Helen Kingman, Minerva Sisson and David Cunningham; Middle row, from left, Mary Pierce, Josie Holloway, Edna Tirrell, class Vice-President Grace Tinkham, Ruth Martin, and Annie Dorr; front row, from left, class President Joe Hathaway, Mary Libby, Helen Ryder, Irena Cushing, Class Prophecy Writer, Abbie Lucas, Edith Whitman, valedictorian Edith Orcut and Wallace Wright.

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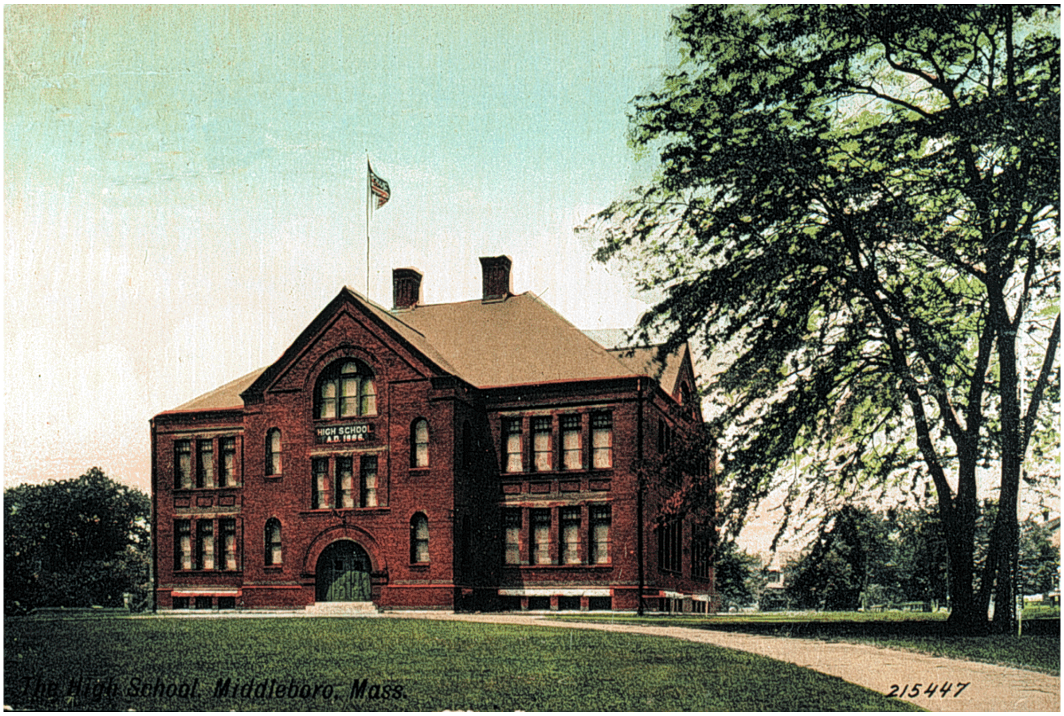
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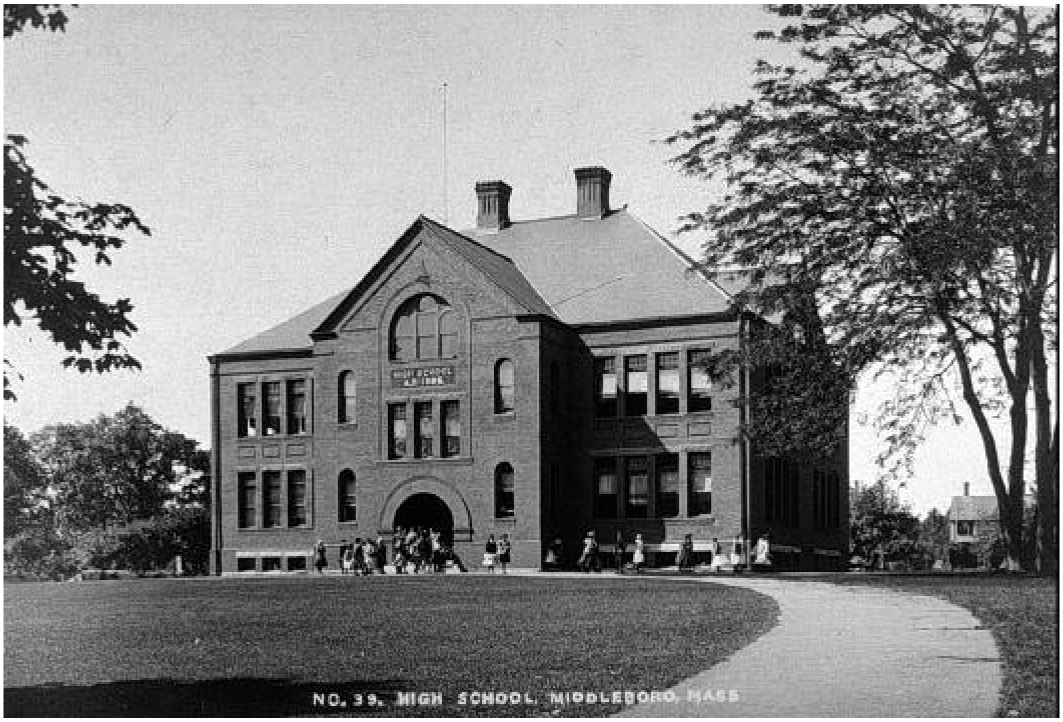
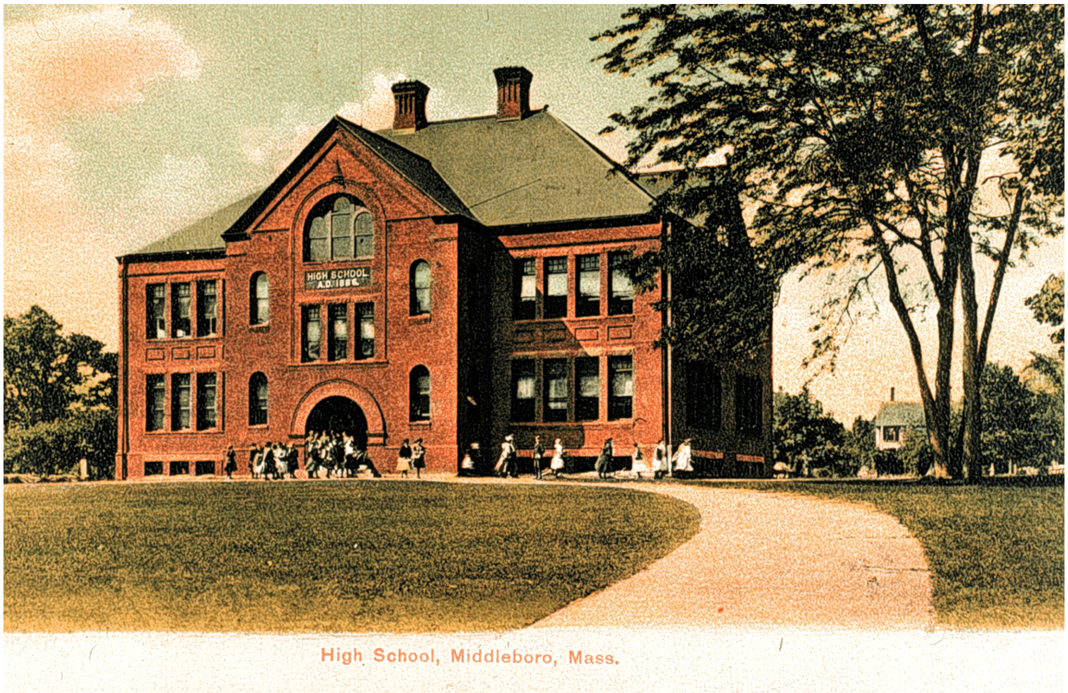
85. High School

Note the American flag flying from the top of the building. Later a pole was erected in the middle of the lawn for displaying the flag.


NO. 39. HIGH SCHOOL, MIDDLEBORO, MASS

86. High School

This was the period (1901-1927) that Charles H. Bates was the Superintendent of the Middleborough School system and for whom this building was later named.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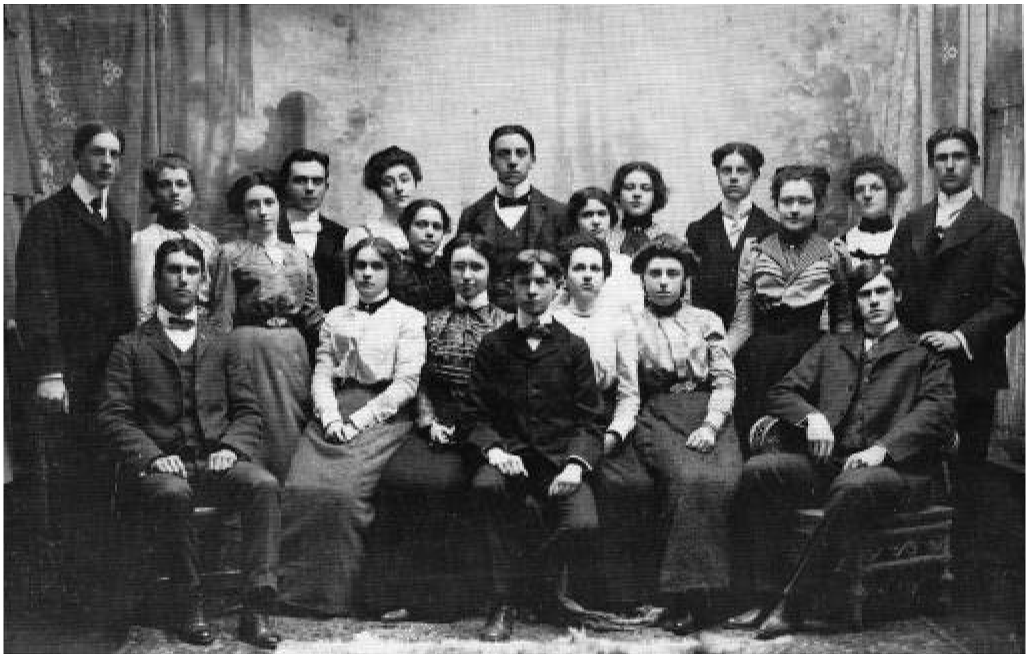
High School, Middleboro, Mass.

87. High School

This beautiful view shows the students at play, and 1906 was the last year for elementary classes on the ground floor. School Street School opened in 1907.



88. Middleborough High School Class of 1914

Middleborough Class of 1914. Austen Lucas Beals, Mary Dorothea Begley, Mendall Lothrop Boehme, Edith Frost, Mildred Scott Giddings, William Arthur Lewis, Rachel Mostrom, Walter Edmund O'Hara, Wilma Marsena Osgood, Roy Francis Perkins, Bernice Madison Reed, Hannah Lucille Shaw, Melvin Leonard Southwick, Jennie Wilbur, Leon Verdell Alden, Aurelia Gladys Berry, Bertha Warren Bradford, Earle Edward Caswell, Everett Linwood Caswell, Arleen Florence Cross, Henry Murdock Cushing, Minnie Leonard Davis, Josiah Myron DeMaranville, Katherine MacKay Dowling, Lillian Rachel Foye, Bessie Francis Leonard, Adele Lillian Levey, Gladys Ashley Lovell, John Jackson Martin, Ralph Joseph McCarthy, Clifton Alfred McCrillis, Ralph Joseph McQuade, Charles Sprugeon Miner, Helen Elizabeth Lincoln Perry, Flora Gardner Porter, Sara Olive Reed, Julia Sampson, Gladys Elizabeth Shaw, Minnie Howard Shurtleff, Annie Margaret Sinclair, Clarence Edwin Soule, Alfred Franklin Tinkham, and Melville Otis Wilkins. Austen Lucas Beals is third from right (not in order of appearance.)

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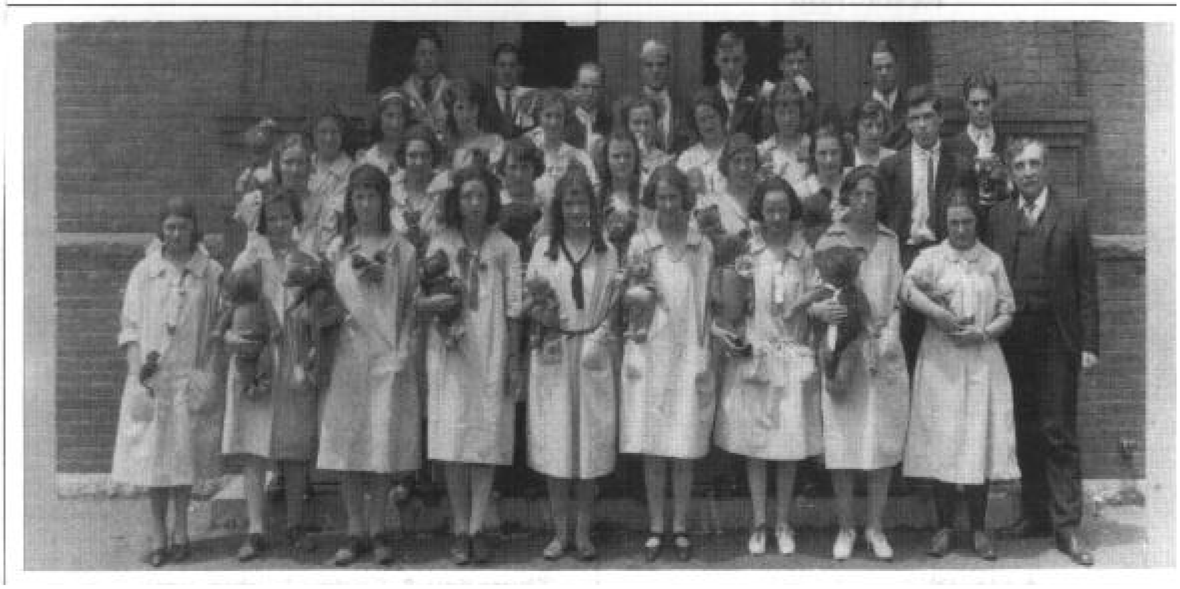

89. Middleborough High School Class of 1922

Middleborough High School Class of 1922. Front row, from left, Edna Kelly, Doris Sousa, Alice Robinson Shaw, Dorothy Shurtleff, Polly Stetson Wood, Thelma Weeman McGrady, Florence McGrady Mills, Annie Lewis, Alberta Hathaway; second row, Sally Fillebrown, Mildred McCrillis, Edith Gay Haggerty, Alice Rice Shurtleff, Eloise Phillips, Sara Boucher, James Dennett, Principal, Walter Sampson. Third row, Elise McCarthy, Kathleen Maddigan, Priscilla Churbuck Shurtleff, Marjorie McClusky Hanson, Mary Wood Butler, Arleen Callan, Esther Bryant, Dorothy Ellie Mitchell, Royce Oliver; Fourth row, Clyde Turner, James Peck, Sherman Monroe, Percy Churbuck, Sidney Buckman, Milford Dennett, Morrill Ryder. (Photo courtesy of Esther Bryant)

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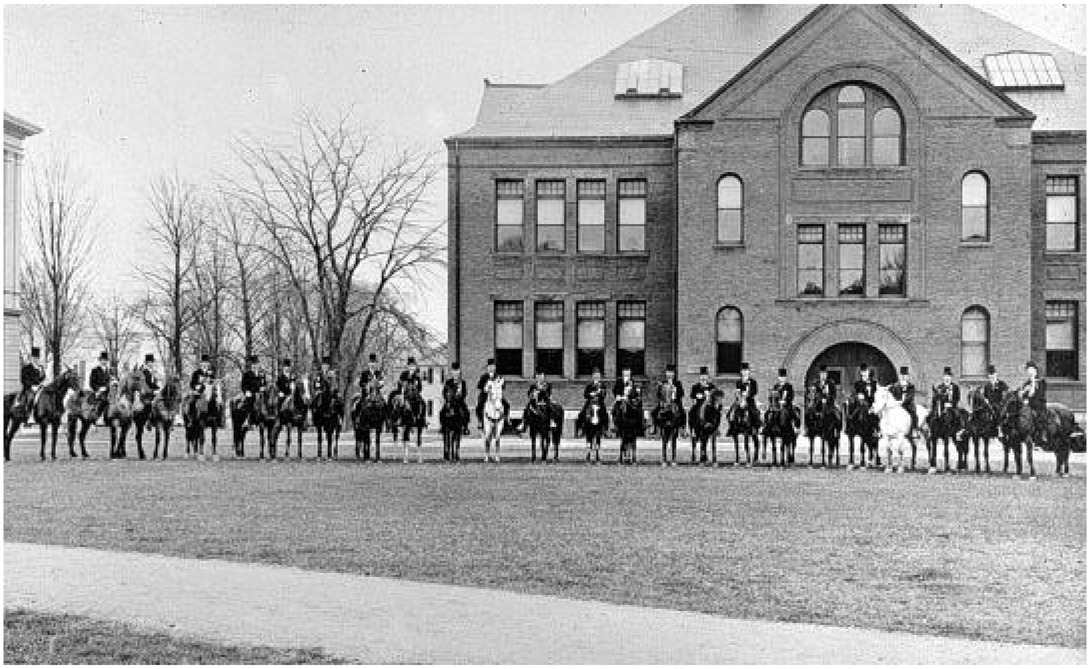
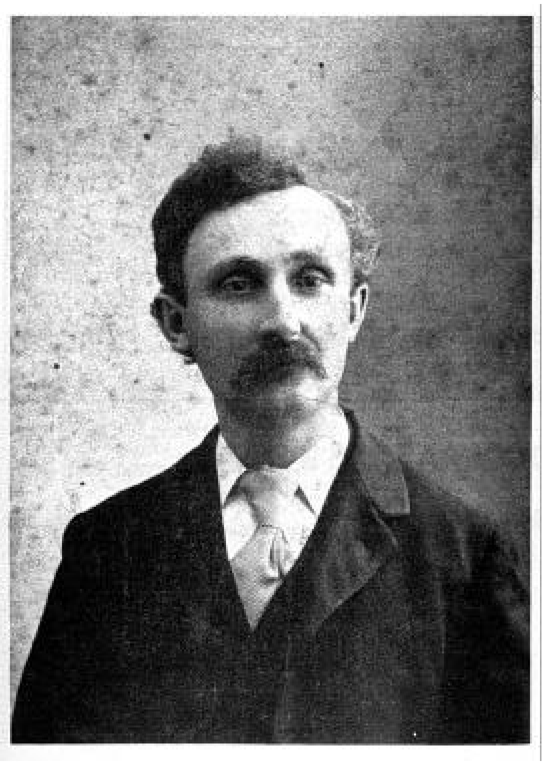


90. High School

This is a rare photo showing the rear of the High School taken from Union Street. Note the two skylights on the roof, and it features some talented local riders that rode in every town parade

91. Charles H. Bates

Charles H. Bates was known as an outstanding educator, poet and fluent speaker. He was also apparently a stern leader, for local lore has it that during one winter snowstorm, Fay Deane, a teacher on his staff who lived on nearby Oak Street decided no one should venture out to wade through the snow to the school. Her phone rang in the middle of the morning and a stern voice said: “Charles H. Bates speaking, we are all in session awaiting your presence, especially me, as I am taking your place!”

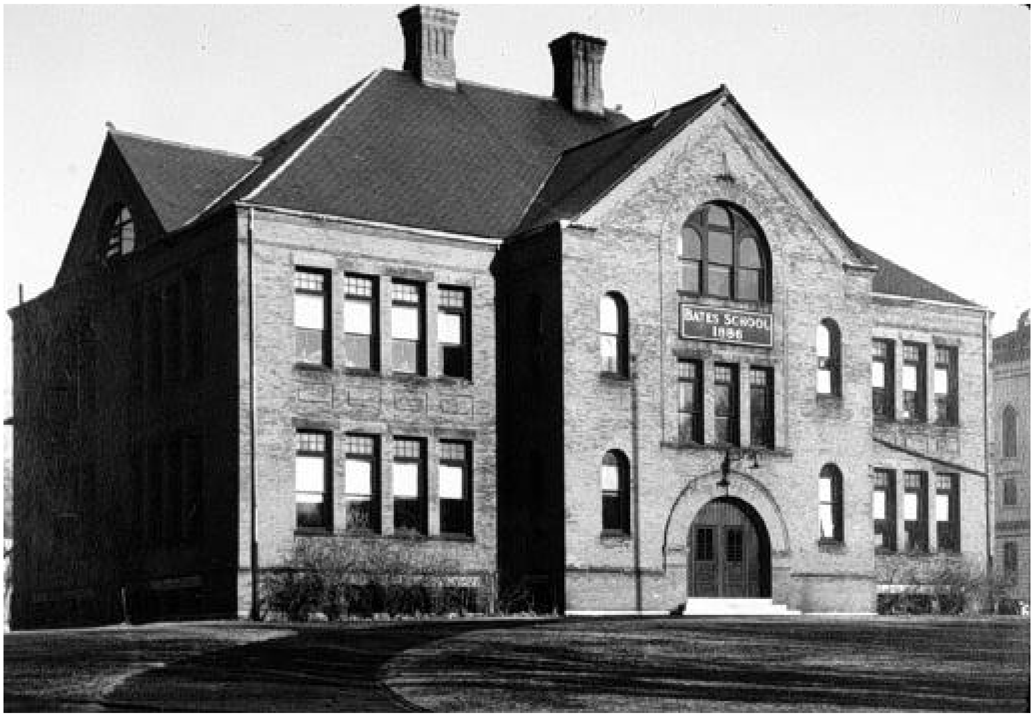


92. Walter Sampson

Lovingly known as “Sampy” Walter Sampson, born in nearby Lakeville, as a boy walked 14 miles a day to attend Middleborough High School. An alumna of Dartmouth College, holder of 3 degrees and known as a brilliant scholar, Sampson served as principal for 33 years, when ill health forced his resignation. The new Memorial High School, built in 1927 designated the auditorium as the Walter Sampson Auditorium in his honor. He died in 1931.

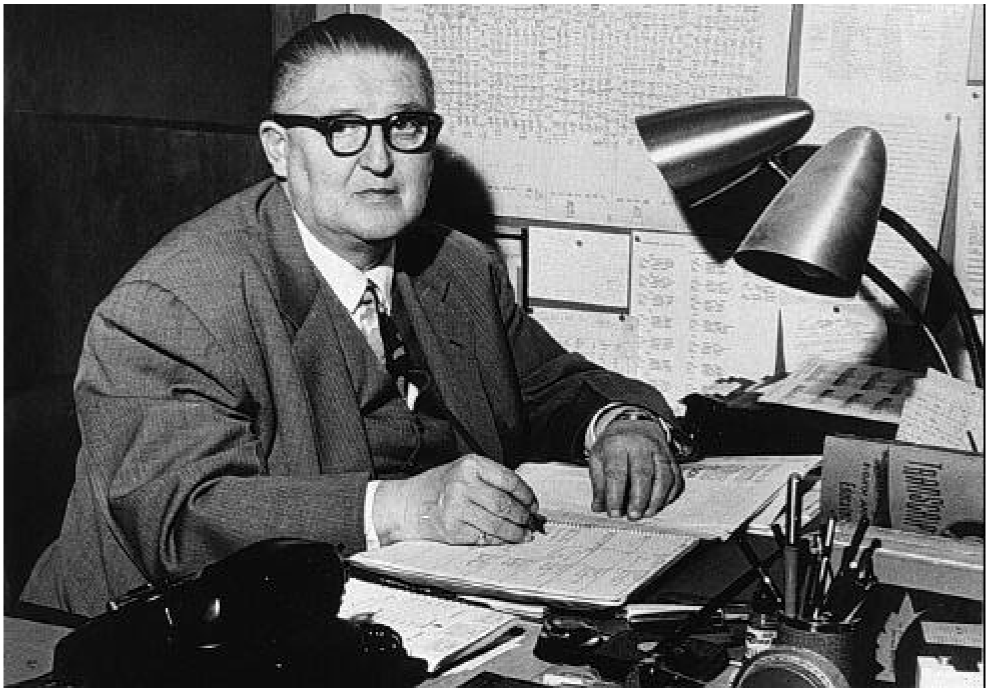
93. Leonard O. Tillson

Affectionately known as Spike, tall and thin, well over 6 feet, Leonard O. Tillson taught hundreds of pupils from 1900 until his death in 1941. Offered the principalship of the High School in 1931 he refused, preferring to teach his beloved science classes



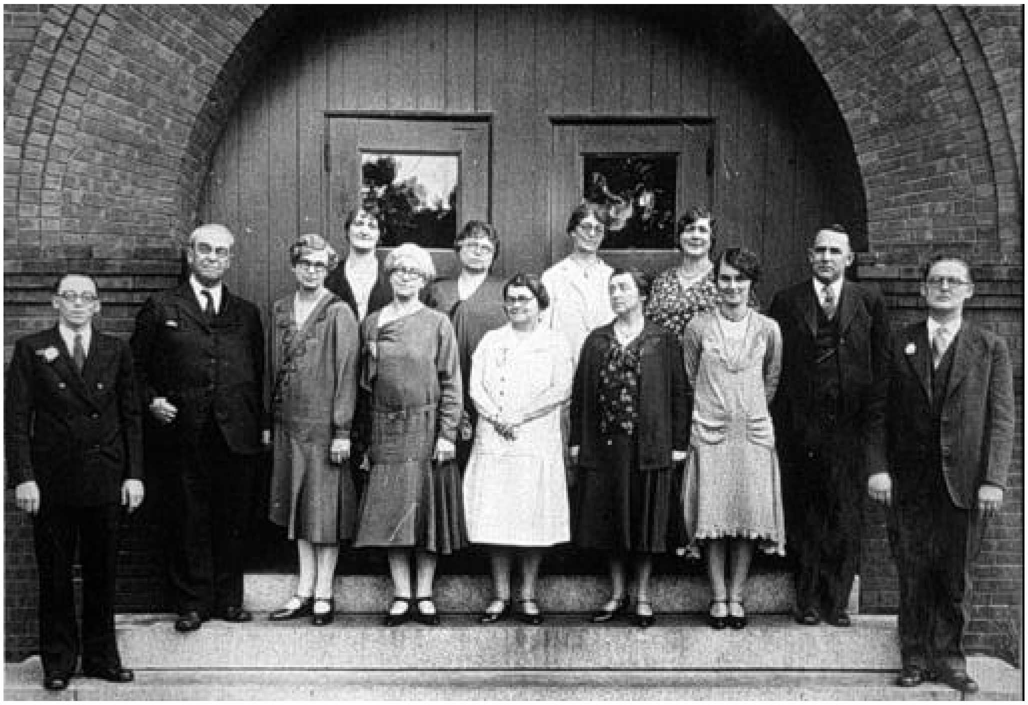
94. Bates Junior High School

This picture shows the front window behind which Henry Burkland, principal, had his 8th grade students plant nasturtiums that grew and grew giving a colorful flair to the majestic building



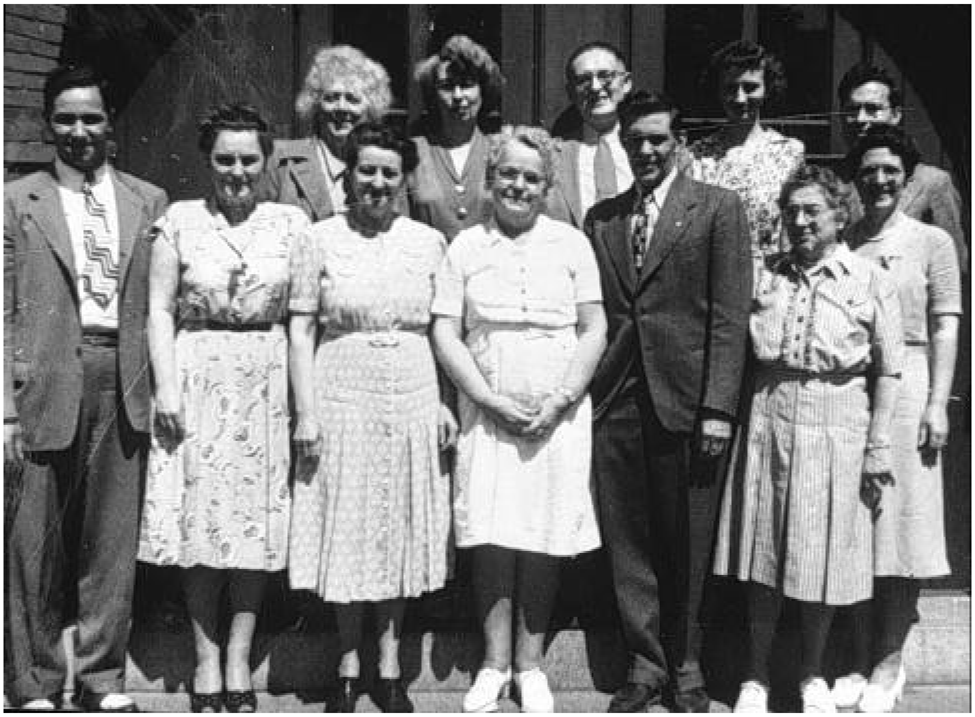
95. Henry Bengt Burkland

Educator, civic and religious leader, singer, actor, director, playwright, this beloved principal at Bates Junior High School lived to see the new middle school built in 1956 named in his honor. Out of Boston as a social worker, he came to South Middleborough in the early 1920's and married Henrietta Wilbur. Beautiful and talented she was his helpmate until his death in 1970. Of her it was said, "anything Henry could do Henrietta could do better



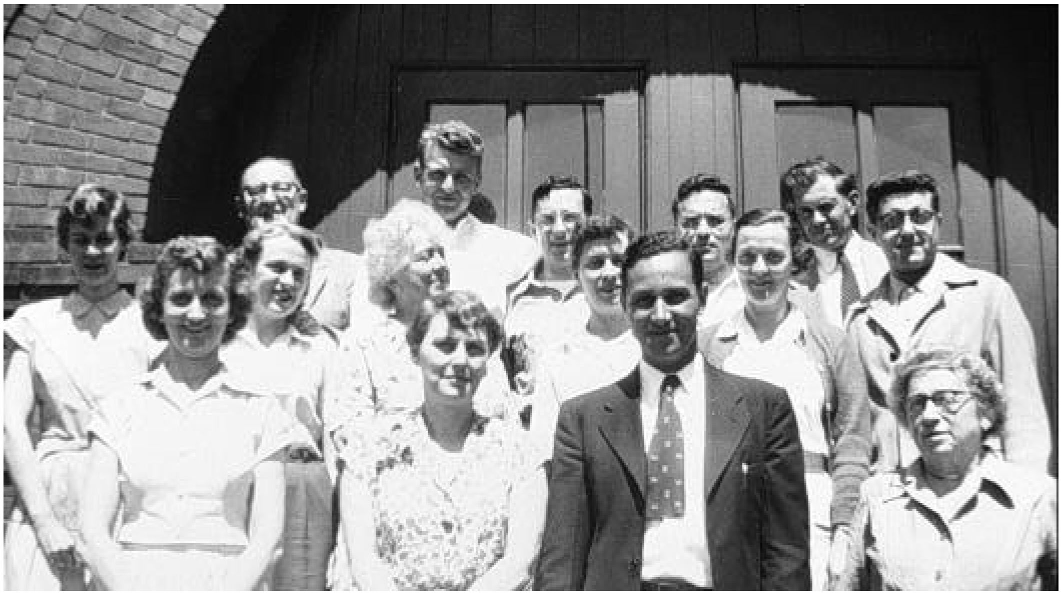
96. Bates School Staff

Henry Bengt Burkland, Principal, J. Stearns Cushing, Superintendent of Schools, Frieda (Hartmann) Churchill, Martinia Donahue, Lucy Merrihew, Olive Kidd, Winifred Carver, Wirt B. Phillips, Music Director, Mark Shibles, Asst. Principal. Back row; Faye Deanne, Elizabeth Benson, Hattie Jones, and Sylvia (Comley) Matheson.



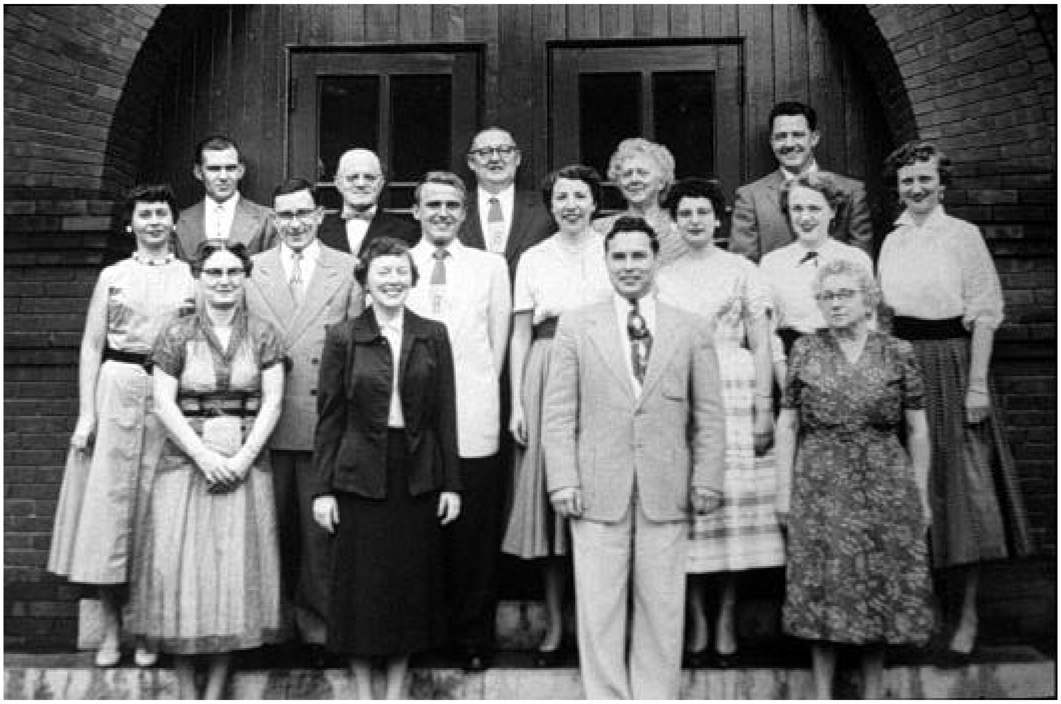
97. Bates School Staff

Row 1 – Lou Rando, Frieda (Hartman) Churchill, Irma Kenniston, Abbie Rugg Field, Gardner Sherman, Martinia Donahue, Helen Pardy. Row 2 – Faye Deane, Doris Wright, Henry Bendt Burkland, Mary Anacki, George Borges .



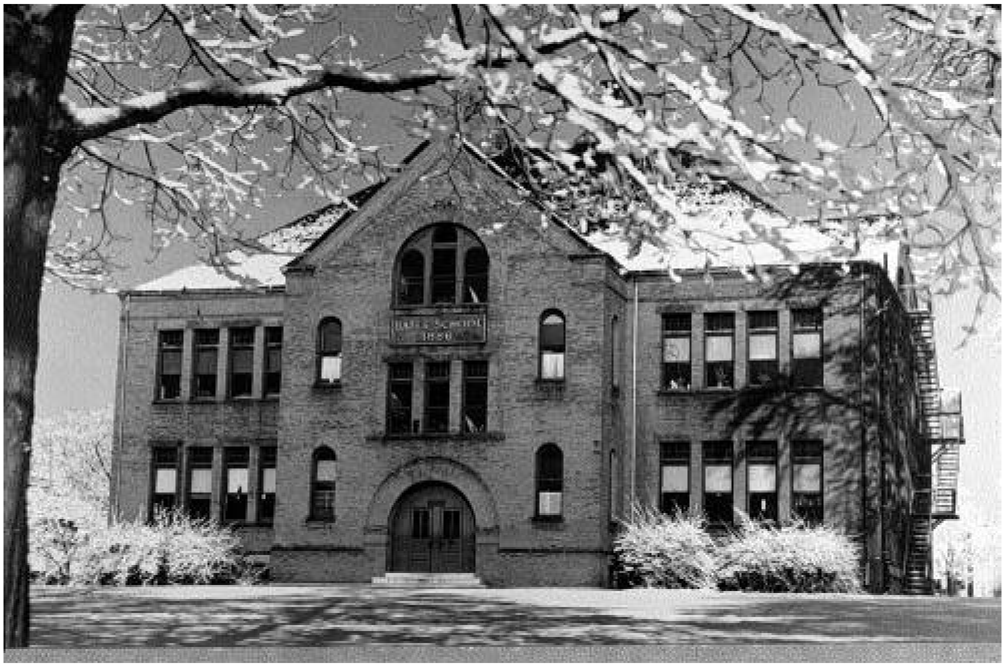
98. Bates School Staff, 1950-51

Annual faculty picture, Bates Junior High School 1950-51. First row, Mary Anaki, Frieda Churchill, Lou Randow, Martinia Donahue. Second row; Ficket ??, Ann Minott, Faye Deane, Rose Martin, Unknown, Harland Chirette. Third row; Principal, Henry Bengt Burkland, Paul Kelly, Robert Gross, George Borges, and Gardner Sherman.



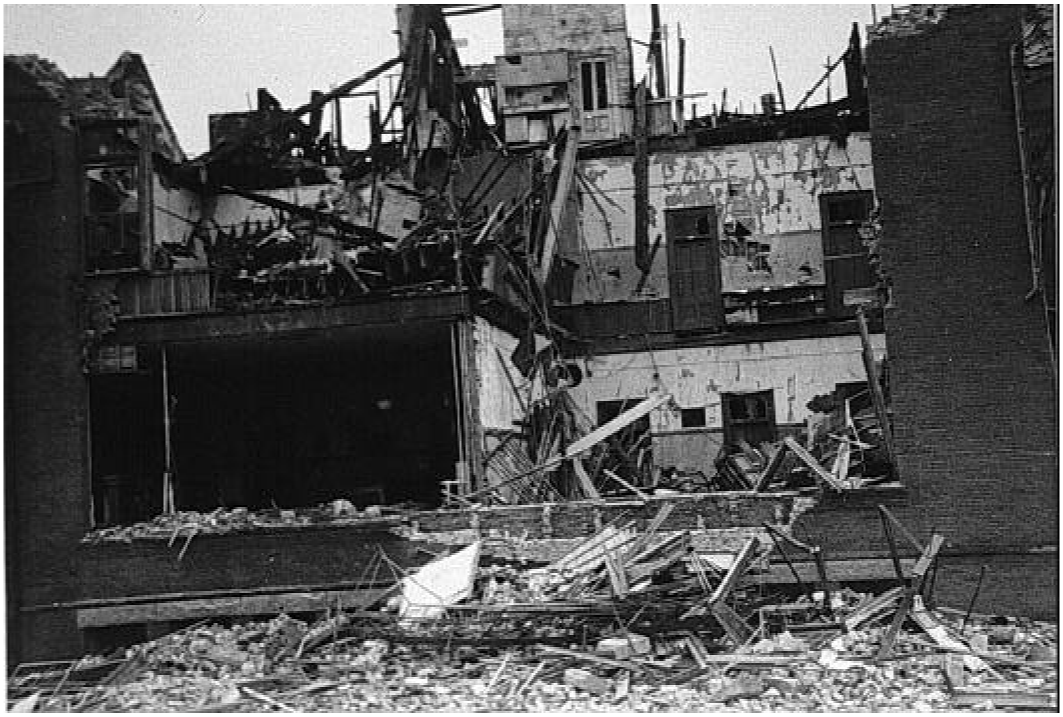
99. Bates School Staff, 1954.

Annual faculty picture, Bates Junior High School, 1954. First row: Frieda Churchill, Joan McNeil, George Borges, and Martinia Donahue. Second row; Rose Martin, Robert Gross, Donald Jesse, Rena Bell Walton, Lorraine Dimuzio, Ann Minott, and Mary Anaki. Third row: Gardner Sherman, Norman Lindsay, Asst. Principal, Henry Bengt Burkland, Principal, Faye Deane and Mike Hennesey. This was the last faculty picture taken at the old school on June 20, 1954. A fire destroyed it Sept. 20, 1954.



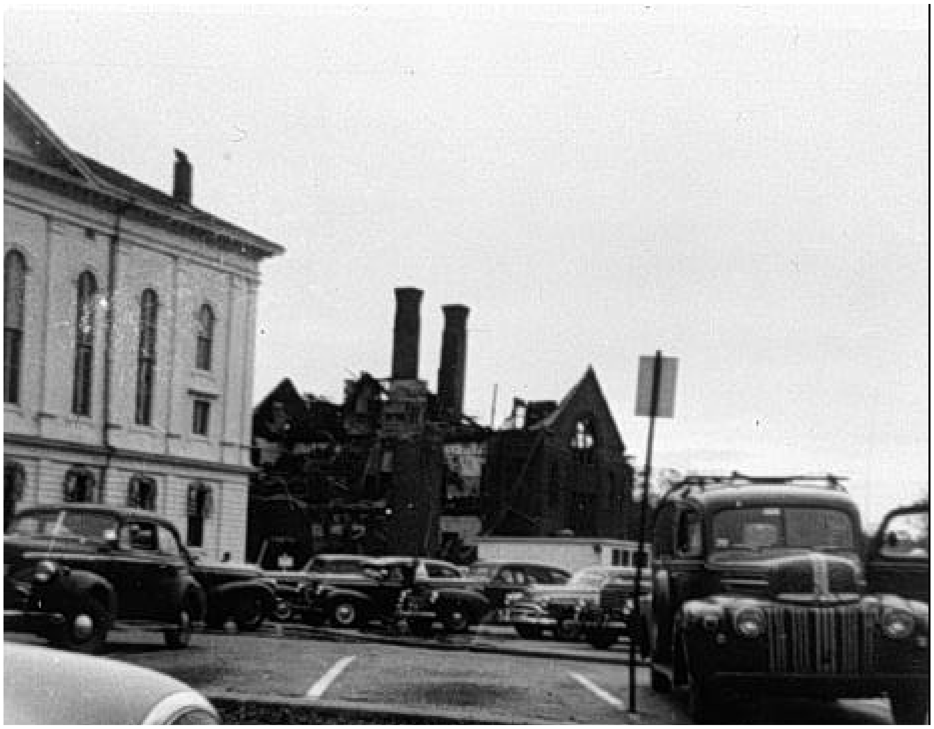
100. Bates Junior High School

This is how the school appeared in a winter scene taken shortly before the fire destroyed it in 1954. Note the forsythia bushes that were a standout harbinger of every Spring in downtown Middleborough for many years.



101. Bates Junior High School

In 1950, Robert Gross came to teach at the Bates School on the second floor in Room 5. During the disastrous fire in 1954, the entire Room 5 classroom floor ended up in the basement. The desk was then taken out and stored until Mr. Gross became Principal of the School Street School in 1956. In 1990 the desk was presented to Mr. Gross at his retirement party.



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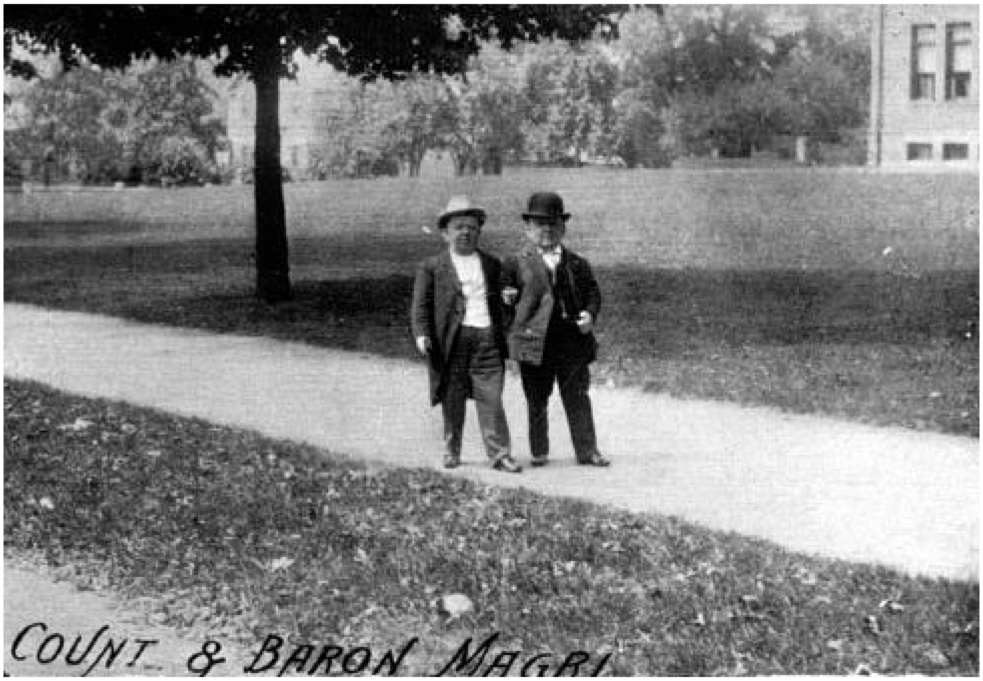
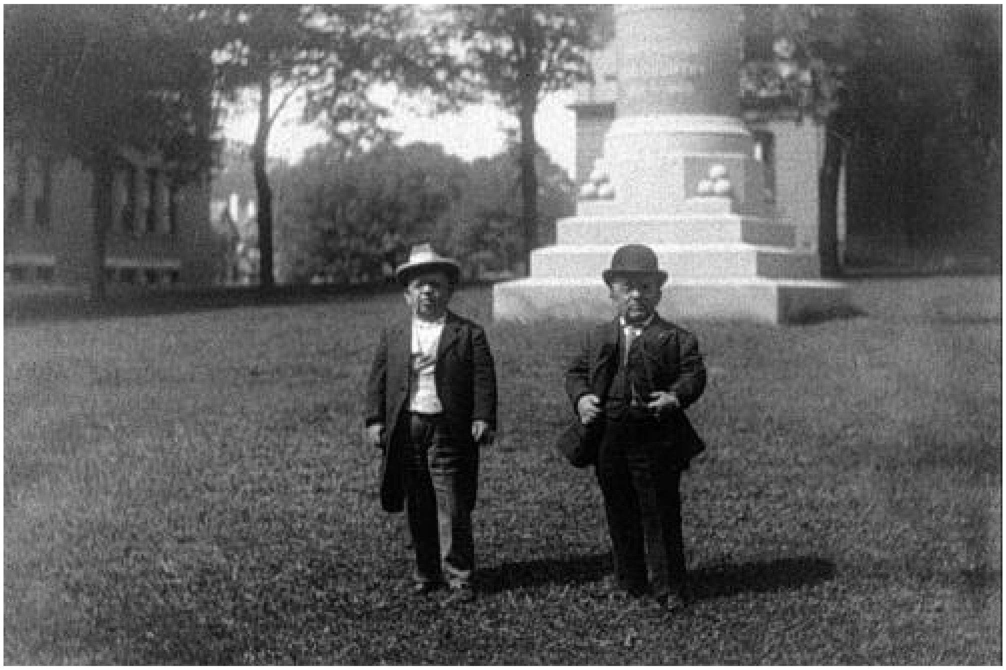
After the disastrous fire, in cleaning out the cellar hole, all of the toilet bowls, urinals and lavatories were steam cleaned and installed in the basement of the School Street School, some of which still showed the marks of the fire.



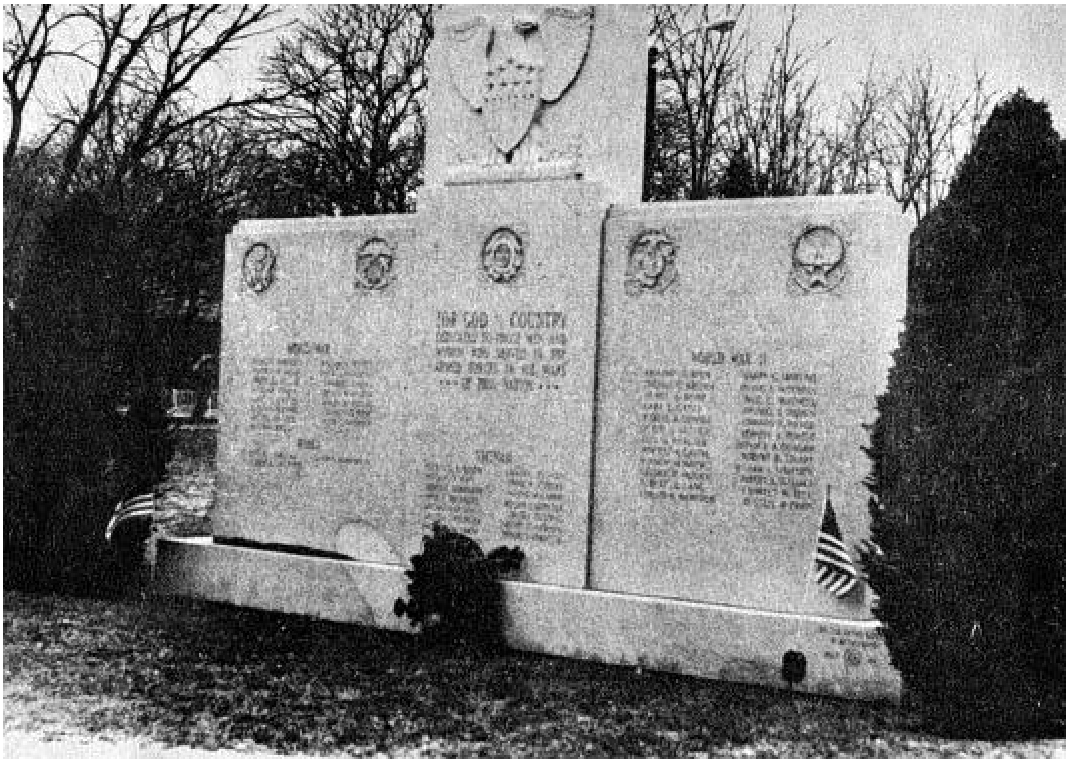
103. Count Primo Magri and His Brother Baron Ernest Magri

This is an afternoon stroll in front of the high school by Count Primo Magri and his brother Baron Ernest Magri



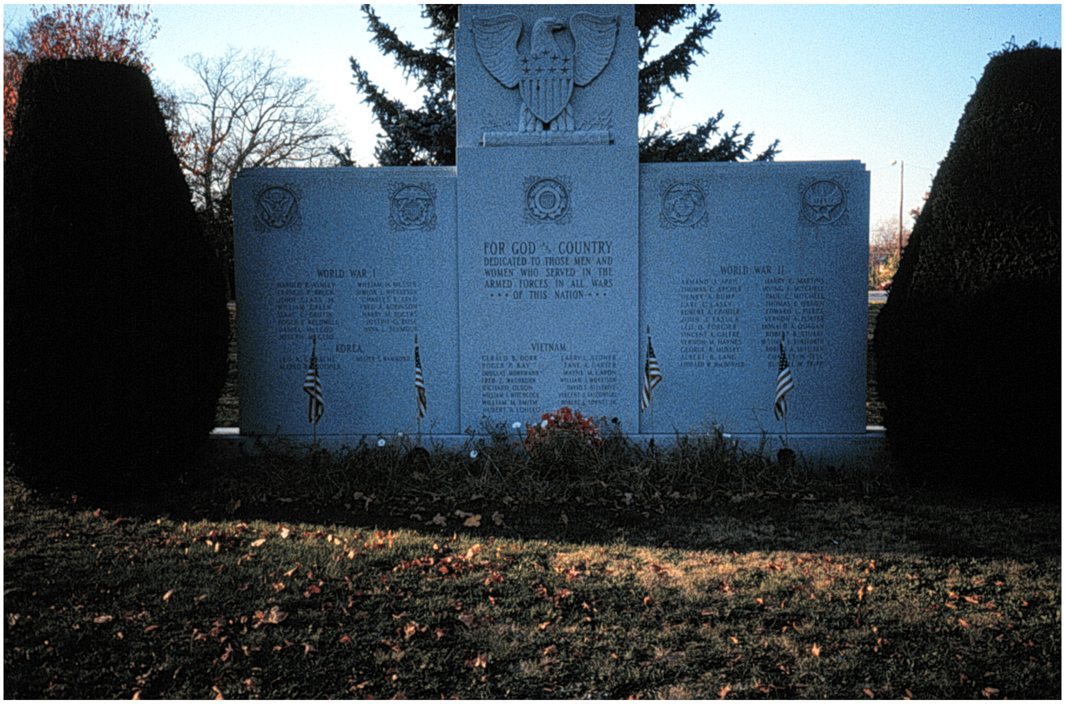
104. Count Primo Magri and His Brother Baron Ernest Magri

After their stroll, the Count and his brother obligingly posed for the camera in front of the soldiers and sailors monument. The high school can be seen in the left rear



105. The War Memorial

This memorial was placed in front of the site of the former Bates School as a tribute to the Middleborough veterans of all wars.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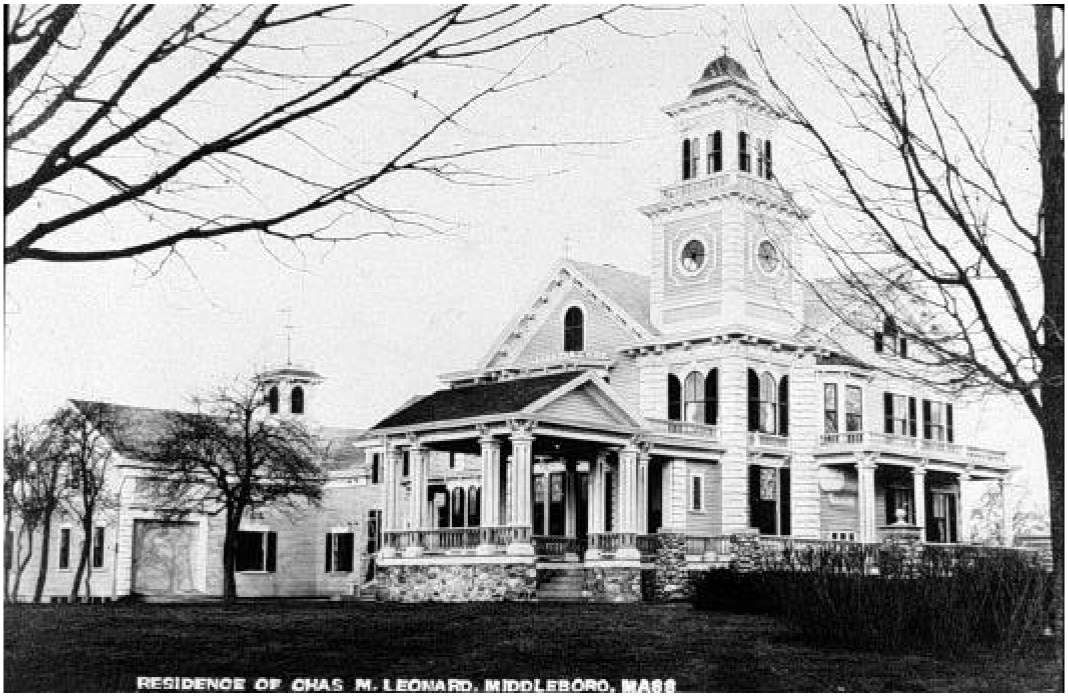
DEDICATED TO THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES IN ALL WARS OF THIS NATION
WORLD WAR I
KOREA
VIETNAM
WORLD WAR II

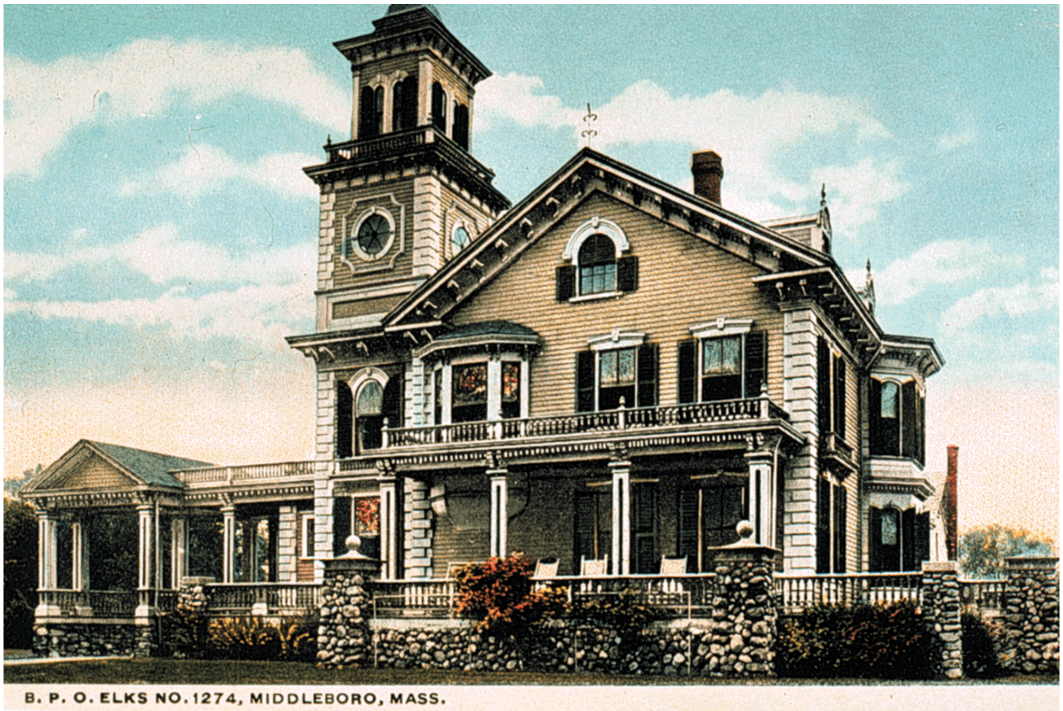
106. War Memorial

Since its installation, the Veterans Memorial has been attractively landscaped.


RESIDENCE OF CHAS. M. LEONARD, MIDDLEBORO, MASS

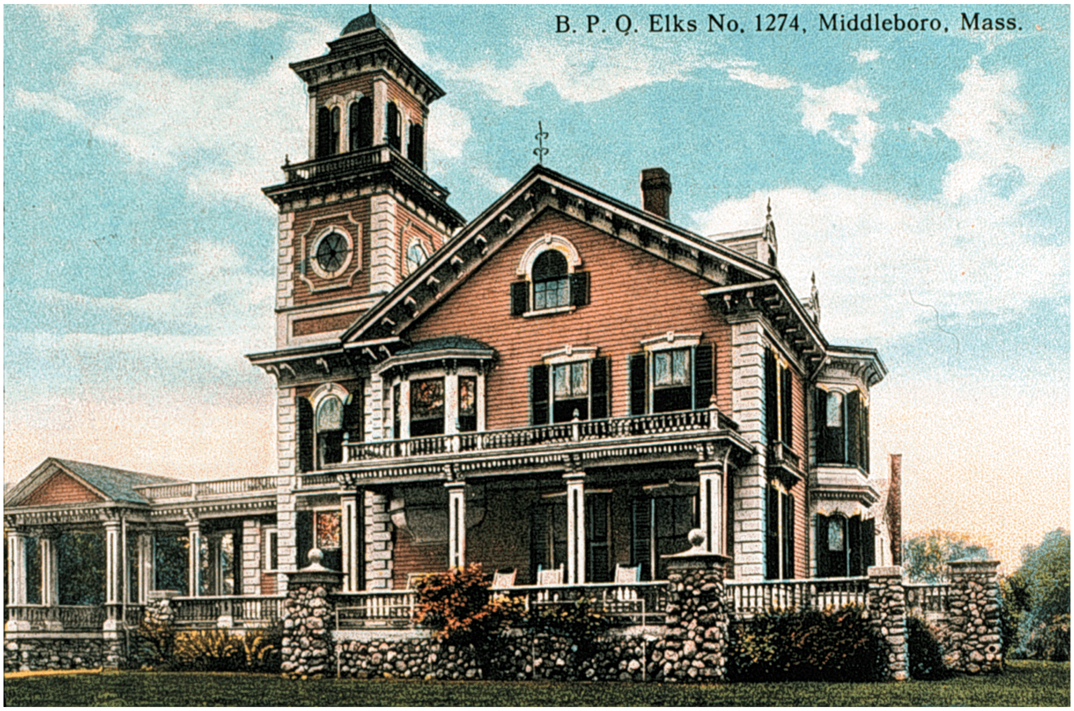
107. Thomas Leonard Home

Thomas Leonard was a partner of Horatio Barrows in the Leonard Barrows shoe Factory. He built this palatial residence for his home on High Street.


B. P. O. ELKS NO. 1274, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

108. B.P.O. Elks No. 1274, Middleborough, Mass.

The former Leonard Home was converted into the Middleborough Lodge of Elks in about 1912.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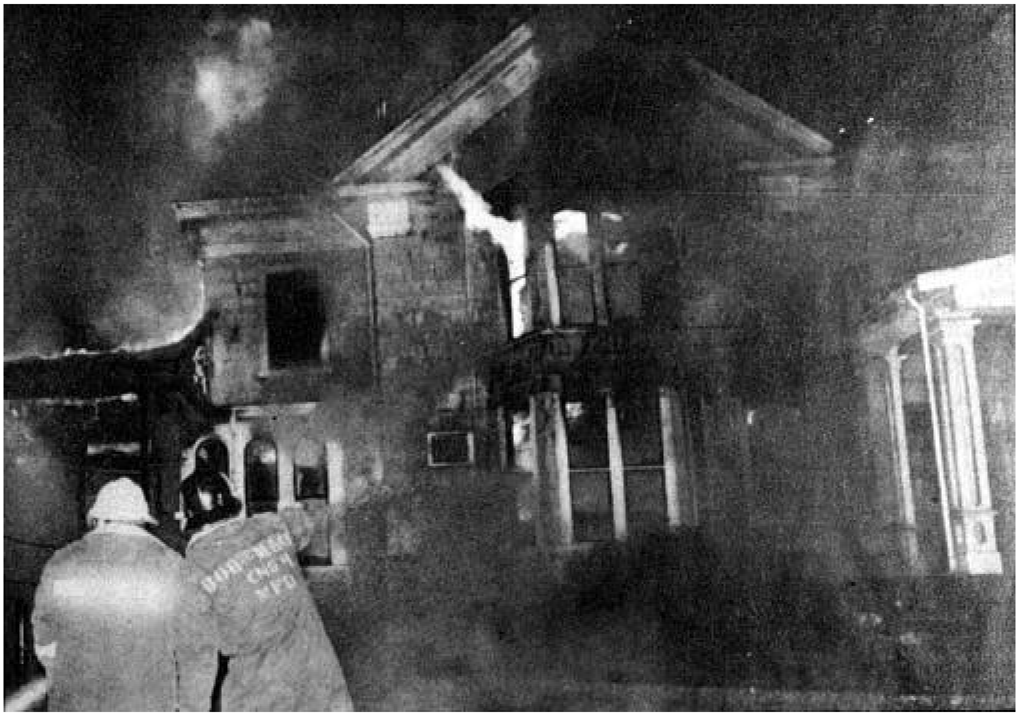
The home was a hub of activity for the local lodge of Elks until it was destroyed by fire in 1980.



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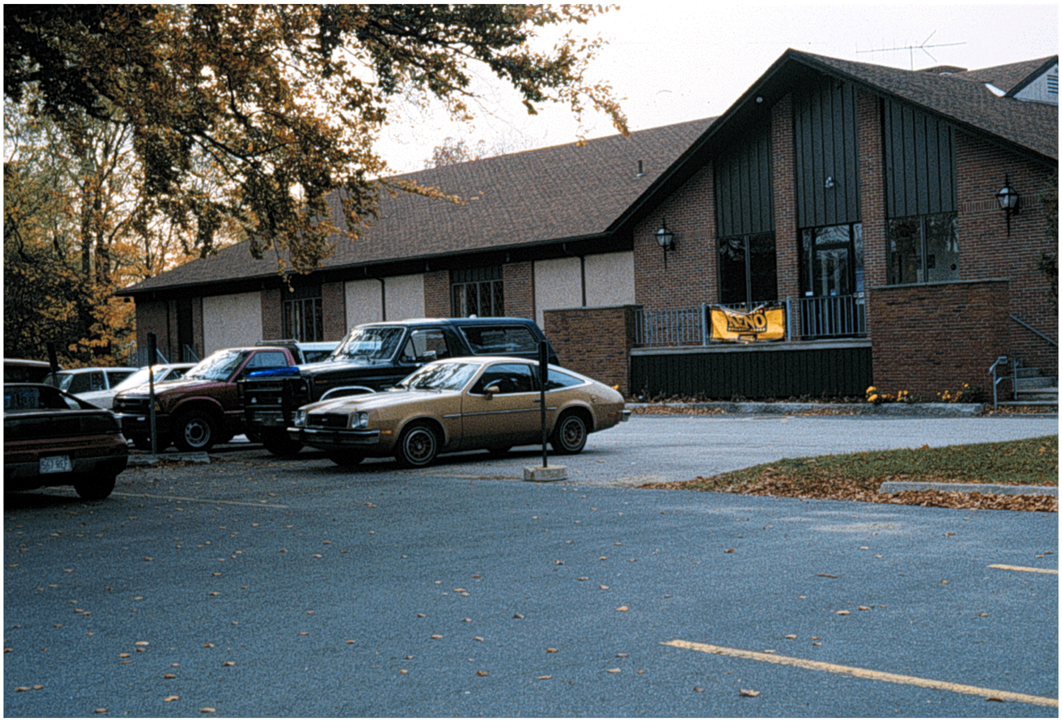
On an evening in 1980 the lodge was destroyed by a roaring fire that raced through the mansion. The fire was caused by a frayed electric cord on a soda machine



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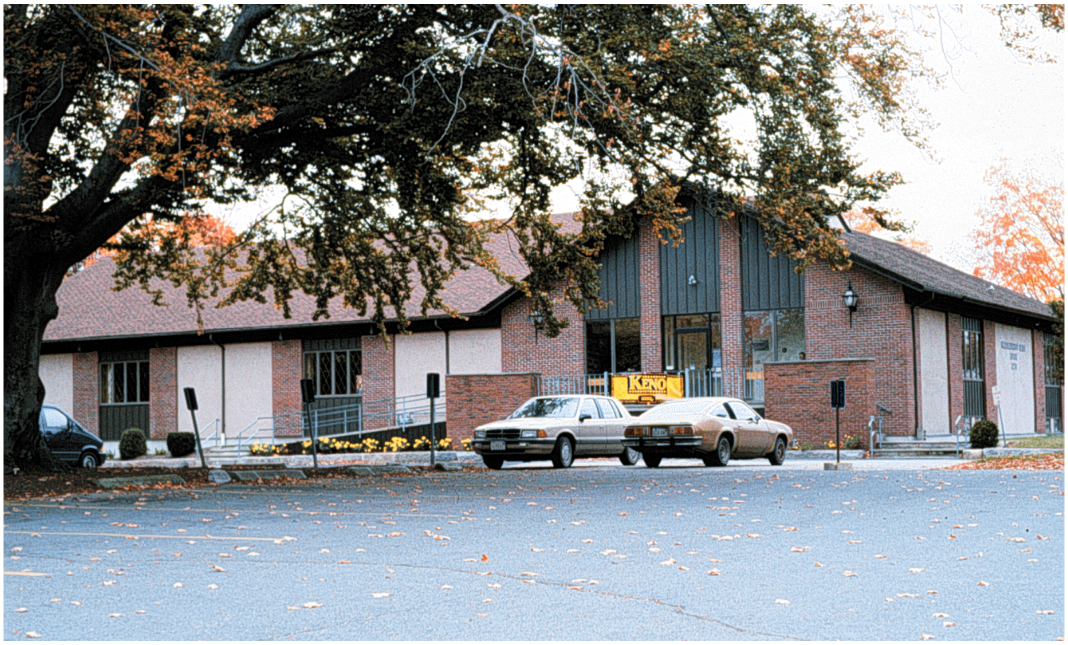
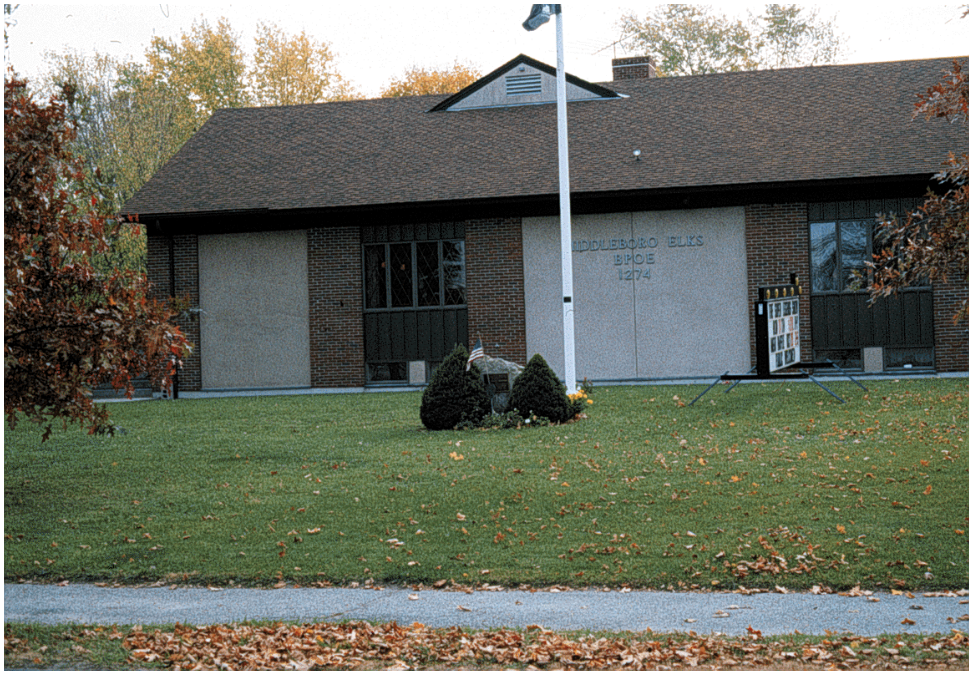
A new lodge of Elks was built in about 1982 to replace the original one that burned to the ground.



112. B.P.O. Elks No. 1274, Middleborough, Mass.

The tree shown at the left of the Elk’s Home was but a seedling when James Glidden planted it in the yard of his home next door. This Banyon Tree was a point of pride with Mr. Glidden, for he had brought the seedling from Texas when he was a young man.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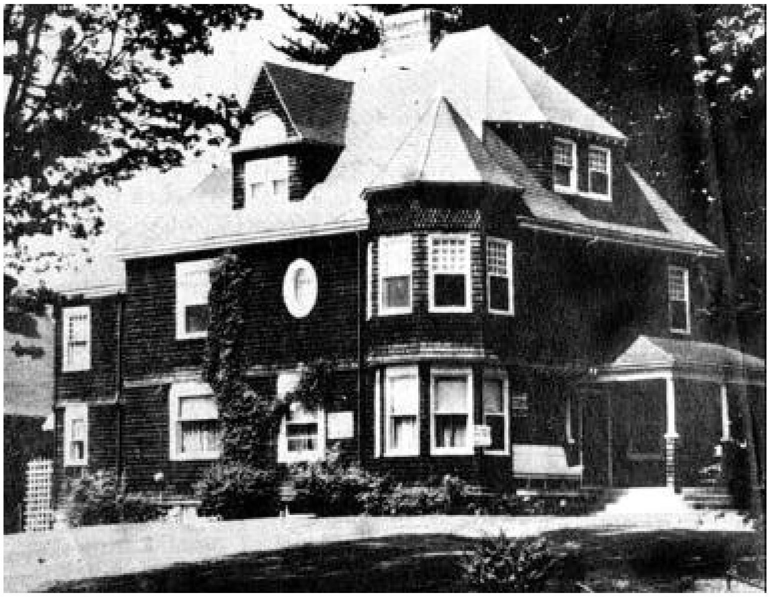
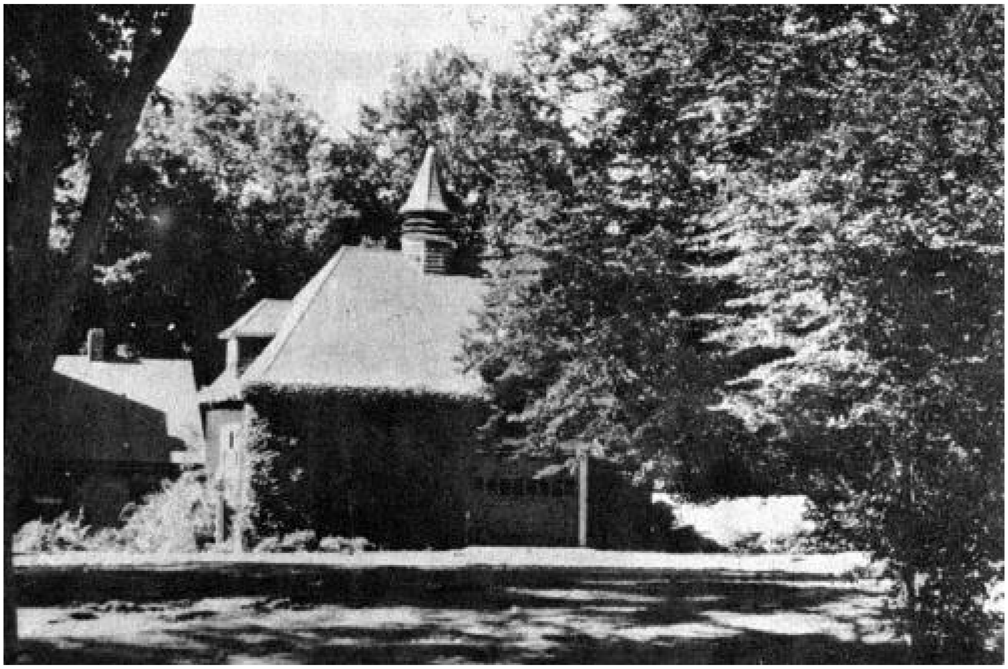
A frontal view of the new Lodge of Elks on High Street



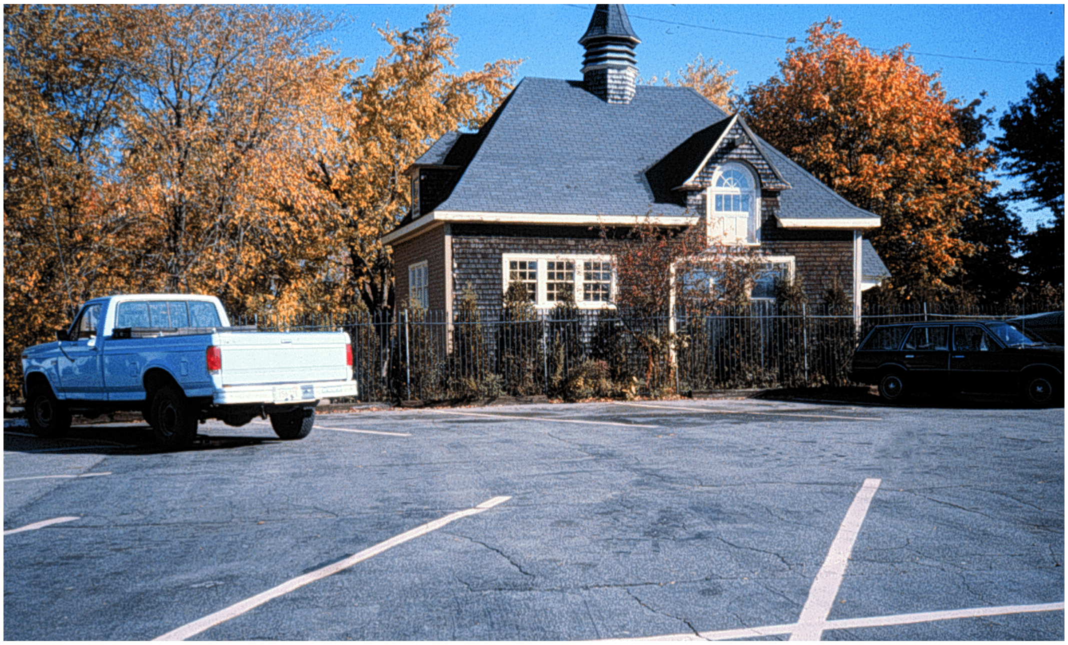
114. James Glidden Home

Thomas Leonard built this beautiful home as a wedding gift to his son. It is said that the interior was very luxurious, whereas, the exterior was very plain. His father's house next door was said to be just the opposite; it was built to resemble a palace on the outside. James Glidden lived in this house for many years, until his death.



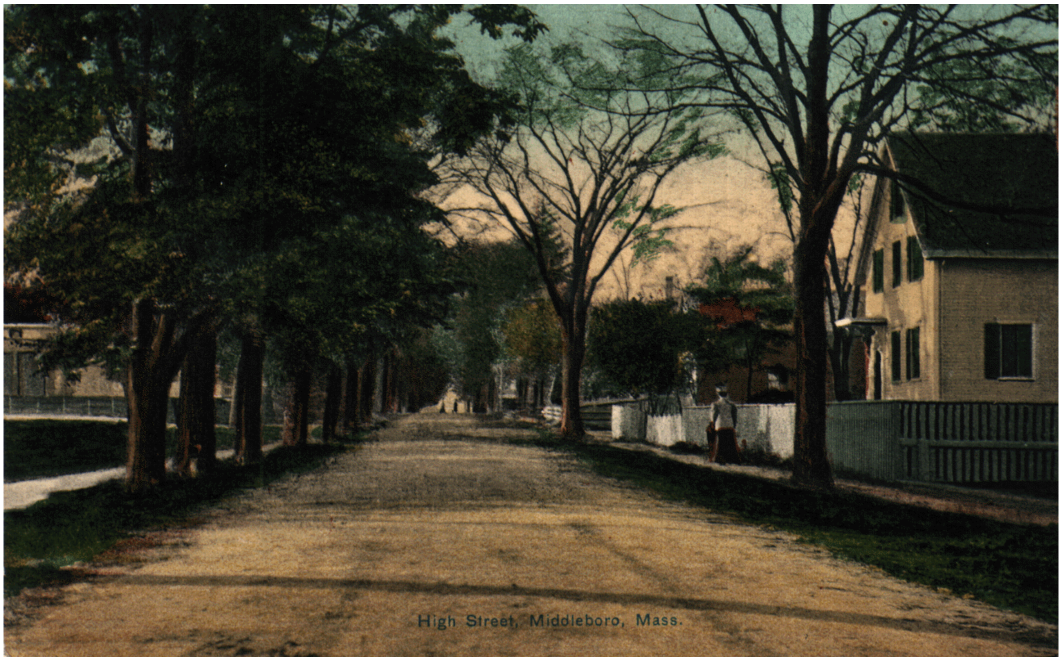
115. Glidden Barn

When the Glidden mansion was torn down to make way for the Elk's Parking Lot, the barn was moved to West Grove Street by Robert Ventura.



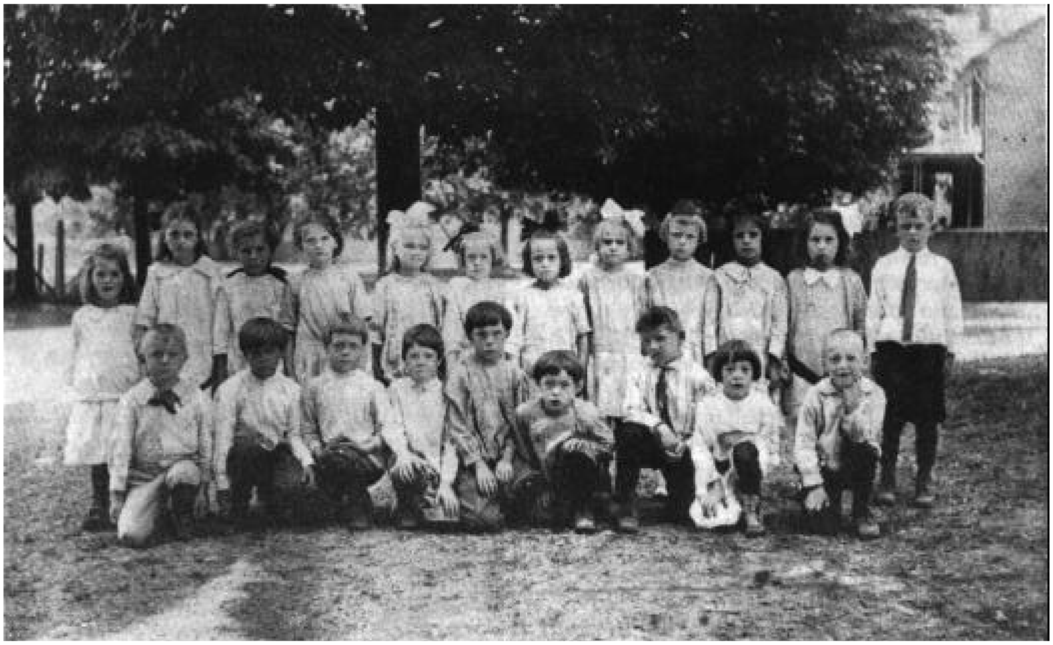
116. Glidden Barn

The Glidden barn is shown at its new location on West Grove Street, being moved by Bob Ventura in 1976.


High Street, Middleboro, Mass.

117. High Street

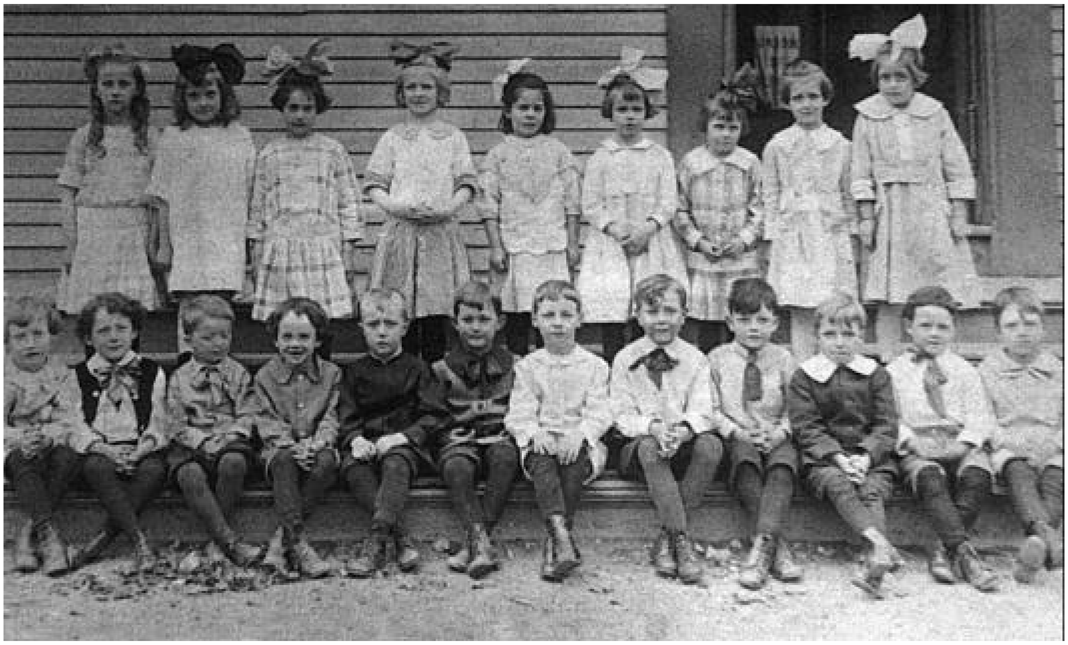
This is a view looking north on High Street. It shows the houses along the tree-lined street.



118. Union Street School Students

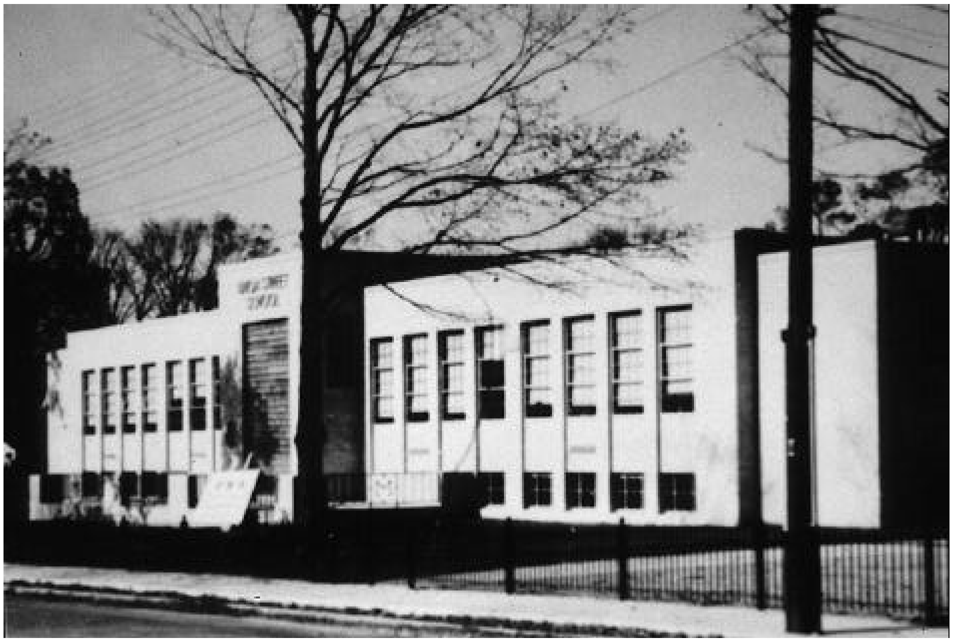
“Students at the Union Street School, members of the sub-primary class, pose in June of 1915 before enjoying their summer vacation.”

Source: Middleboro Gazette, Reflections supplement October 3, 1991 Pg. 18



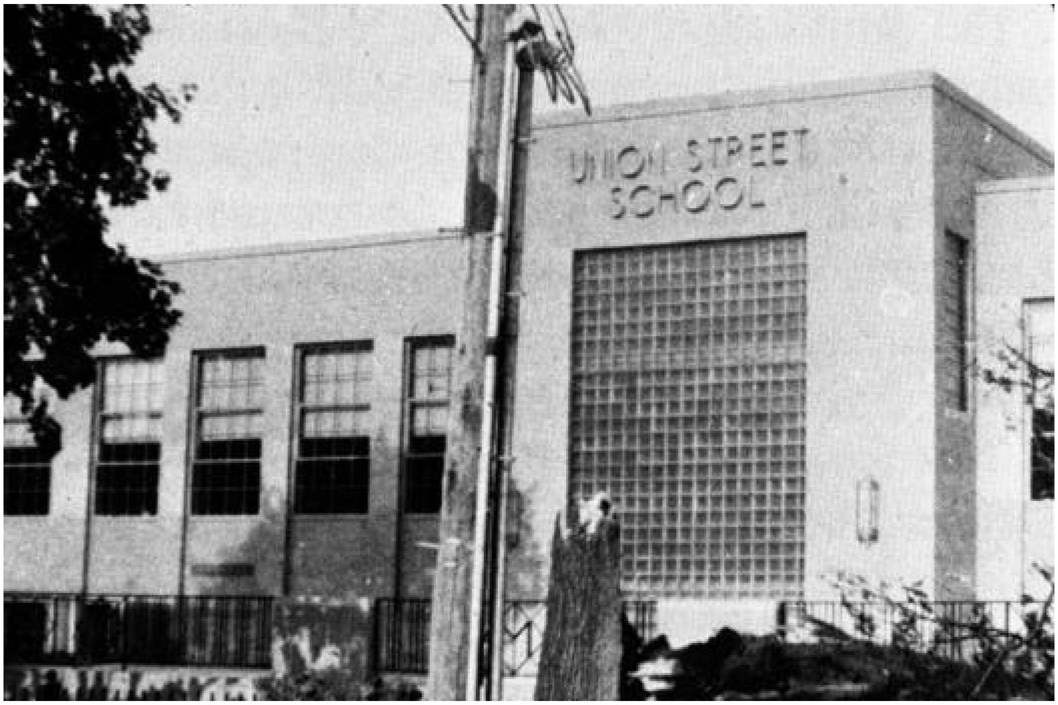
119. Union Street School Students

Left to right standing; Melba Platt, Ruth Kelly, Ruth Dunham, Ruth White, Corrine Cushman, Evelyn Bailey, Ruth Dunkley, Nellie Rogers and Beryl DuPont. Left to right, seated; Richard Gilligan, Dana Blindin, William Paine, James Flynn ?, Melvill Wilbur, Richard Jackson, Leighton Maxim, Leslie Hinckley, Milford Logan, Howard McManus, Charles Logan and Alberto Chase. 1916-1917 First Grade five year olds at Union Street School. The small room, on first floor at the back. The last class to start first grade at five years of age and the last class to go nine years in grammar school.



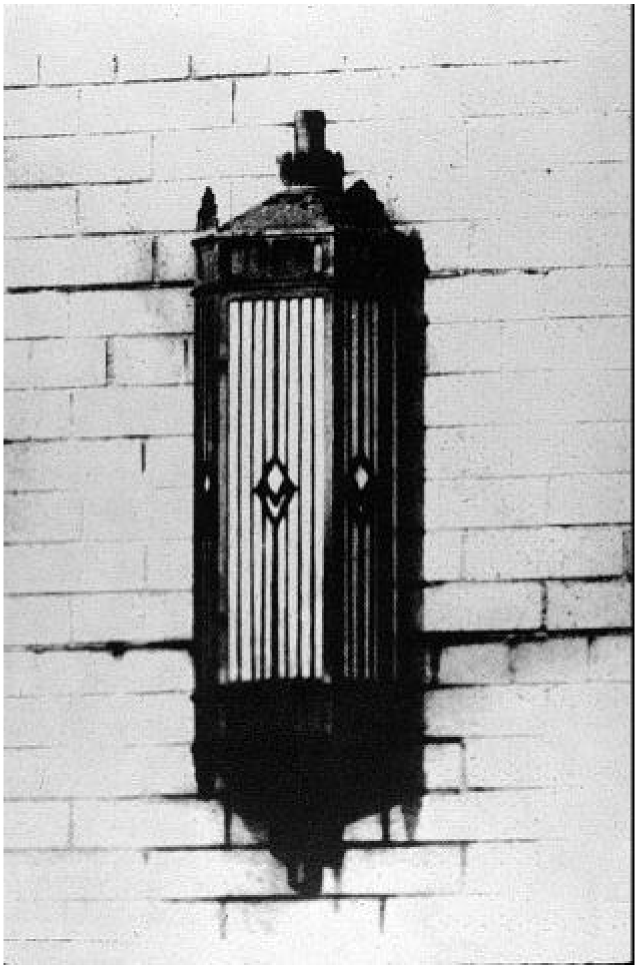
120. Union Street School

This present building replaced the old wooden structure that served the children of the community for many years. Its ultramodern design was built so as a second floor could be added when needed, which was a complete fallacy


UNION STREET
SCHOOL

121. Union Street School

This picture depicts the fallen tree in front of the Union Street School in 1954.

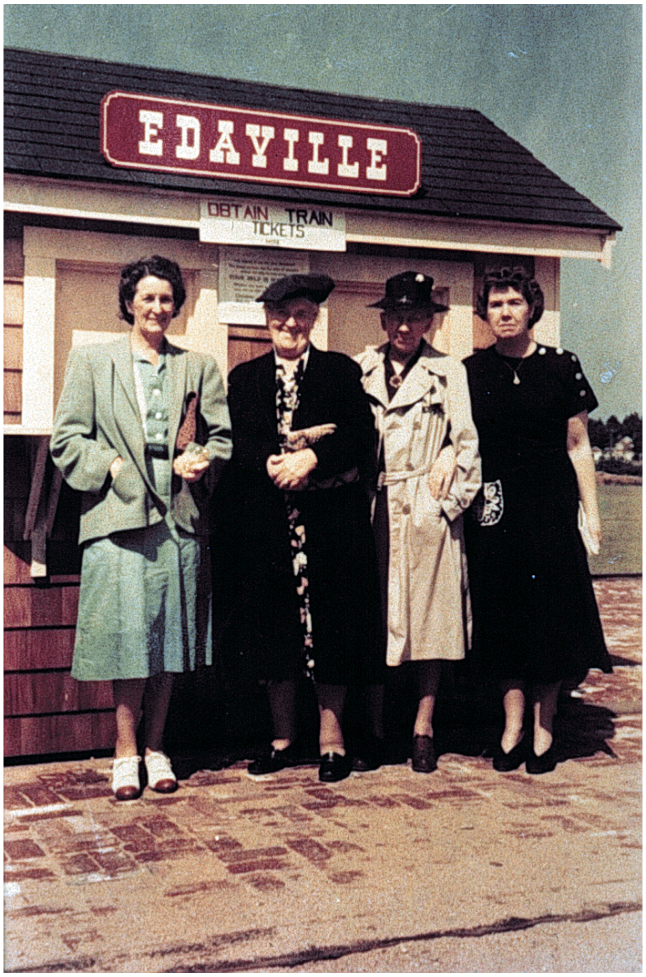


122. Decorative Light on Union Street School

Ornamental light fixture on the front of the ultramodern Union Street School built in 1938.

123. Union Street School Teachers on a Holiday

This photograph shows four of Middleborough's finest teachers on holiday at Edaville Railroad. Pictured left to right are: Alice Begley, former principal, Lottie Lang, former principal, Bessie Bailey and Mildred Bowman.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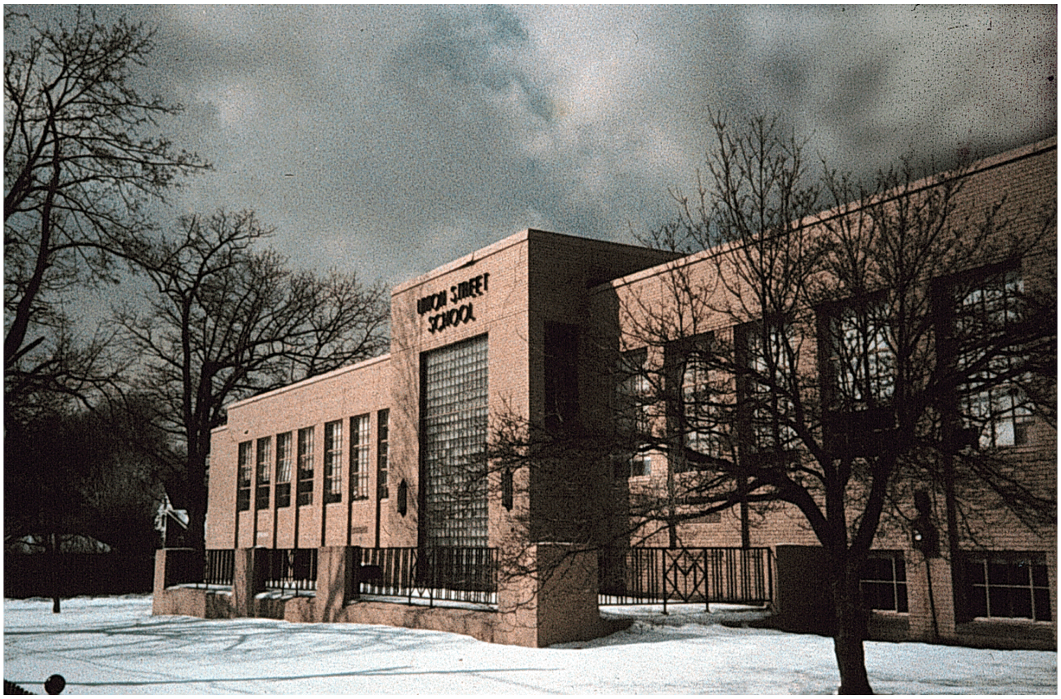
OBTAIN TRAIN TICKETS


UNION STREET
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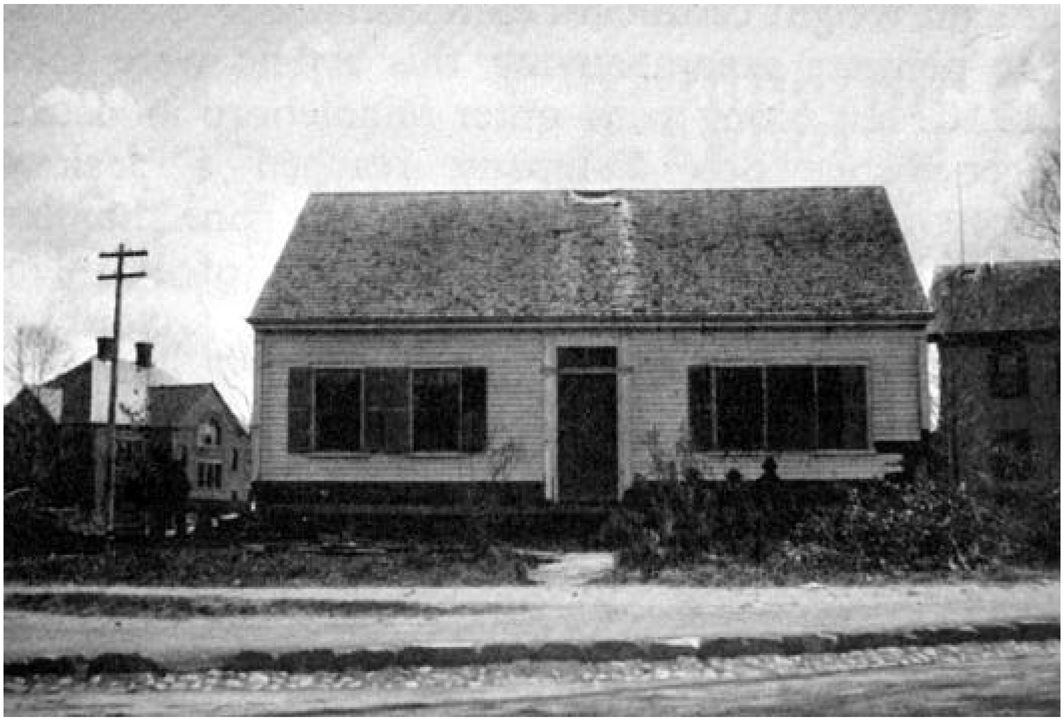
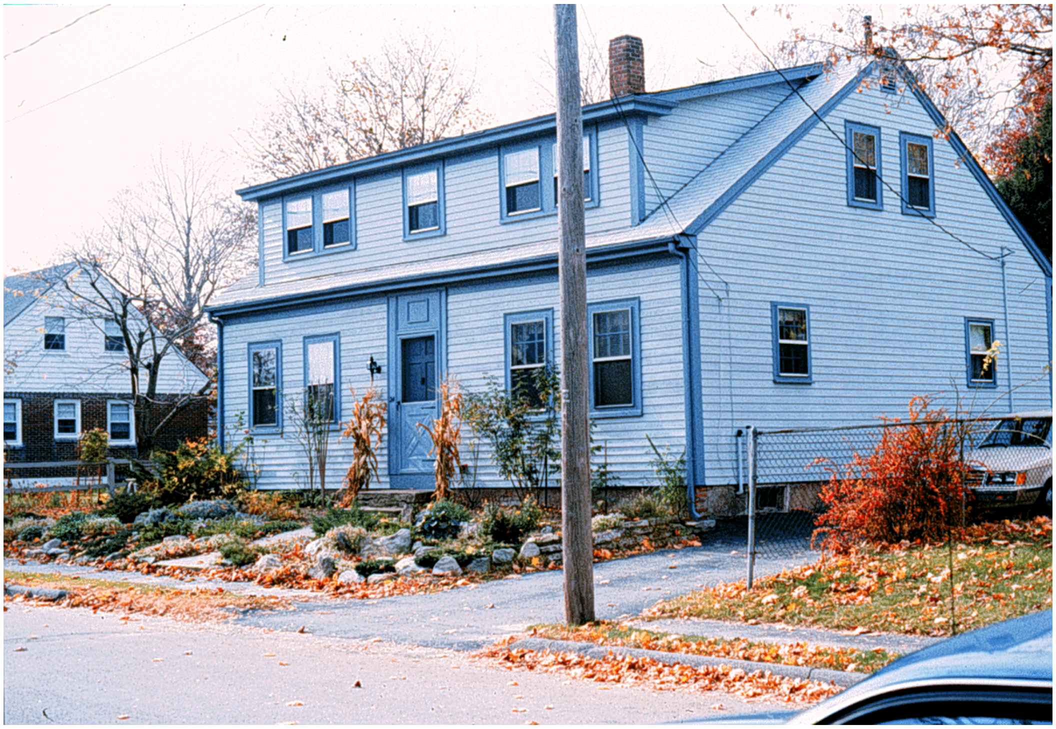
124. Union Street School

This is a photograph of the Union Street School just prior to being converted to the Lincoln D. Lynch School.



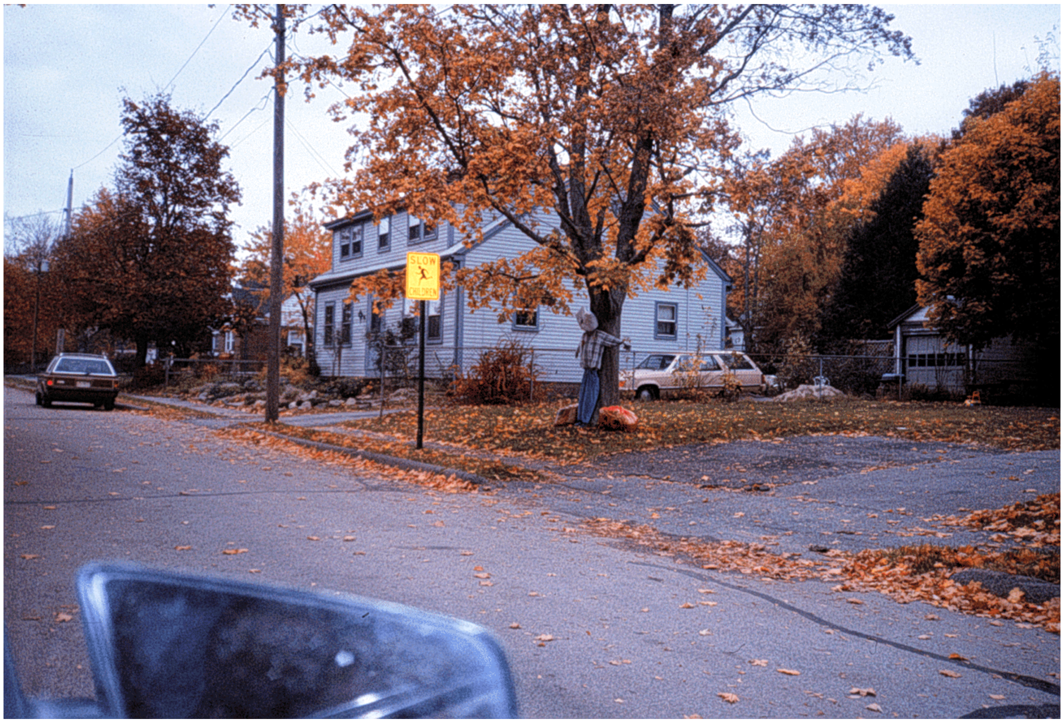
125. Lucas Home

This picture depicts the removal of the Lucas homestead to Coombs Street; Church of Our Saviour, Episcopal was built on this site. On the left of the picture can be seen the old high school, and on the right, the old Union Street School.



126. Lucas House

The Lucas House was moved from the site of the present Church of Our Saviour to Coombs Street in about 1896-1897.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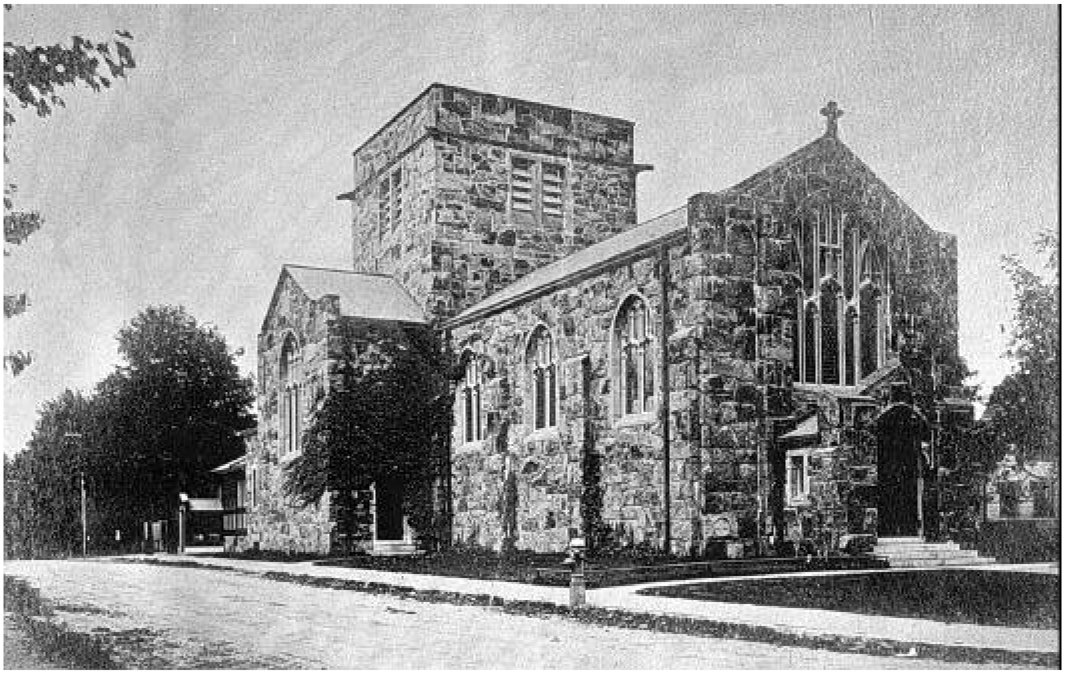
127. Lucas House

It is still a private residence and has had new siding put on it.

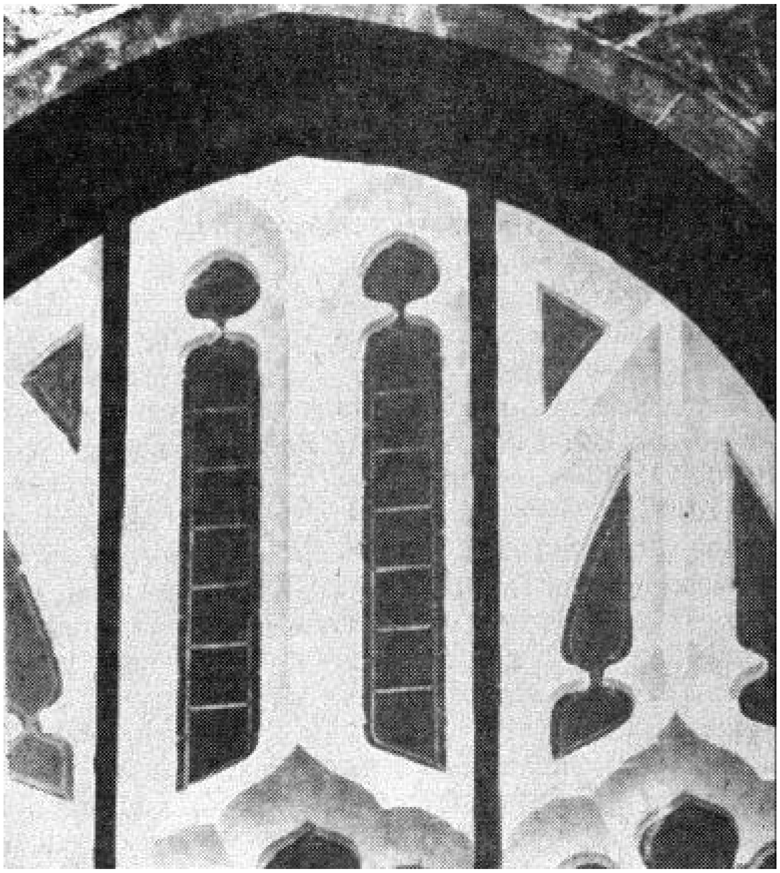


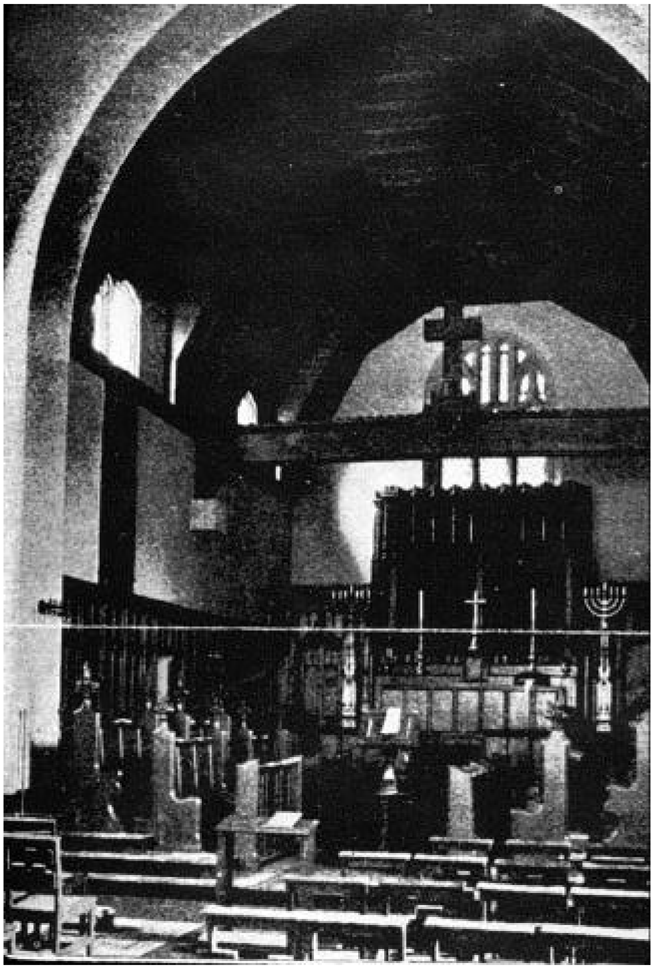
128. Church of Our Savior

The Church of Our Savior was built at a cost of about $40,000 mainly through the generous contributions of James E. Peirce.

129. Church of Our Savior Window

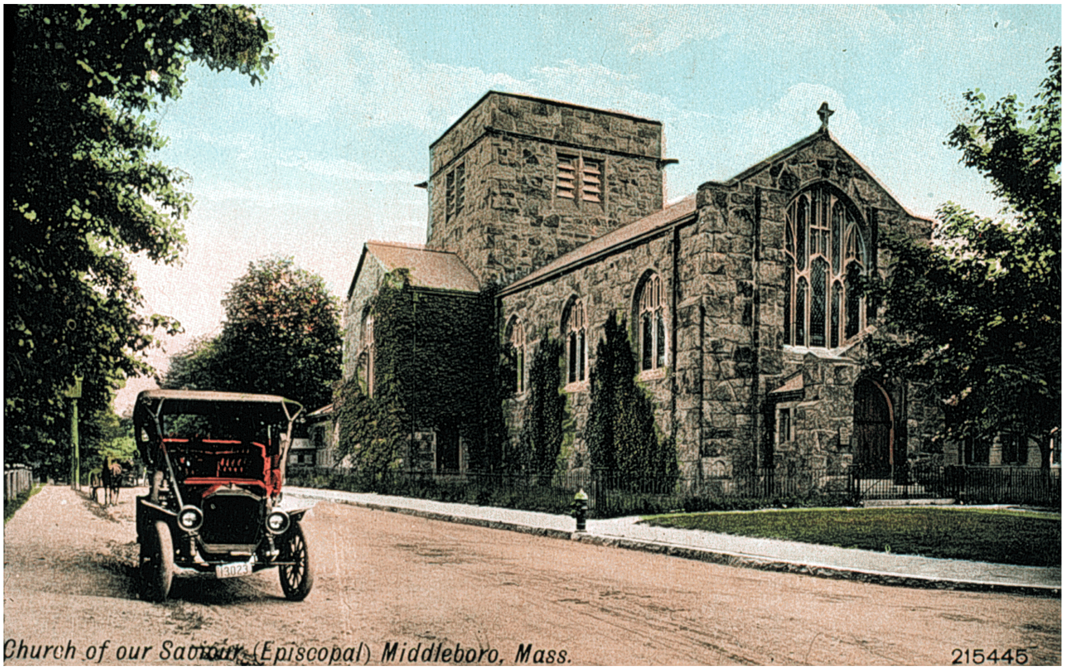
Clint Clark took this photo showing the top of one of the stained glass windows in the church.





130. Church of Our Savior Choir and Chancel Altar

This rich wood altar covers the back of the sanctuary and contains the statues of Jesus Christ in the center surrounded by the 12 apostles.


Church of our Saviour (Episcopal) Middleboro, Mass.
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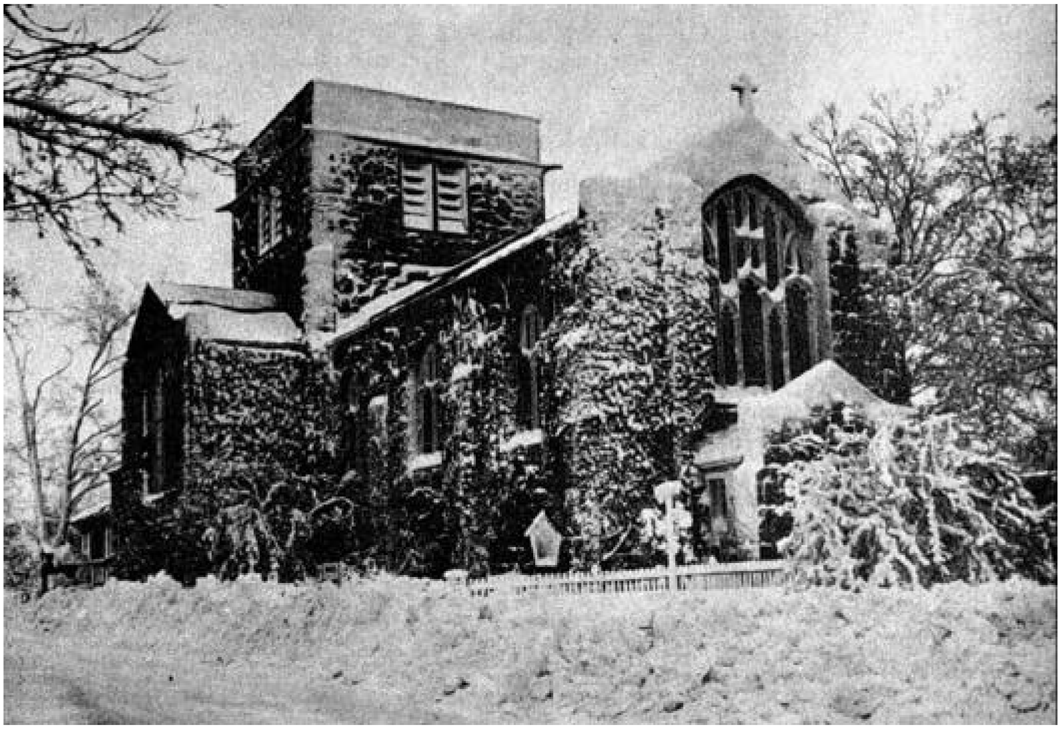
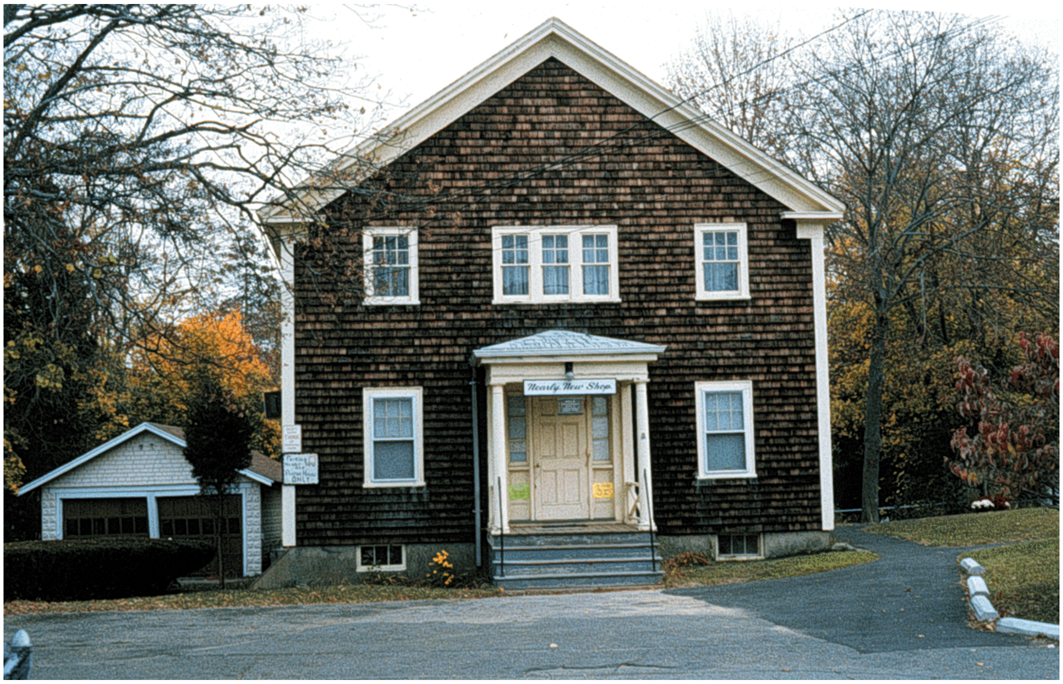
131. Church of Our Savior

This beautiful church which was completed in 1898 had as its first rector, William Bayard Hale, from 1889 to 1899; his ashes are in an urn in the crypt under the altar.



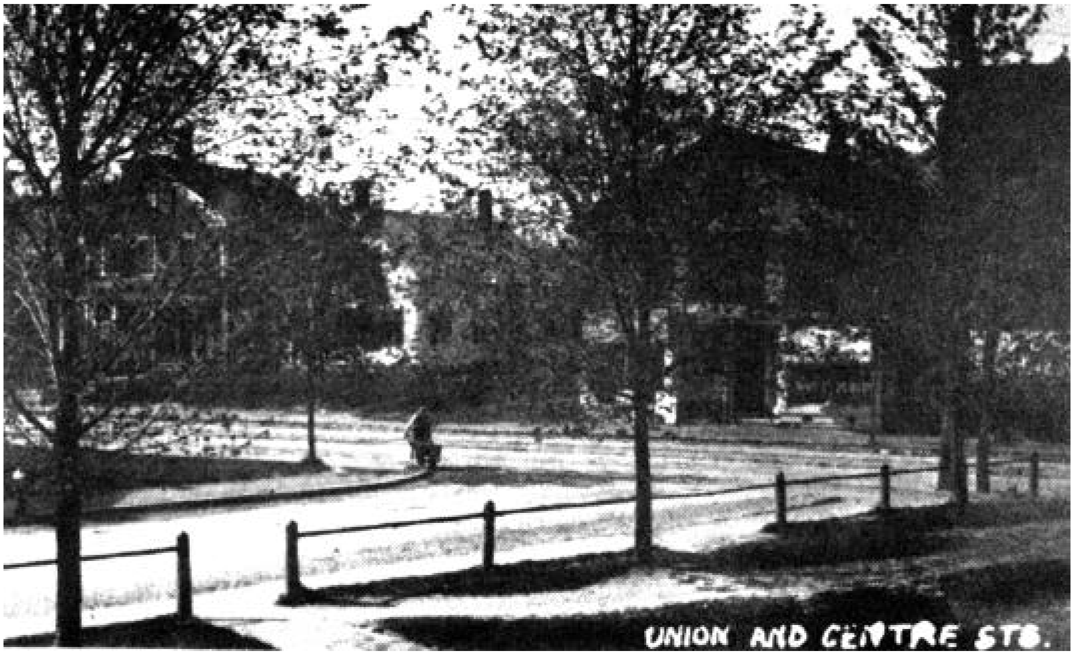
132. Church of Our Savior

Clint Clark, as a pictorial historian, took this gorgeous photo of the Church of Our Savior on a snowy winter day.



133. Nearly New Shop

This shop was originally a barn on the estate of James and Marian Peirce on South Main Street. They presented this barn to the Church of Our Savior to be used as a chapel and function hall. One interesting fact is that the church allowed the Jewish people in the town to hold their services here during the 1940's. It is now a consignment shop run by the Episcopal Church.

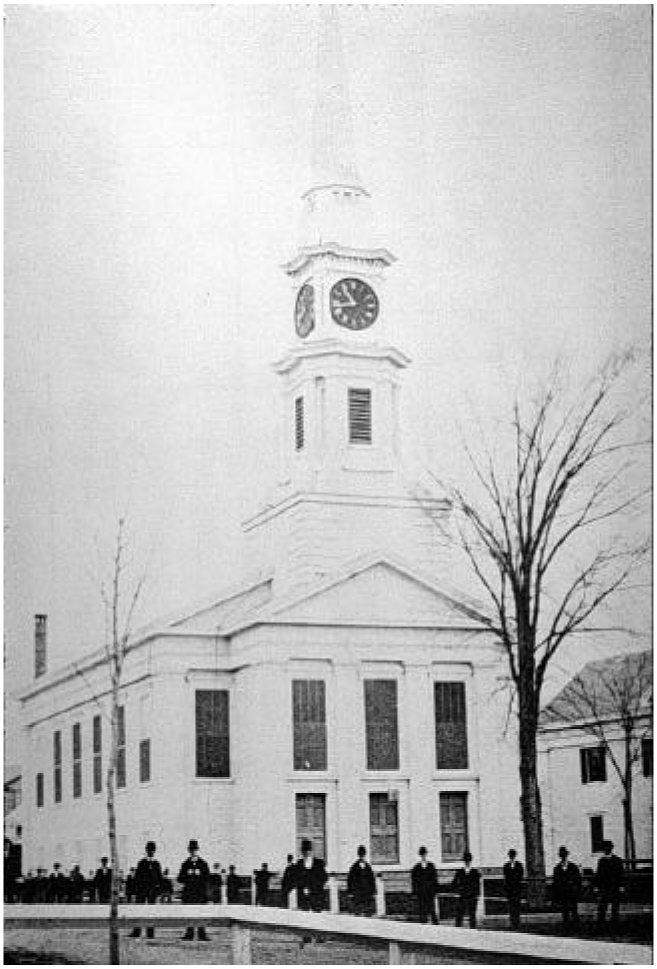


134. Union and Centre Streets

This street scene looks toward Centre Street and shows the first house on the left. Still in existence today, it is now used as apartments in back of Steve's Sports Den. The "Erpell" house next door was moved to make way for a combined business including Shaw's furniture store. The next building once housed on the second floor, the town's first movie theatre, showing silent pictures. The last building on the right is the Glidden building. The foreground shows the fence around the Peirce Academy.

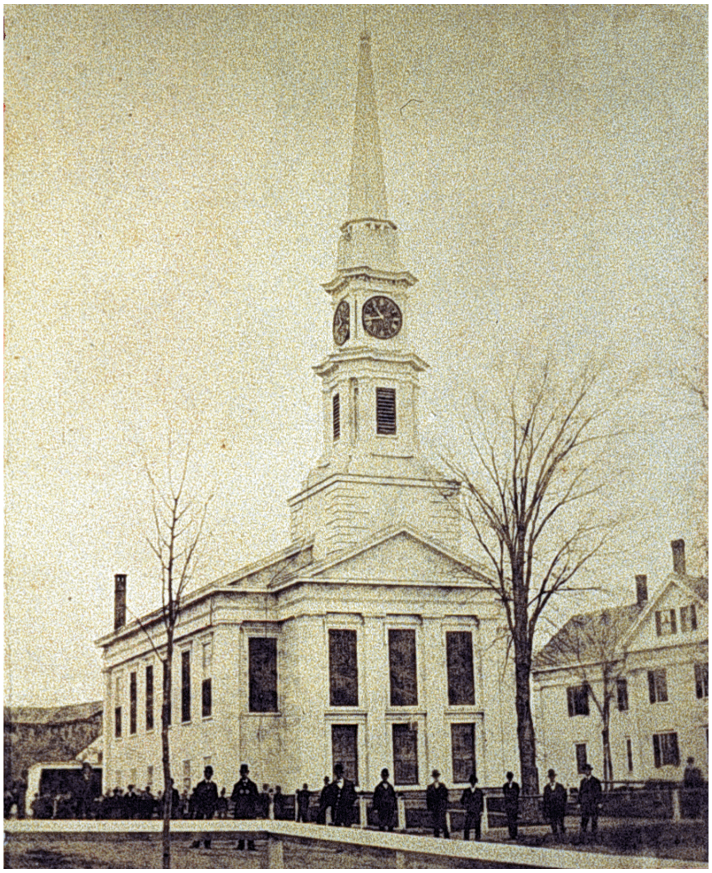
135. Central Baptist Church

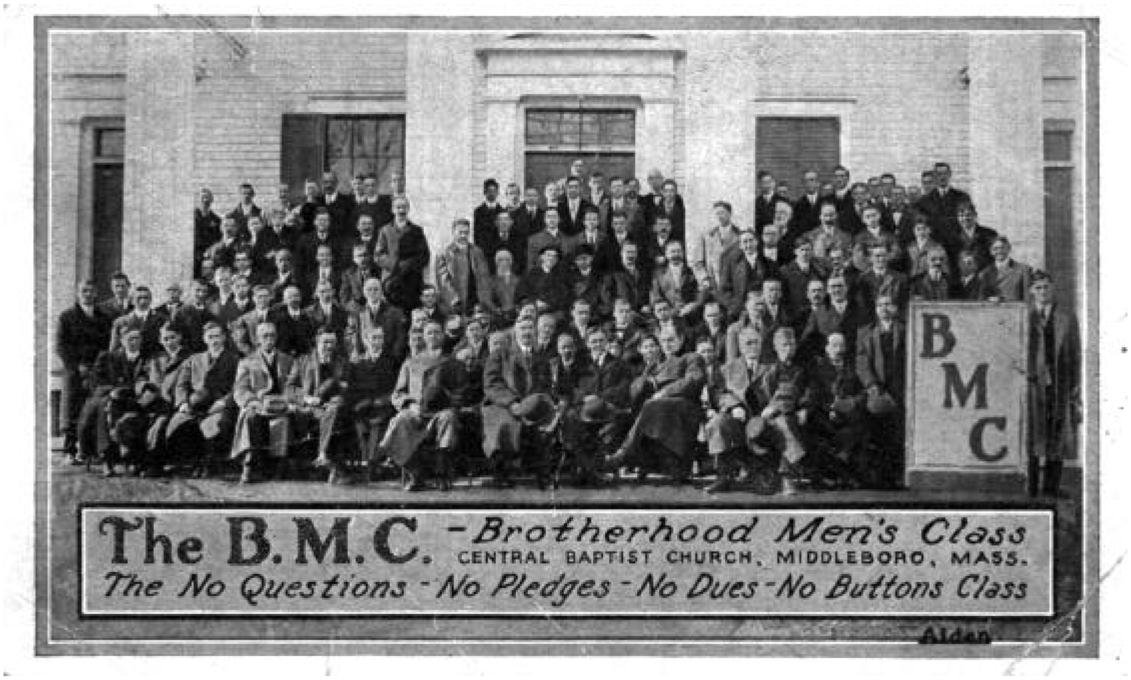
Around 1828, Major Levi Peirce, then a member of the Pond Church, desired a Baptist Church at the four corners. As a result he had this edifice built around 1828. He erected this church out of his own pocket for $4,000. He erected the parsonage on Centre Street and he gave $1,000 for a church fund.



136. Central Baptist Church

This beautiful Colonial Church was used by the Baptist Society for 60 years. On January 22, 1888, this beautiful church was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

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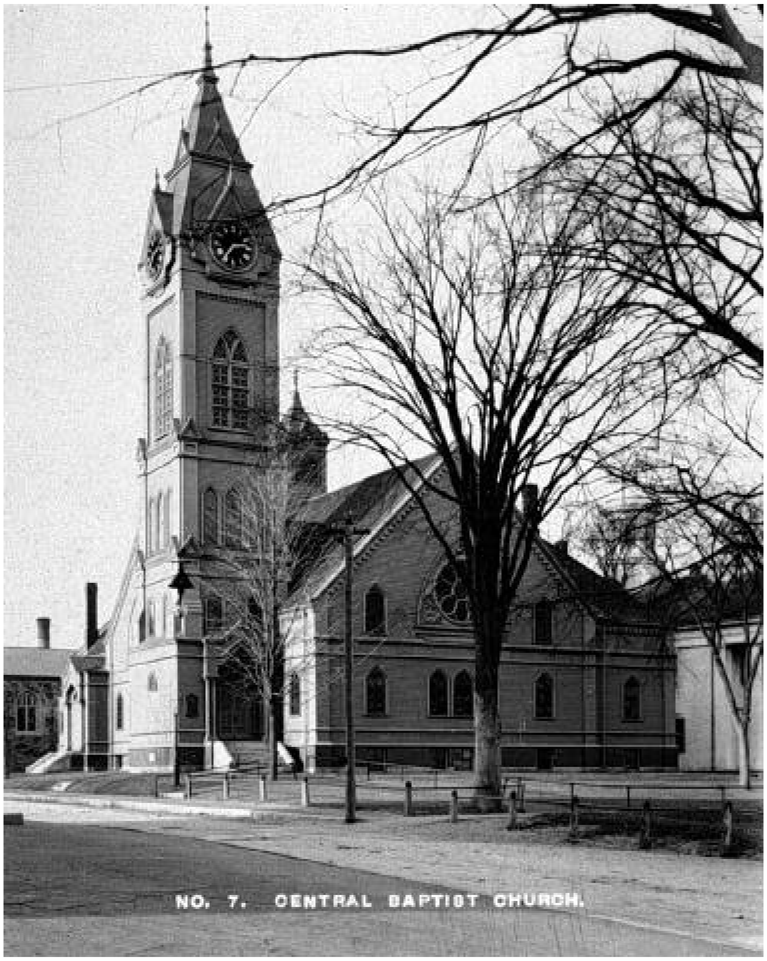
The B.M.C. -Brotherhood Men's Class
CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.
The No Questions - No Pledges - No Dues - No Buttons Class
Alden

137. The B.M.C. Brotherhood Men's Class

This is a photograph of Central Baptist Church's Young Men's Christian Alliance posing for a group photo on the steps of the Peirce Academy.

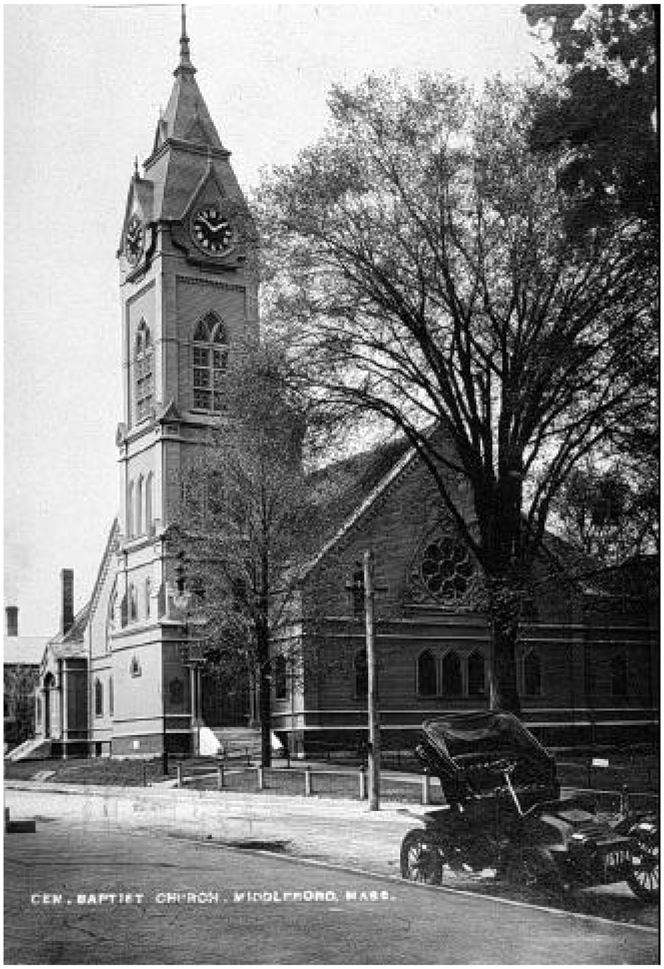
138. Central Baptist Church

After the first church was destroyed by fire, this second Church was built almost immediately. The weathervane on the original church spire was salvaged and installed on the second church.


NO. 7. CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH.

139. Central Baptist Church

This corner view shows the beautiful town clock steeple and rose stained glass window facing Nickerson Avenue. In the foreground, typical of postcards of this era, sits the photographer's automobile.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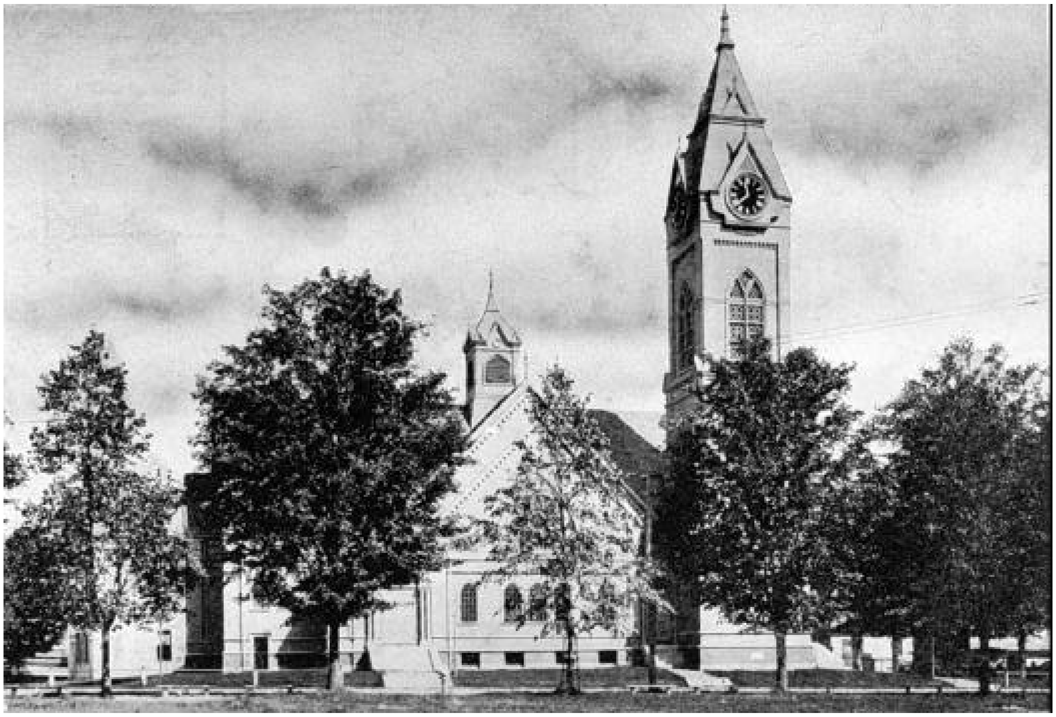
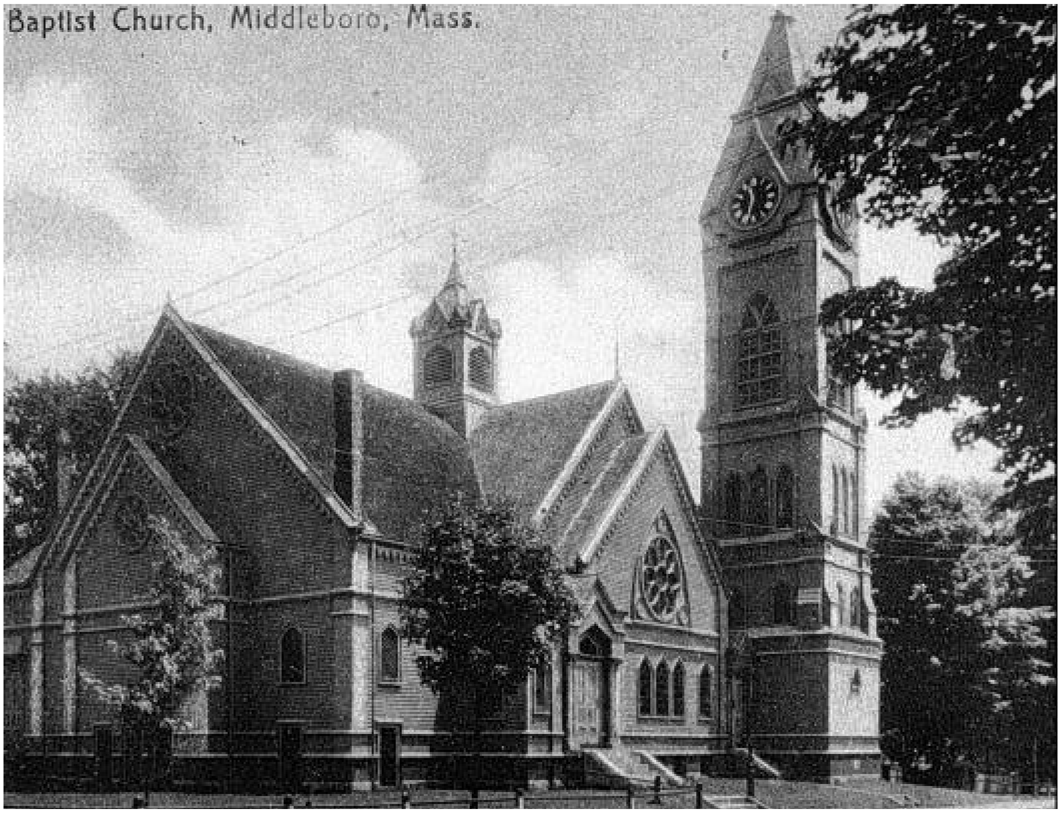


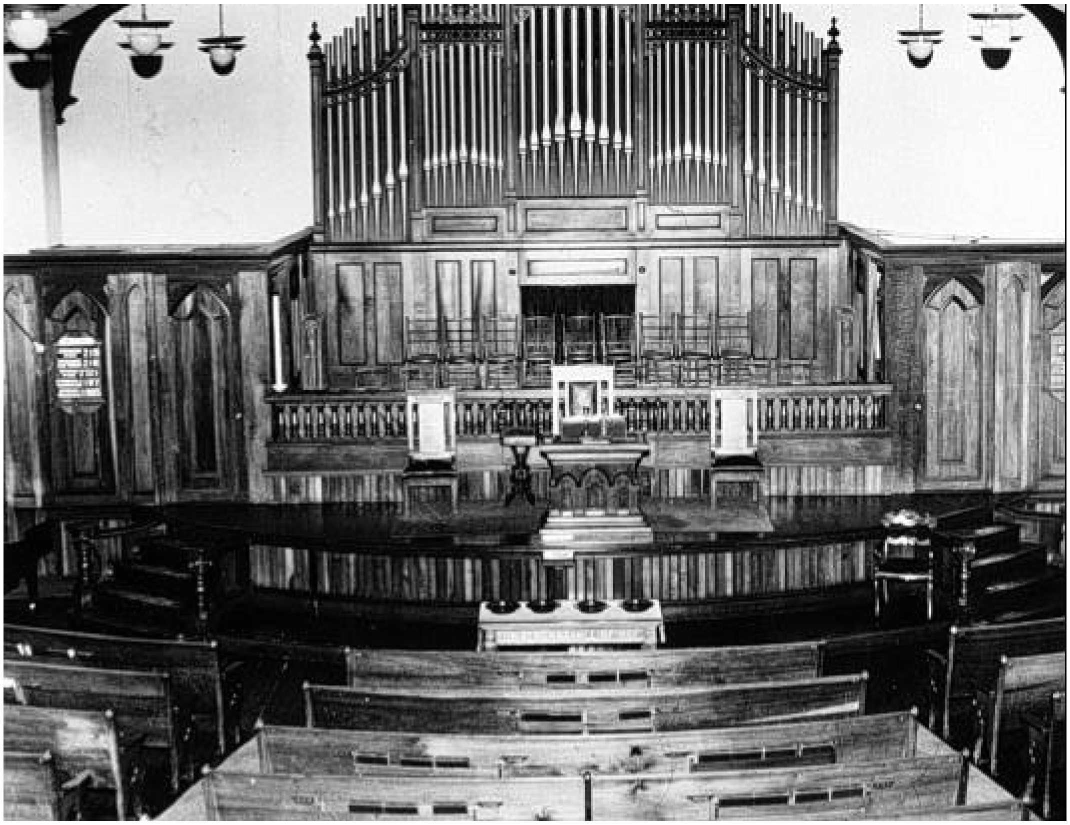
140. Central Baptist Church

This is the Nickerson Avenue side of the church (formerly Town House Avenue). This photo shows the roof cupola as well as the bell tower.


Baptist Church, Middleboro, Mass.

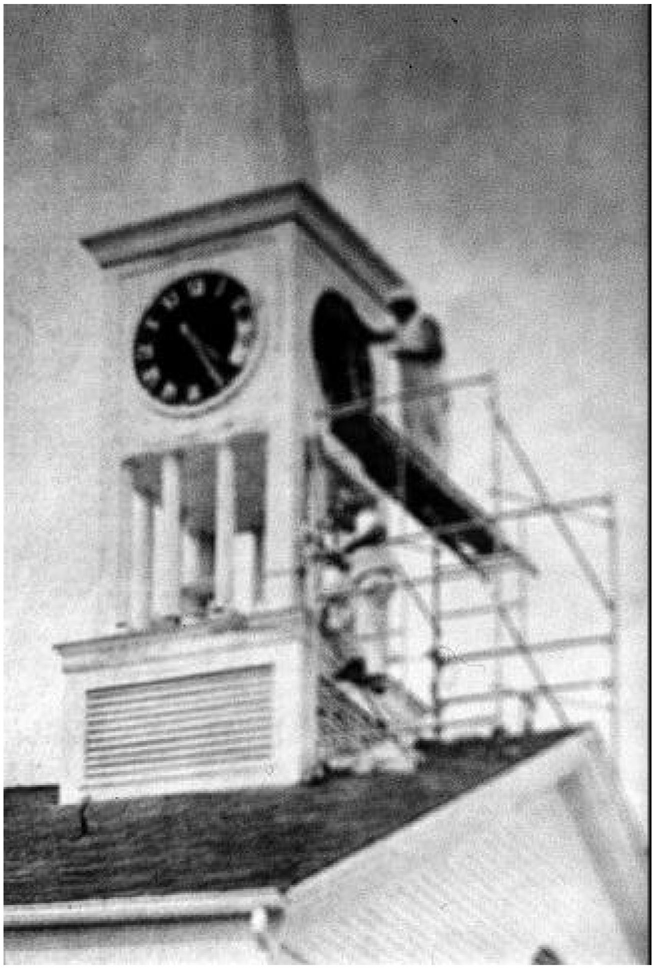
141. Central Baptist Church

This is one of my favorite views of Central Baptist Church. It shows the beauty of this edifice from the corner of Union Street and Nickerson Ave. (formerly Town House Ave.). It also shows the fence that also ran around the Peirce Academy.



142. Baptist Church Organ

This is a photograph of the Central Baptist Church pipe organ as it looked prior to being demolished in 1963, prior to the building of the new church.

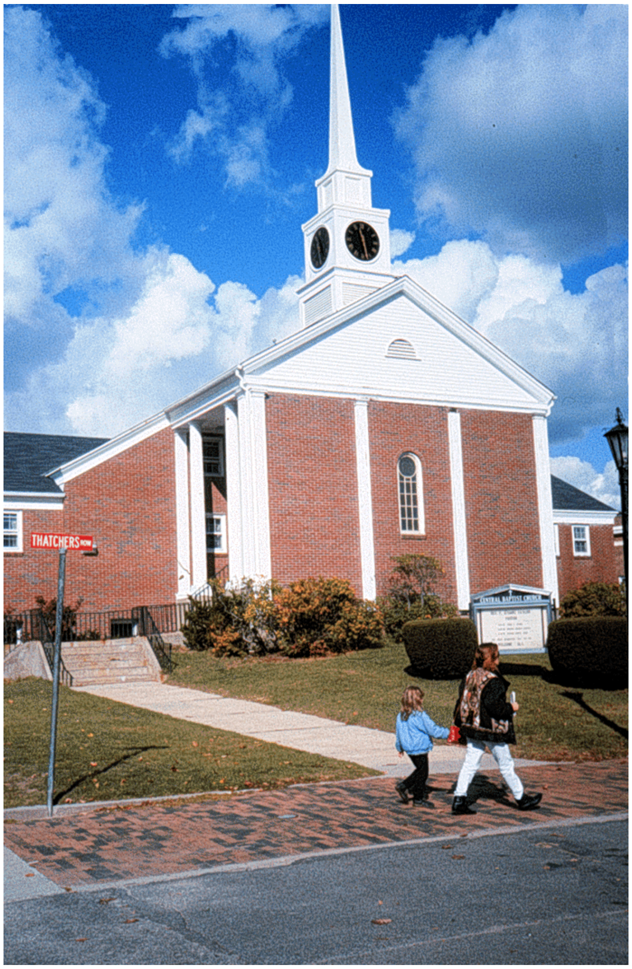


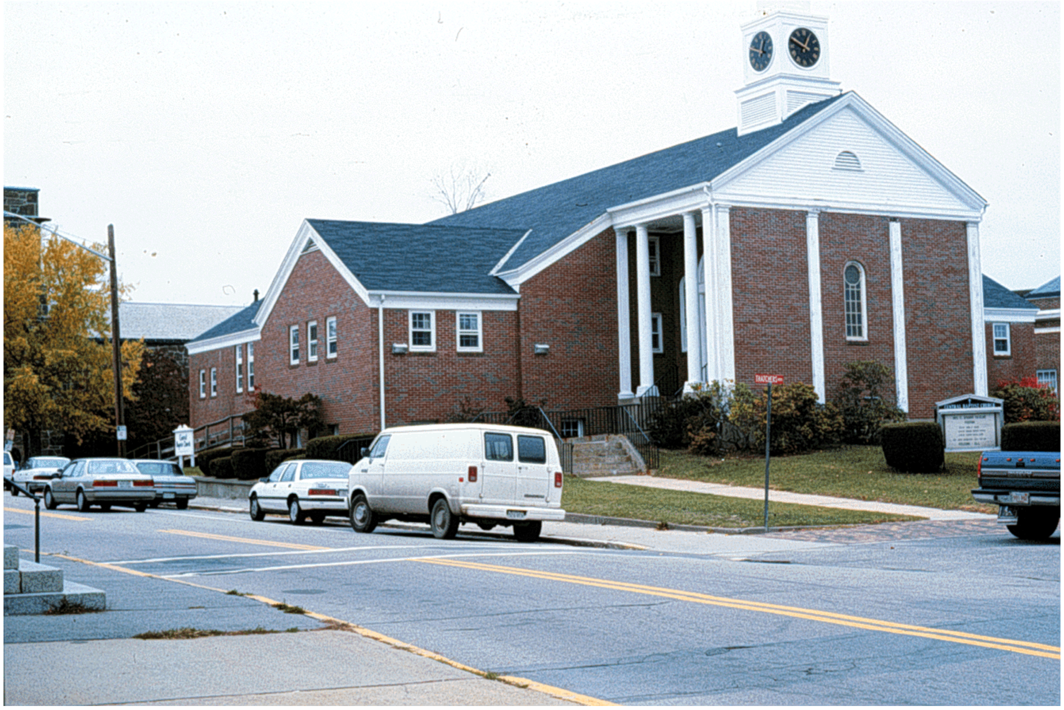
143. Baptist Church Steeple

This photo shows the painter, on scaffolding, painting the southeast clock face of the Central Baptist Church.

144. Central Baptist Church

This is a view of the Thatcher's Row side of the Central Baptist Church. This church was built for a cost of $241,000 in 1963. The second church became structurally unsound having been weakened by Hurricane Carol on August 31, 1954, then Hurricane Edna September 11, 1954, and then Hurricane Diane on August 18, 1955, and then Hurricane Donna on September 12, 1960. William M. Byrne of Middleborough then tore down the old church.



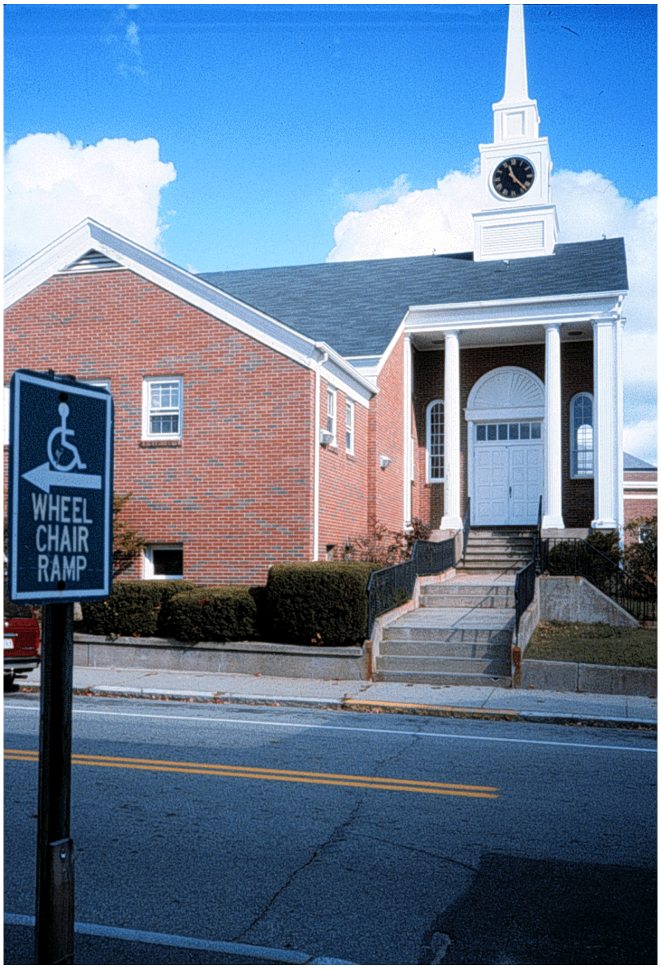


145. Central Baptist Church

This Protestant Church was one of the largest congregations. Because of structural unsoundness due to the elements it was voted in 1963 to raze the previous church and build the present edifice. On the previous church the clock tower was noticeably swaying in the breeze.

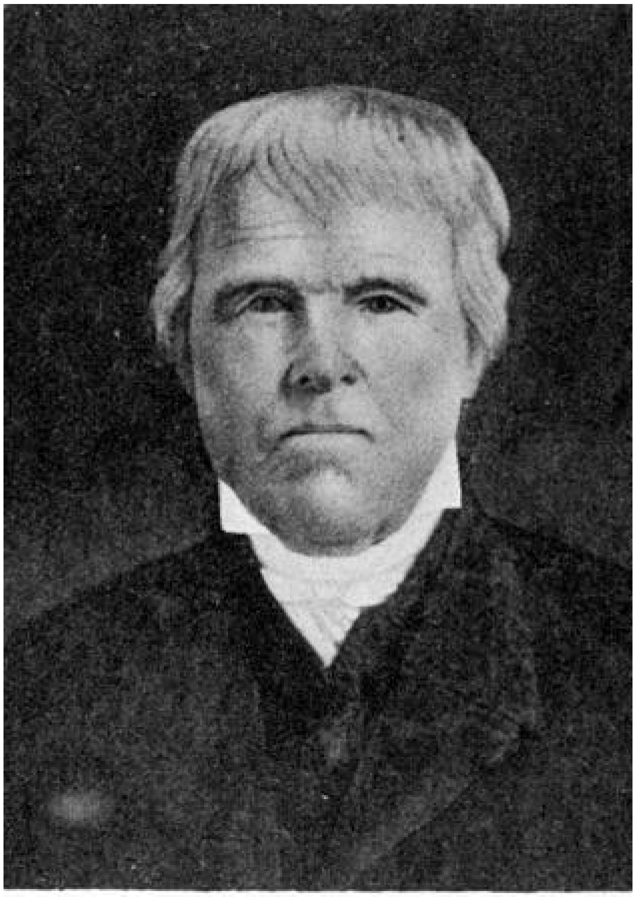
146. Central Baptist Church

This photo shows the Nickerson Ave. main entrance door, which opens into the lobby where hangs a portrait of Major Levi Peirce, the church's main benefactor.

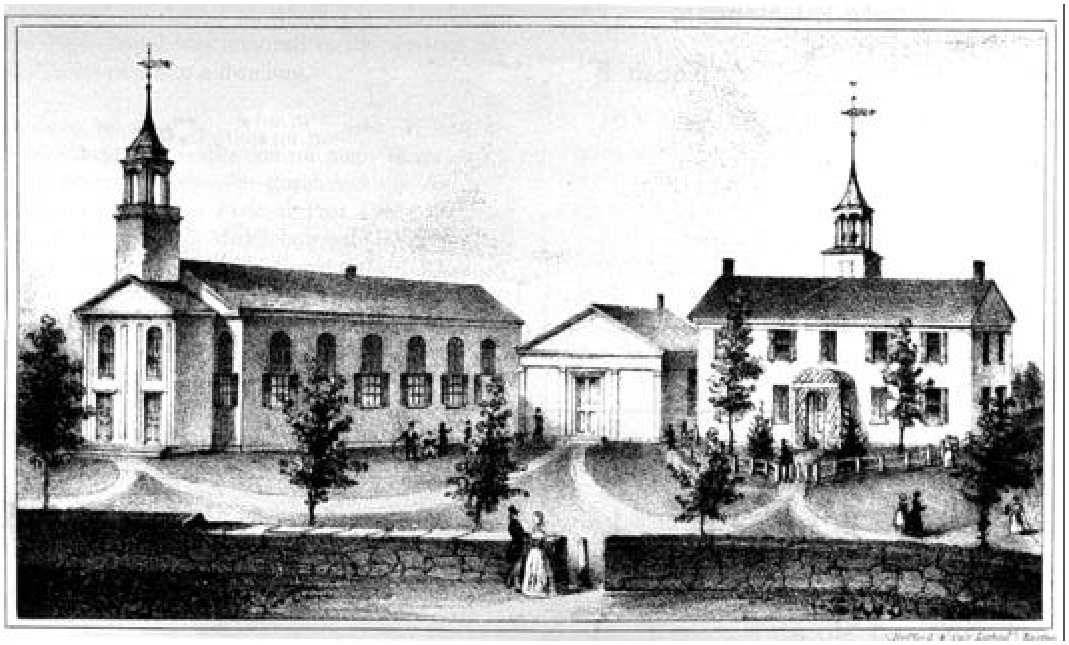


147. Major Levi Peirce

Major Levi Peirce was the major cause of there being a downtown business district. He was the son of Captain Job Peirce, of what is now Lakeville, who inspired him to build the first Peirce Academy. Then when the need arose, he built the first Central Baptist Church and parsonage for its pastor. The oil portrait now hanging in the church was copied from perhaps an earlier woodblock cut.

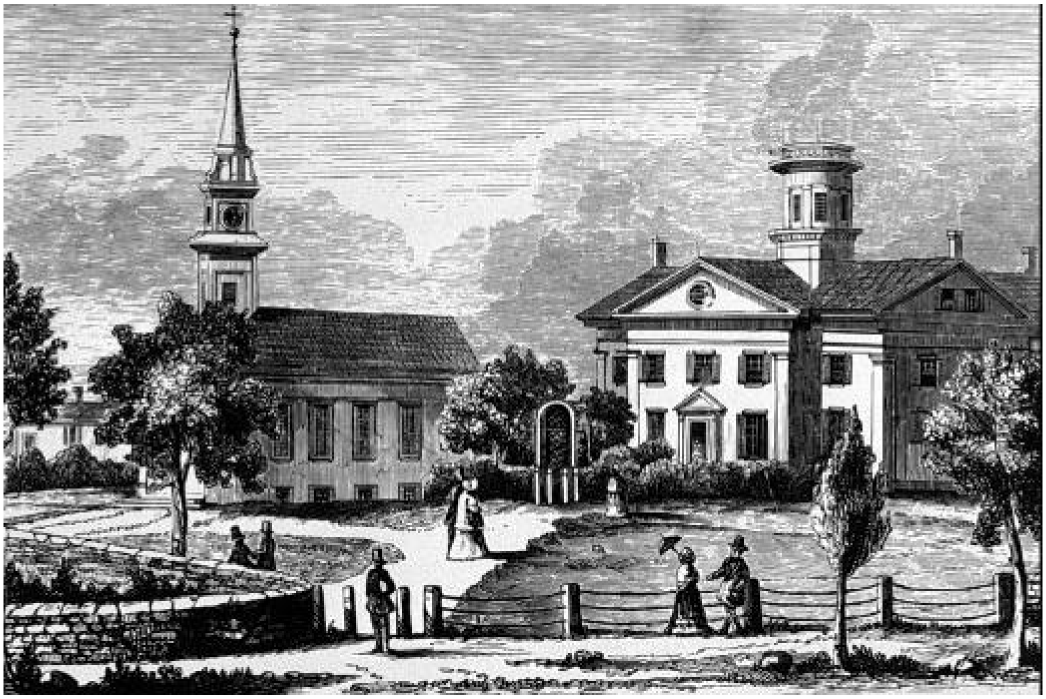


MAJOR LEVI PEIRCE



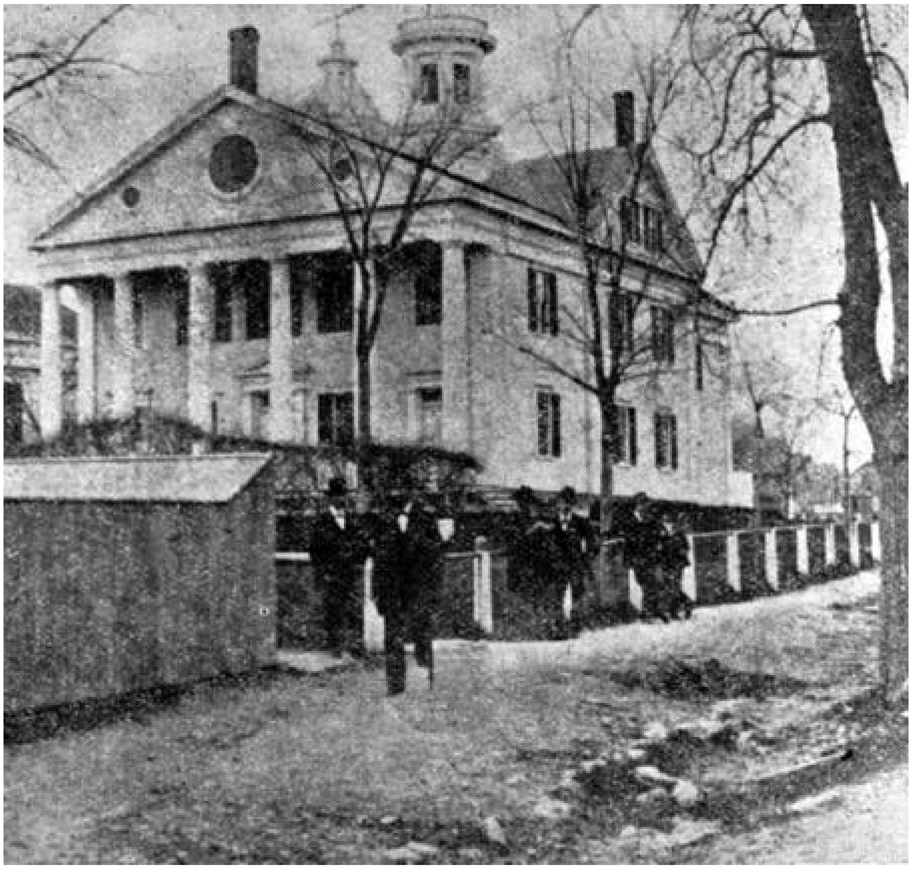
148. Central Baptist Church and Peirce Academy

This scene on Thatcher's row depicts the generosity of Major Levi Peirce; the scene includes the first Central Baptist church and the first Peirce Academy with its gymnasium. When the student population outgrew the first academy, it was moved down Centre Street between the present Central Café and a Mr. Leonard's house and became Mr. Leonard's bleachery. The gymnasium was moved over to School Street and became the home for the then fledgling Methodist society. This print is from a woodblock cut.



149. Baptist Church and Second Academy

In 1850, the first academy was sold for $335.00 and removed to Centre Street to become the Leonard Bleachery. In 1850, through the self-sacrificing efforts of Professor John W. P. Jenks, the second academy was assured of great success, until the Professor moved to Rhode Island to take over as headmaster at Brown University.

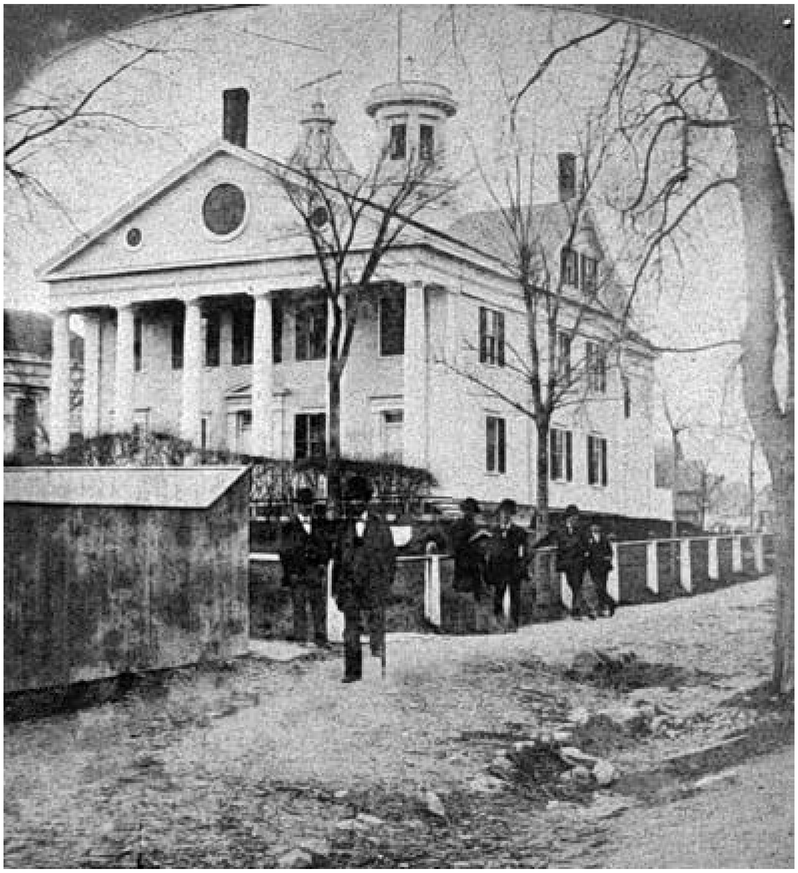


150. Peirce Academy

Source: Middleboro Gazette, 1933

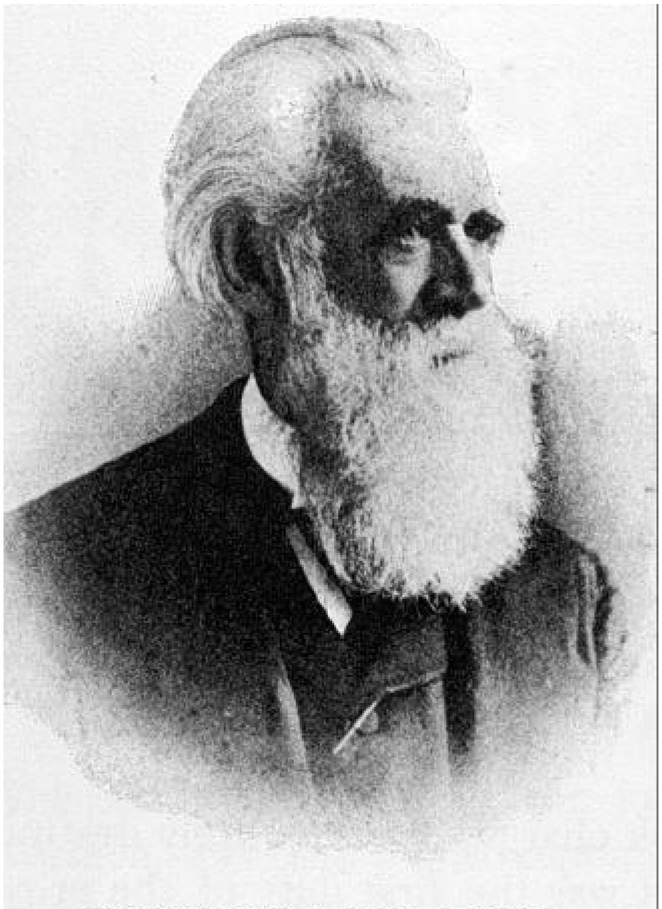
151. Peirce Academy

This beautiful photo depicts the Peirce Academy at its zenith at about 1875. Under the direction of Professor Jenks it had more than 400 students from all over the United States and foreign countries. Its graduates represented every profession and all aspects of business and industry.

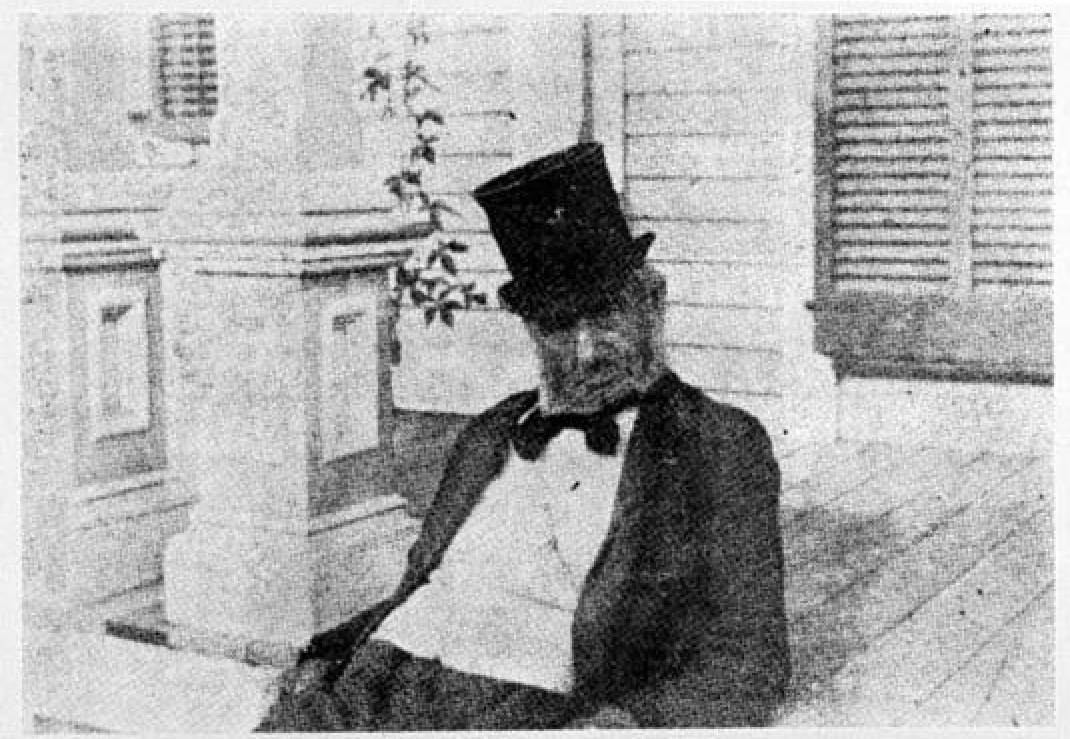


152. Professor J. W. P. Jenks

"John Whipple Potter Jenks – born in West Boylston, May 1, 1819, and was the oldest son of Dr. Nicholas Jenks, a physician of that place." He came to take over the management of the Peirce Academy circa 1849-1850. In 1872, he was appointed to the zoology department at Brown University. He remained a Professor there until his death on September 26, 1892.



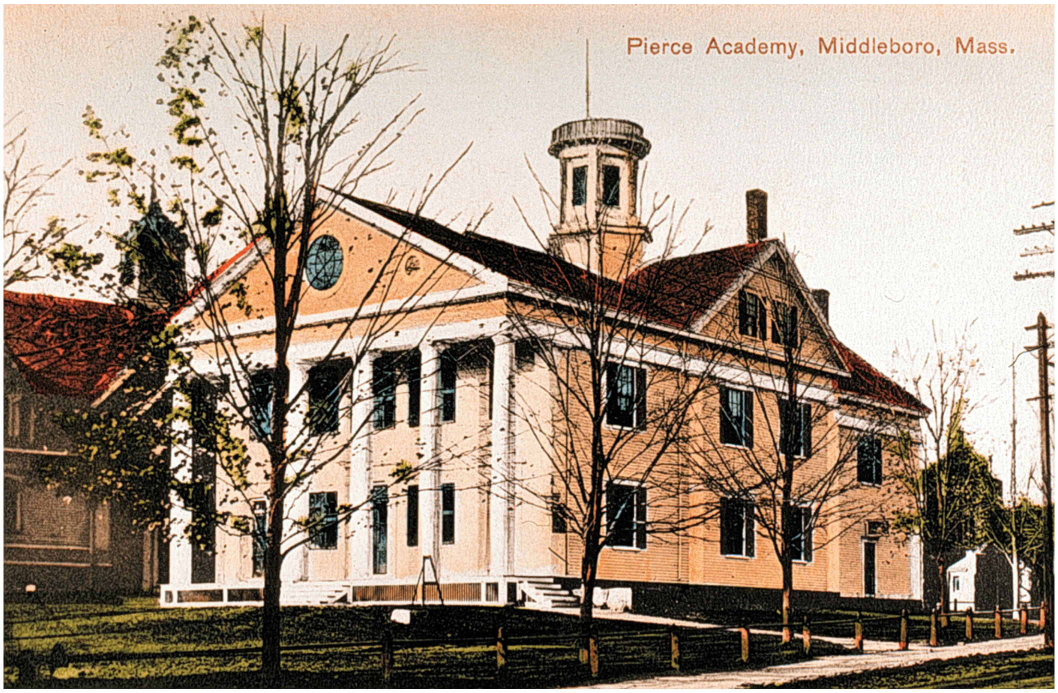
PROFESSOR J. W. P. JENKS



ALBERT G. PICKENS

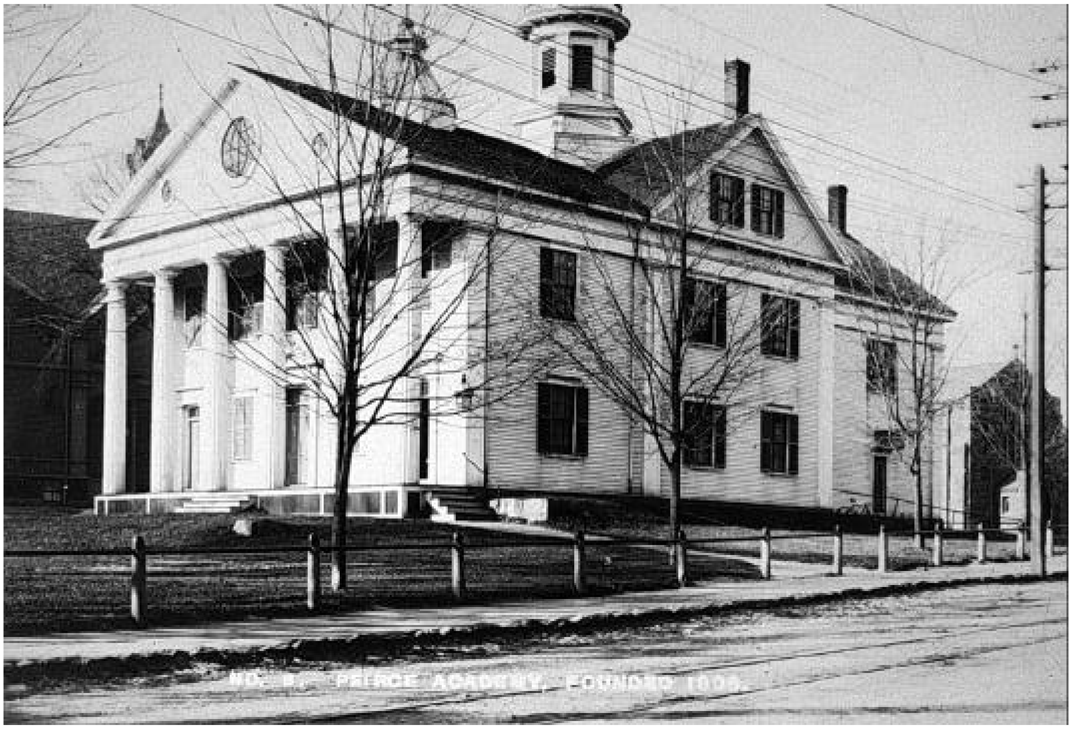
153. Albert G. Pickens

Albert G. Pickens was a pianoforte teacher at the Peirce Academy and in private. He lived in the Morton home in Mortontown until the town decided to straighten South Main Street. The home was about the oldest house in town and couldn't be moved and so it was torn down. This photo is a copy of a Cephas Thompson Painting of Mr. Pickens reclining on the steps of his new house across the street.


Pierce Academy, Middleboro, Mass.

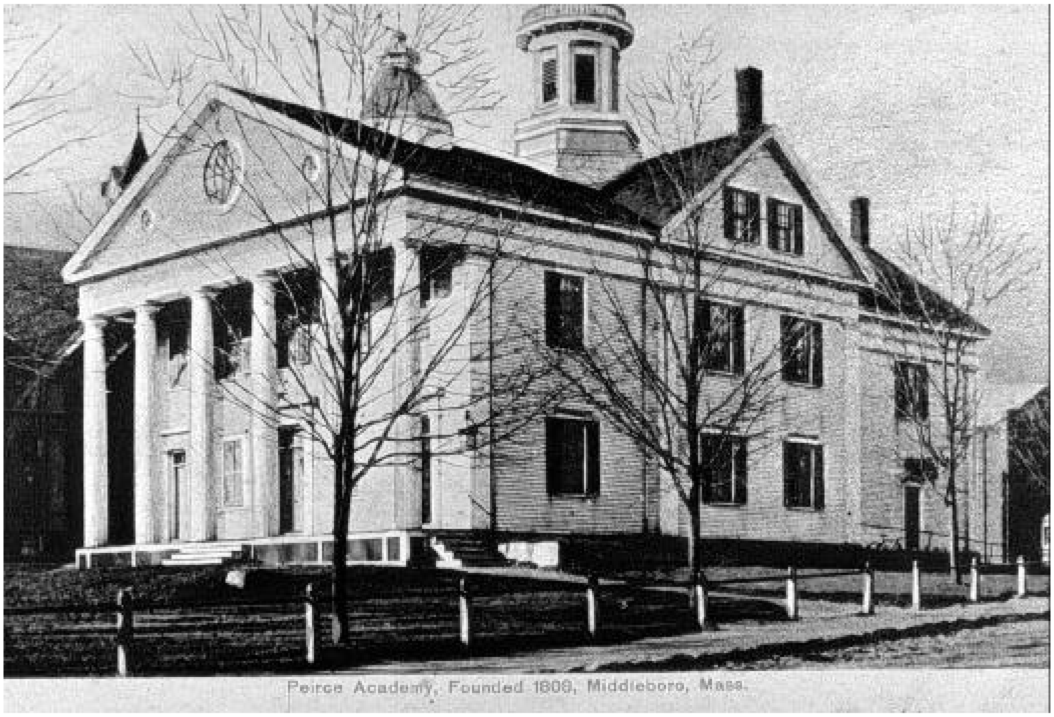
154. Peirce Academy

This particular academy building was erected in 1850 for $10,000.


NO. 8. PEIRCE ACADEMY, FOUNDED 1808.

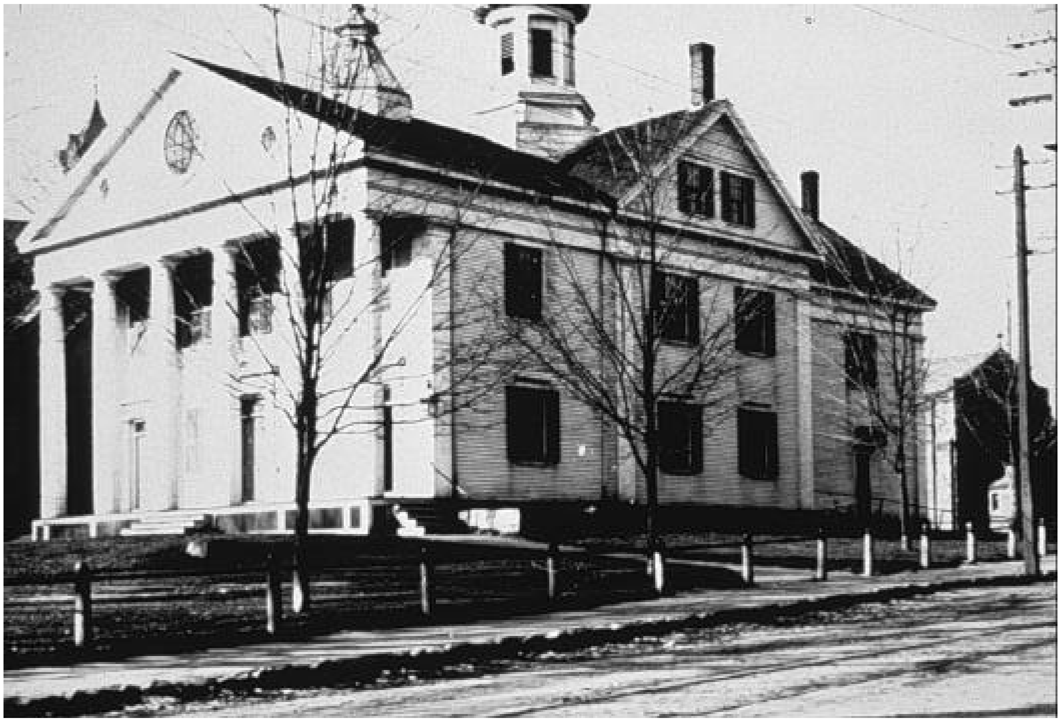
155. Peirce Academy

In 1850, the cost of the erection was $10,000, one-half of which was raised by private donations. Professor Jenks paid the rest of the cost, for which he was not repaid until 1855.


Peirce Academy, Founded 1808, Middleboro, Mass.

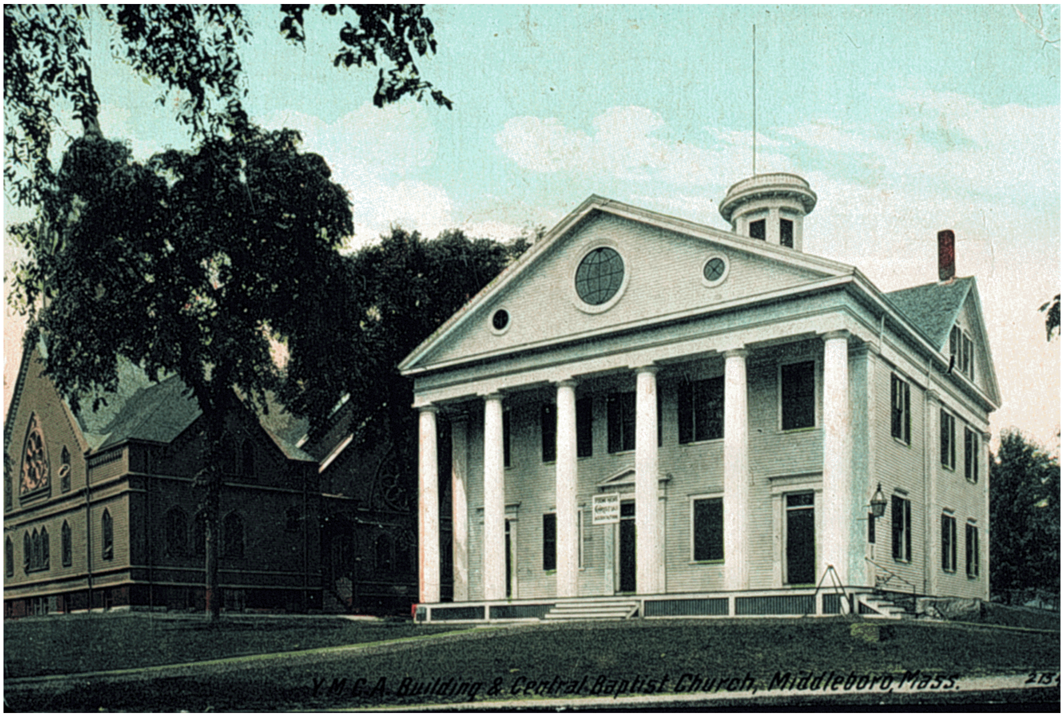
156. Peirce Academy

The building was enlarged in 1853, by adding a wing both to the front and another to the rear.



157. Peirce Academy

The cone on the front roof was Professor Jenk’s observatory, in which he had a wooden telescope.


Y.M.C.A. Building & Central Baptist Church, Middleboro, Mass.
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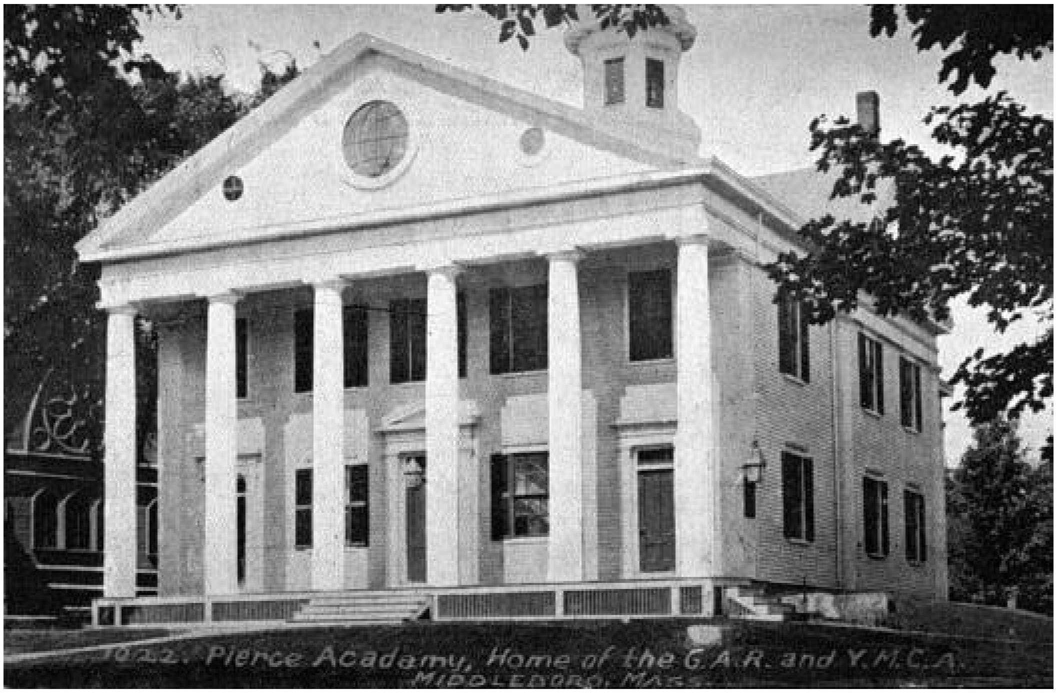
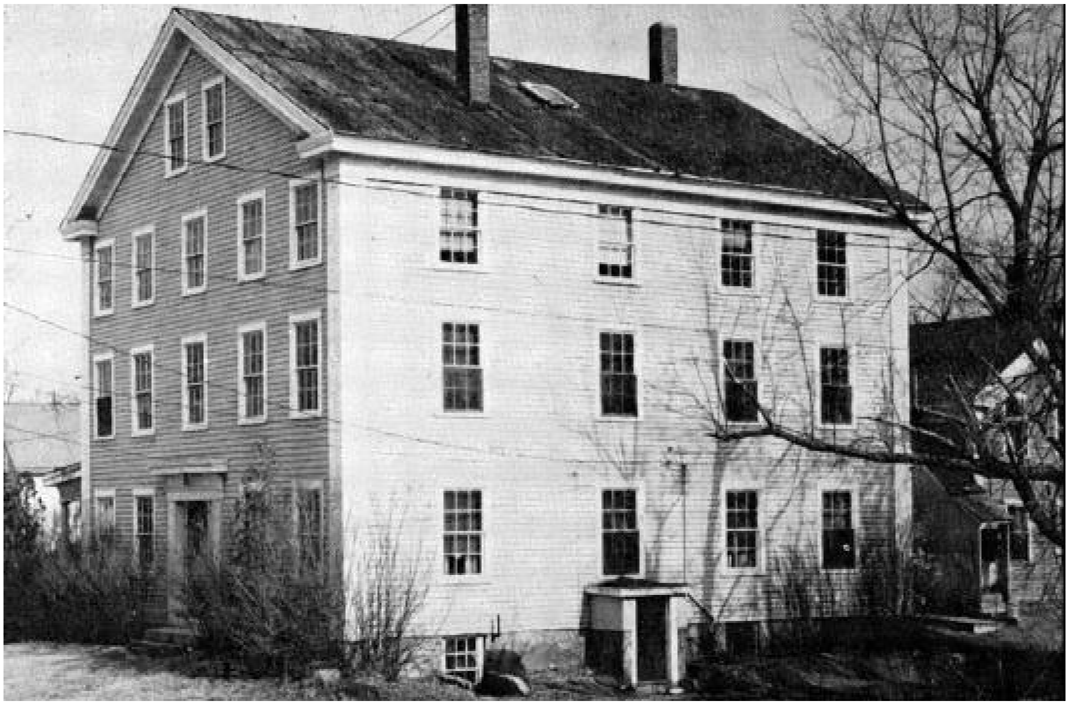
158. Y.M.C.A. Building and Central Baptist Church

After Professor Jenks left for Brown University, the school went into a decline, and closed; and the Y.M.C.A. occupied part of the building in 1875.


1022. Pierce Academy, Home of the G.A.R. and Y.M.C.A.
MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

159. Y.M.C.A. and G.A.R. Hall

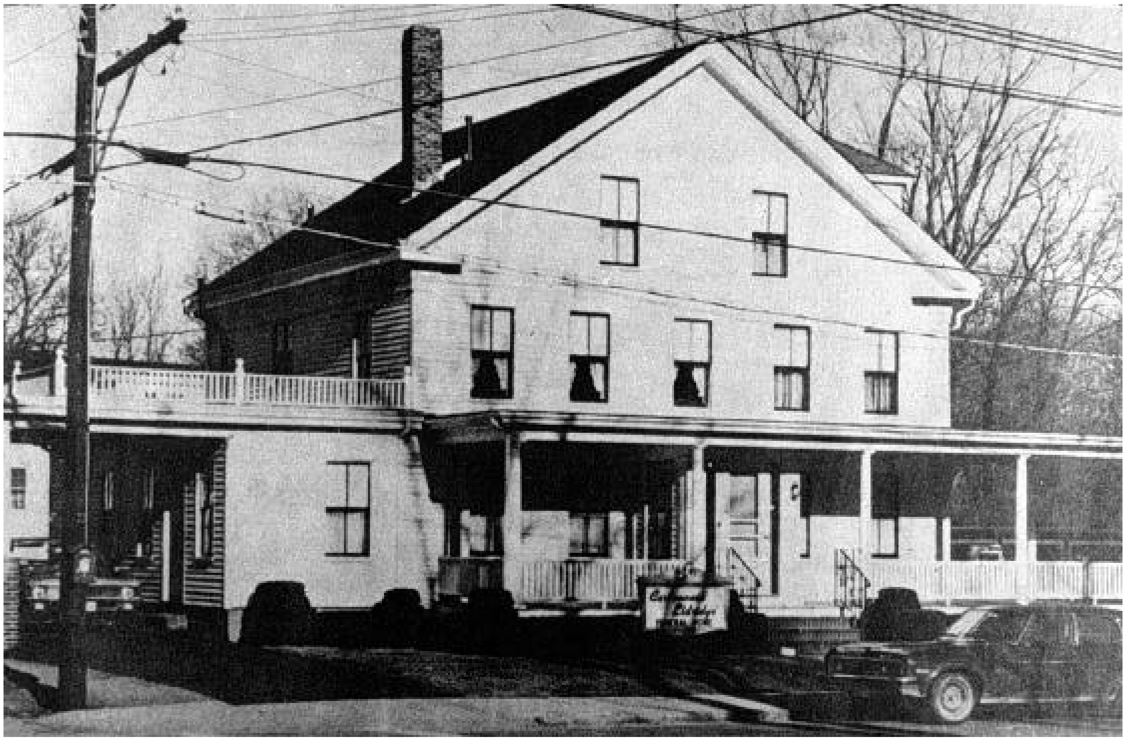
The Y.M.C.A. occupied the front first floor of the building, the Grand Army of the Republic occupied the upper floor at the front, and lastly, the Middleborough Police Department took over the rear of the building.



160. “The Beehive”

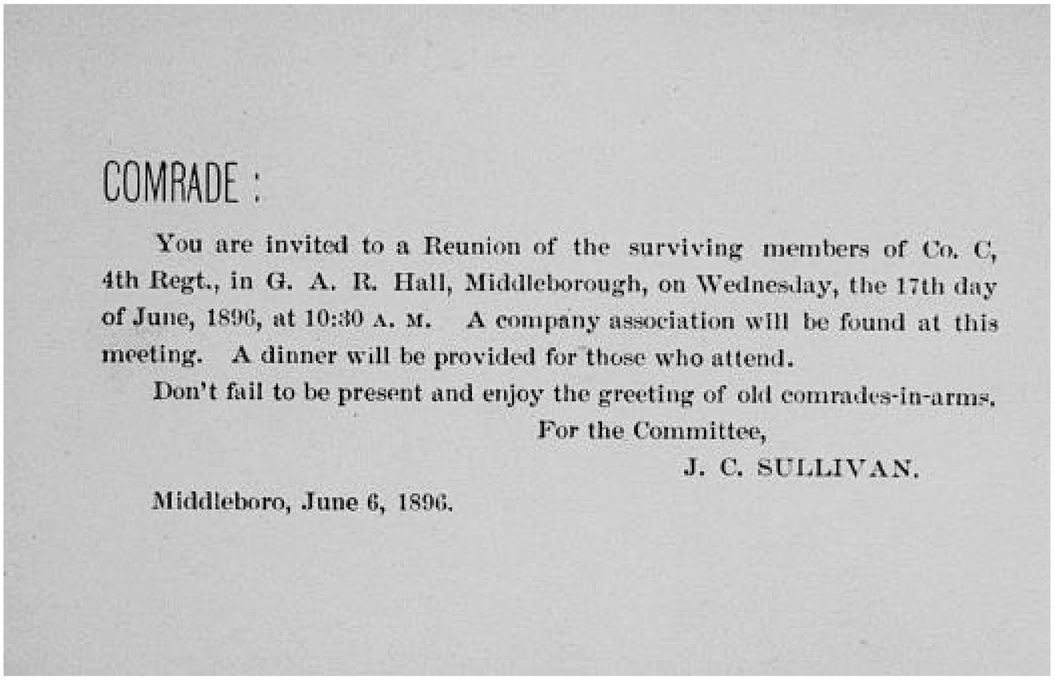
The Beehive derived its name because of its use as a boarding house for the boys at Peirce Academy, which must have been hectic at times. After the school closed, Dr. Daniel H. Holmes, M.D. along with his wife and sister opened his medical office and took in roomers. After his death the house fell into deterioration and was torn down in 1965.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Volume XVII, July 1976, Number Three Pg. One, Cover .



161. Eldridge Funeral Home

The building started life as a boarding house for teachers at Peirce Academy. Note some of the plank walls. The building has served many uses, as a Meat Market – mid 1930's, Miss Merrihews's Sewing Shop – 1940's, and since then it has remained a funeral parlor.



COMRADE :

You are invited to a Reunion of the surviving members of Co. C, 4th Regt., in G. A. R. Hall, Middleborough, on Wednesday, the 17th day of June, 1896, at 10:30 A. M. A company association will be found at this meeting. A dinner will be provided for those who attend.

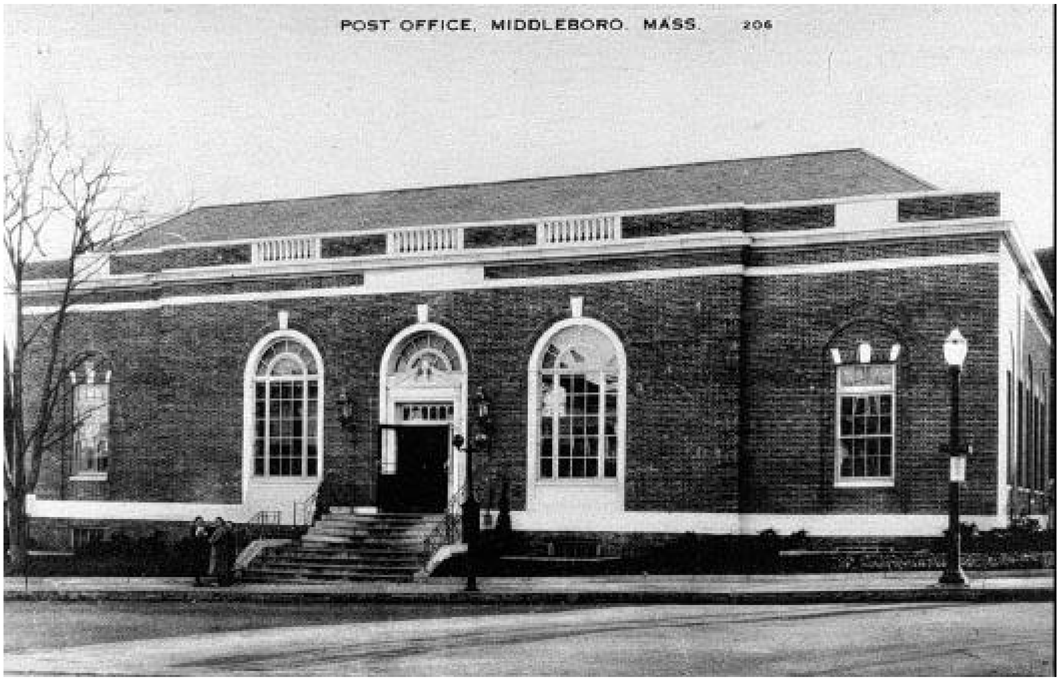
Don't fail to be present and enjoy the greeting of old comrades-in-arms.

For the Committee,
J. C. SULLIVAN.

Middleboro, June 6, 1896.

162. G.A.R. Reunion Invitation

This is a general invitation to the remaining civil war veterans to attend a reunion in 1896.

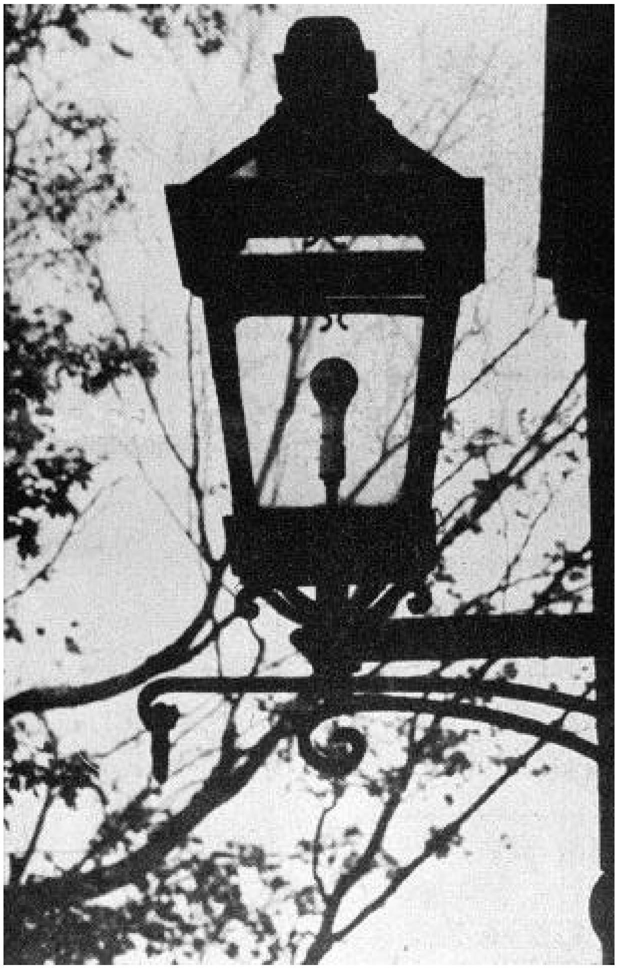

POST OFFICE, MIDDLEBORO, MASS. 206

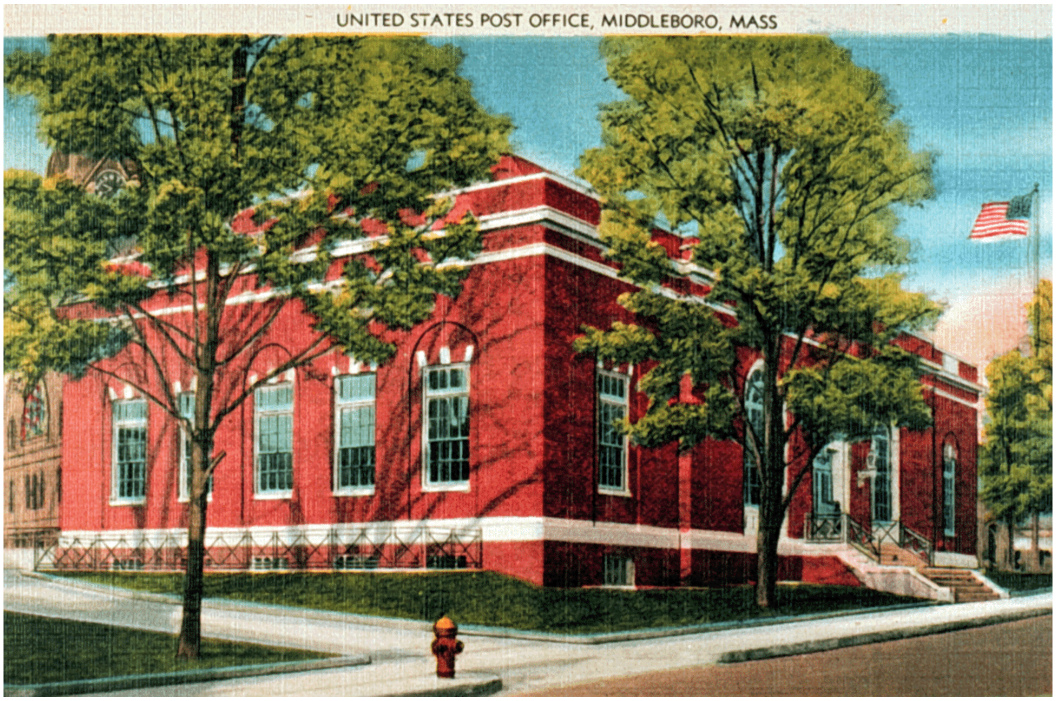
163. Federal Post Office

This beautiful brick post office was built in 1933 on the site of the former Peirce Academy.

164. Post Office Lantern

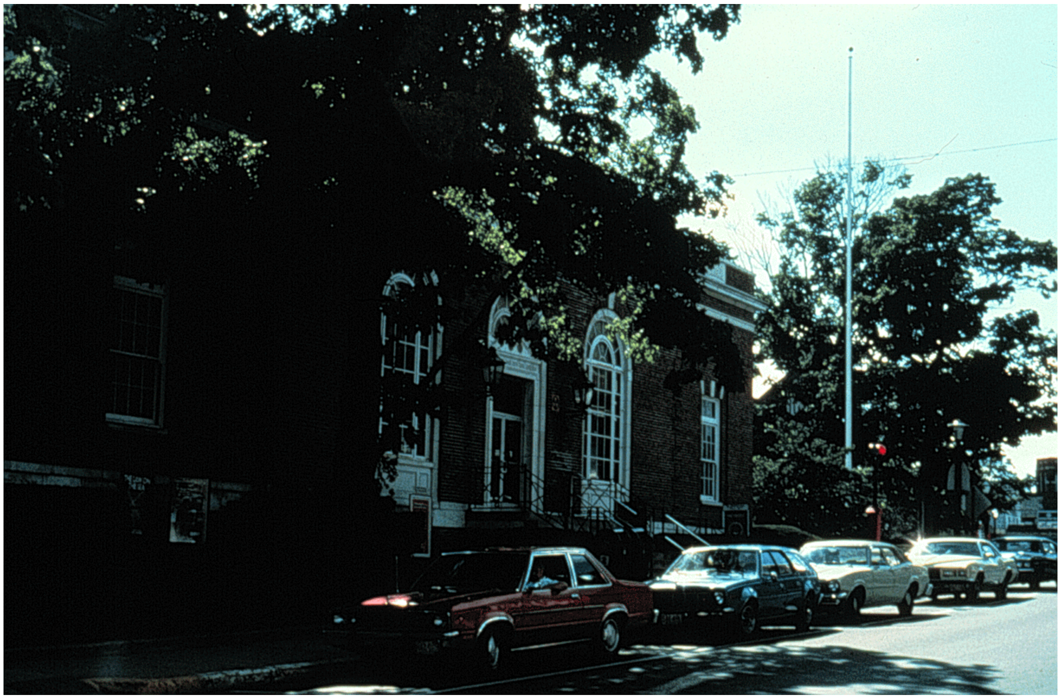
This graceful colonial lantern, one of a pair, enhances the front entrance of our post office.




UNITED STATES POST OFFICE, MIDDLEBORO, MASS

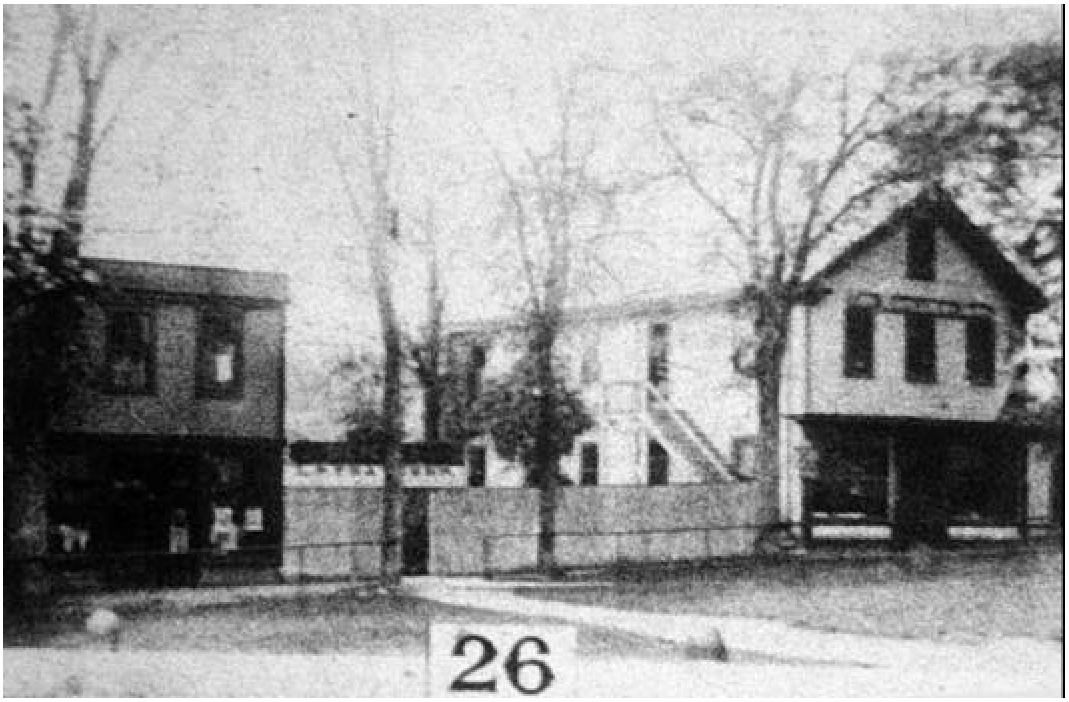
165. United States Post Office

The post office at this time still remains a vital part of Middleborough's business and social life.



166. Federal Post Office

This is the third federal post office in this Centre Street location. The first location was next door, in one of the four shops on the ground floor. The second is in the Peirce block until 1933 when it moved to the present location.



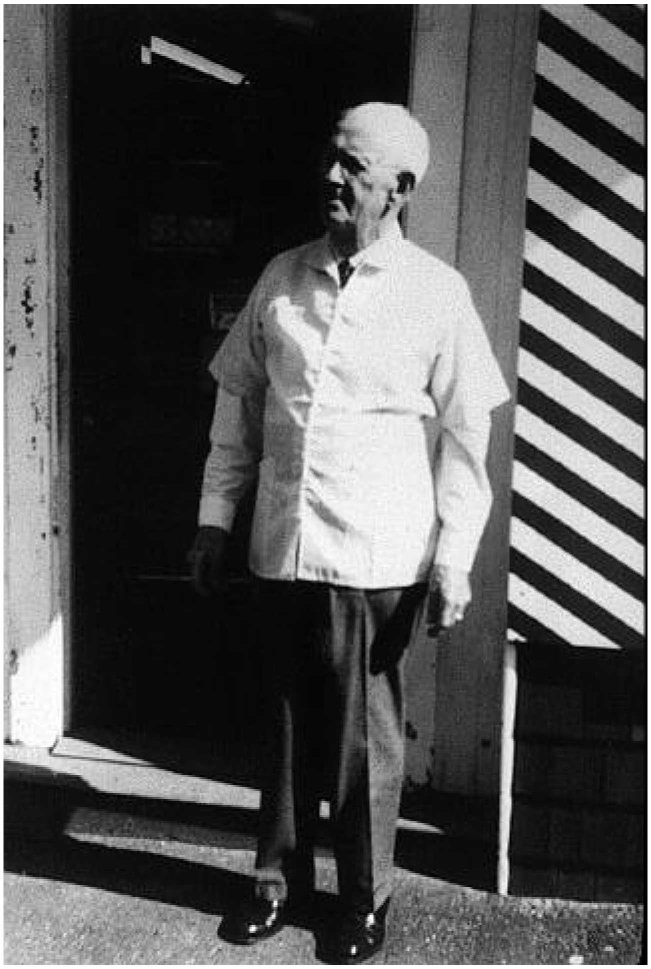
167. Thatcher's Row

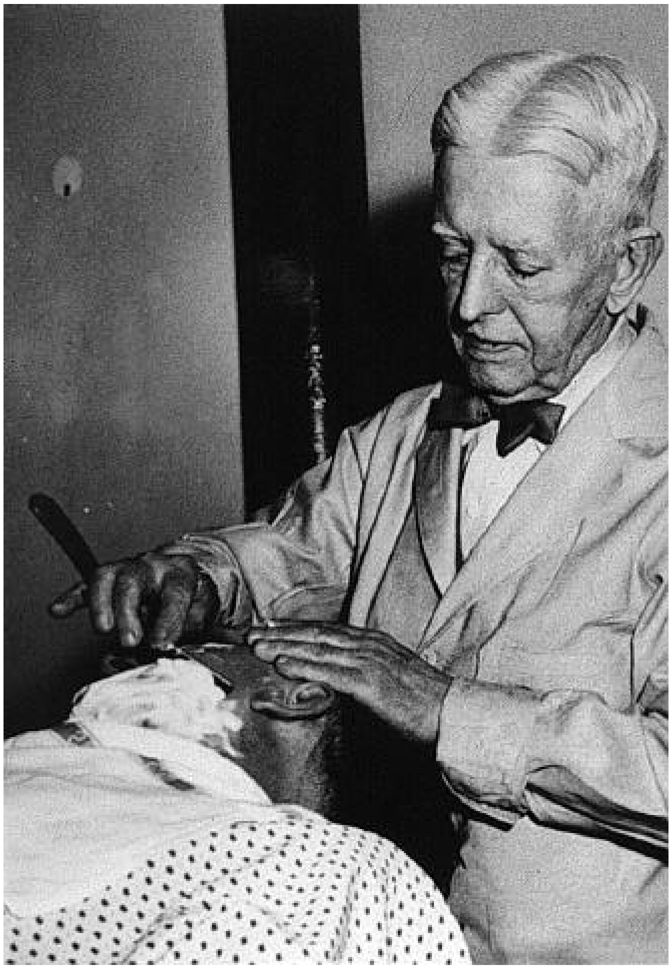
This view shows, on the left, a store next to a fenced in lot, circa 1910 and the last building is the famous H.L. Thatcher Print Shop. The present Henry Corsini Barber Shop was built on the vacant lot somewhere after 1900.

168. Milt Sherrard

Mil Sherrard was a popular and well known barber in the downtown area from 1908-1966. “For over fifty years, Milton F. B. Sherrard was the owner of a barbershop on Thatcher’s Row. Willis F. Nute purchased this shop in 1908 from Charles E. Ellis. Mr. Sherrard came from Maine in 1908, and for a year and one-half worked for Mr. Nute, then became owner of the shop. Several barbers who later went into business for themselves worked at one time in Mr. Sherrard’s shop. After more than fifty years of faithful service to his many customers, Mr. Sherrard closed his shop in 1966 and at the age of eighty began a well-earned retirement.

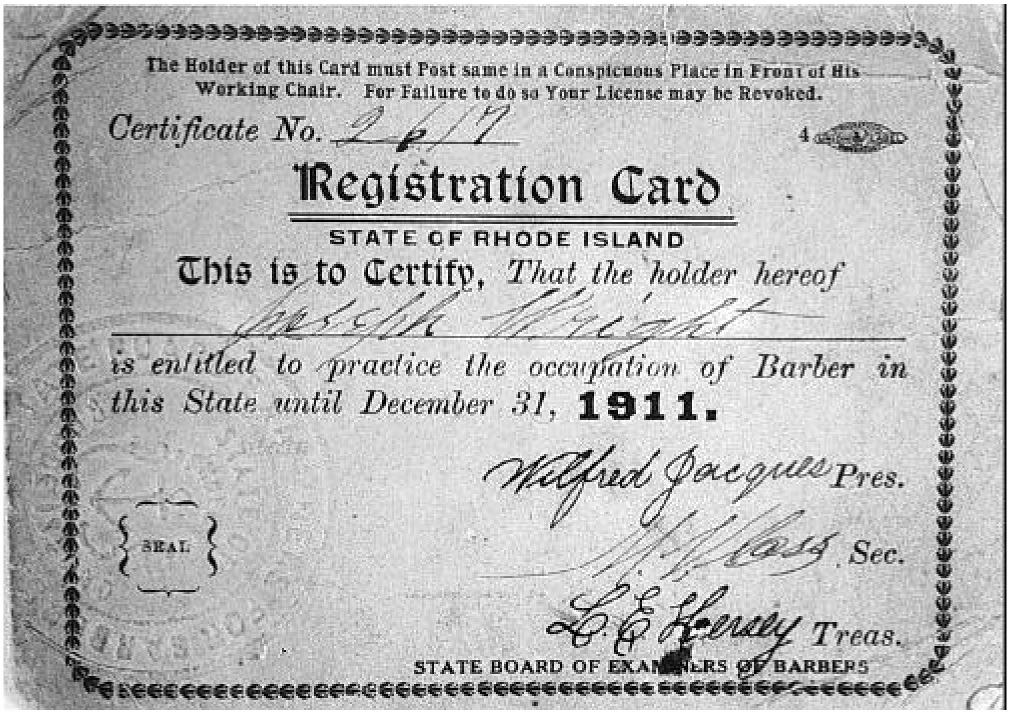
Source: A direct quote from Mertie Romaine’s History of Middleborough, Page 114.





169. Joseph Wright

This photo appeared in the Brockton Enterprise in the 1960's and depicts the late Joseph Wright shaving a customer.



The Holder of this Card must Post same in a Conspicuous Place in Front of His Working Chair. For Failure to do so Your License may be Revoked.

Certificate No. 2617 4

Registration Card

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

This is to Certify, *That the holder hereof*

Joseph Wright

is entitled to practice the occupation of Barber in this State until December 31, **1911.**

Wilfred Jacques *Pres.*

Sec.

L. E. Hensey *Treas.*

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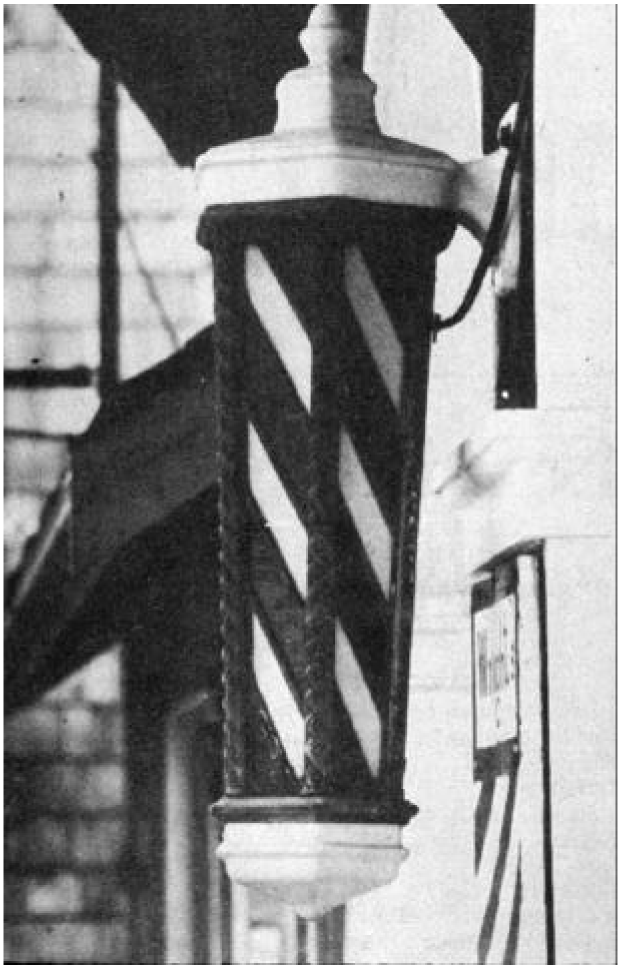
STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF BARBERS

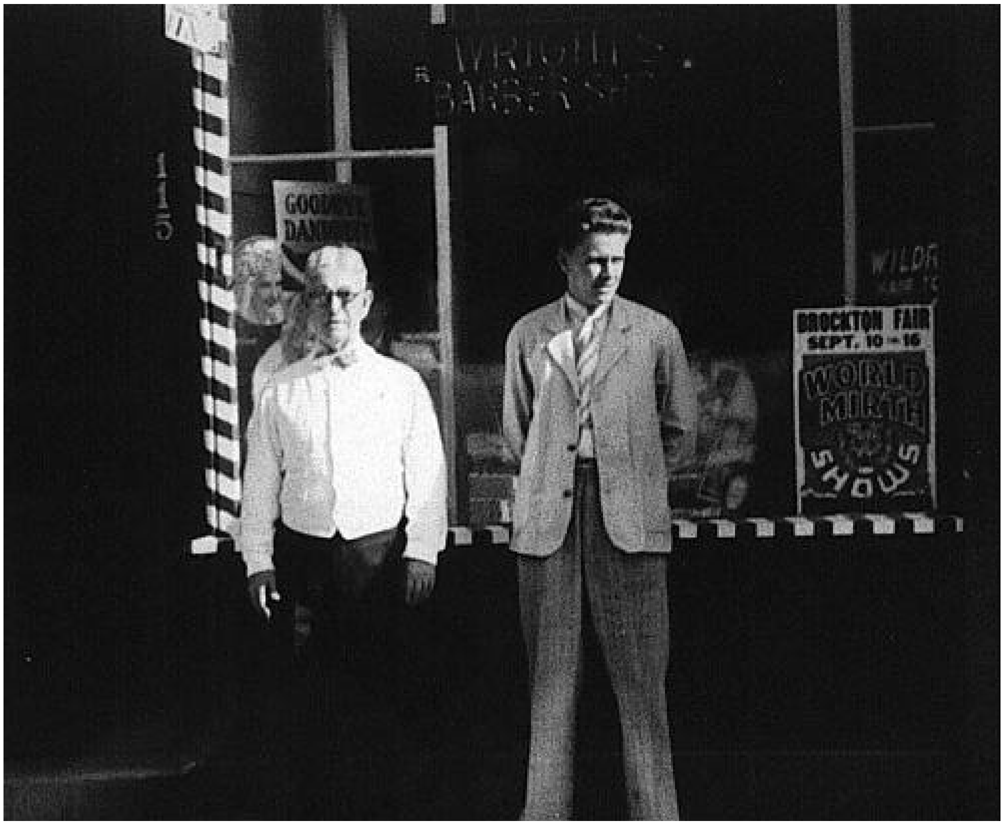
170. Registration Card

This is Joseph Wright’s registration card from his shop on School Street, allowing him to ply his trade from 1907 to 1911.



171. Wright's Barber Pole

This gorgeous barber pole originally hung on Joseph Wright's first shop on School Street. When installed on Thatcher's Row it was stolen and recovered and never re-installed.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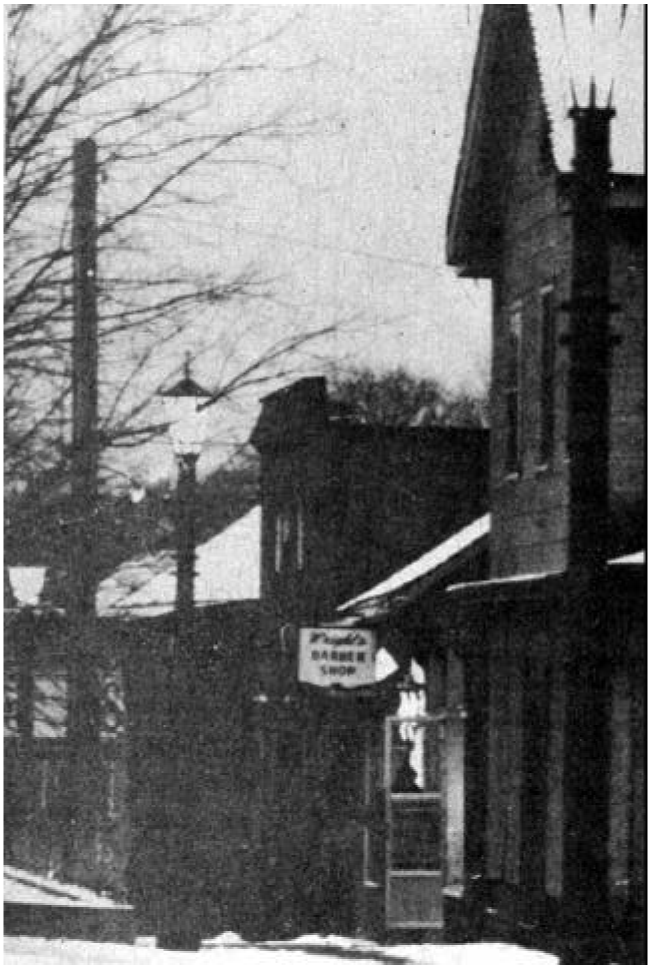
172. Joseph Wright and Crawford Wright

This photo shows the two barbers, Joseph Wright and his son Crawford.

173. View of Thatcher's Row

Looking toward Centre Street, on Thatcher's Row, to the right, we see the old H.L. Thatcher Print Shop and Wright's Barber Shop.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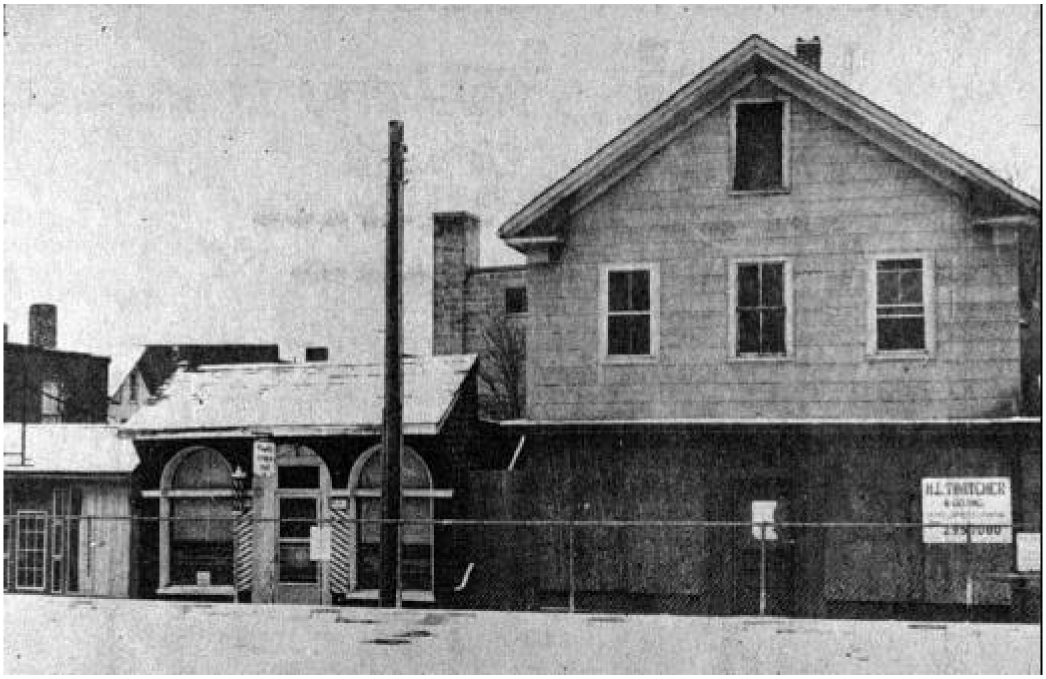
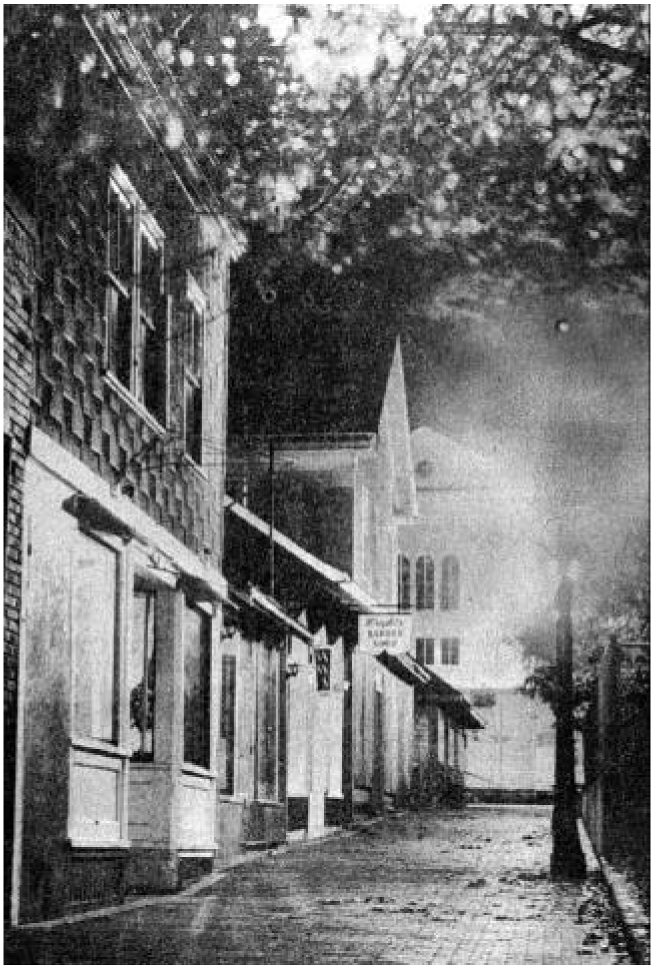


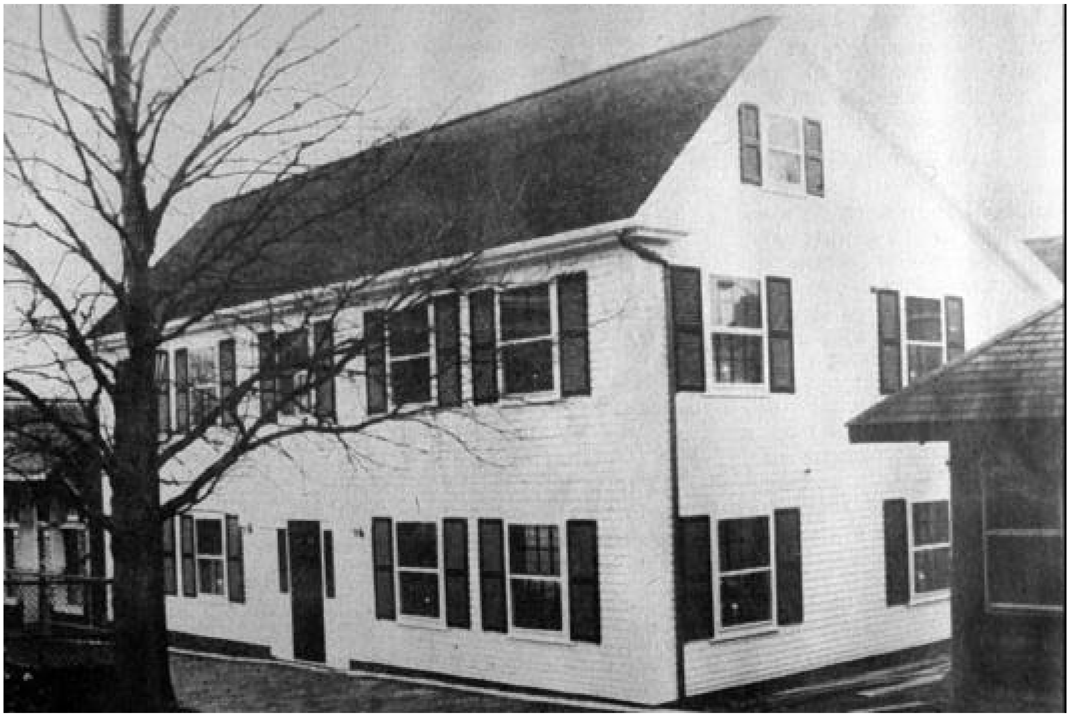
174. Wright's Barber Shop and H.L. Thatcher Company

This scene depicts the burnt-out shell of the well-known H.L. Thatcher Print Shop, with Wright's Barber Shop next door.

175. View Up Thatcher's Row

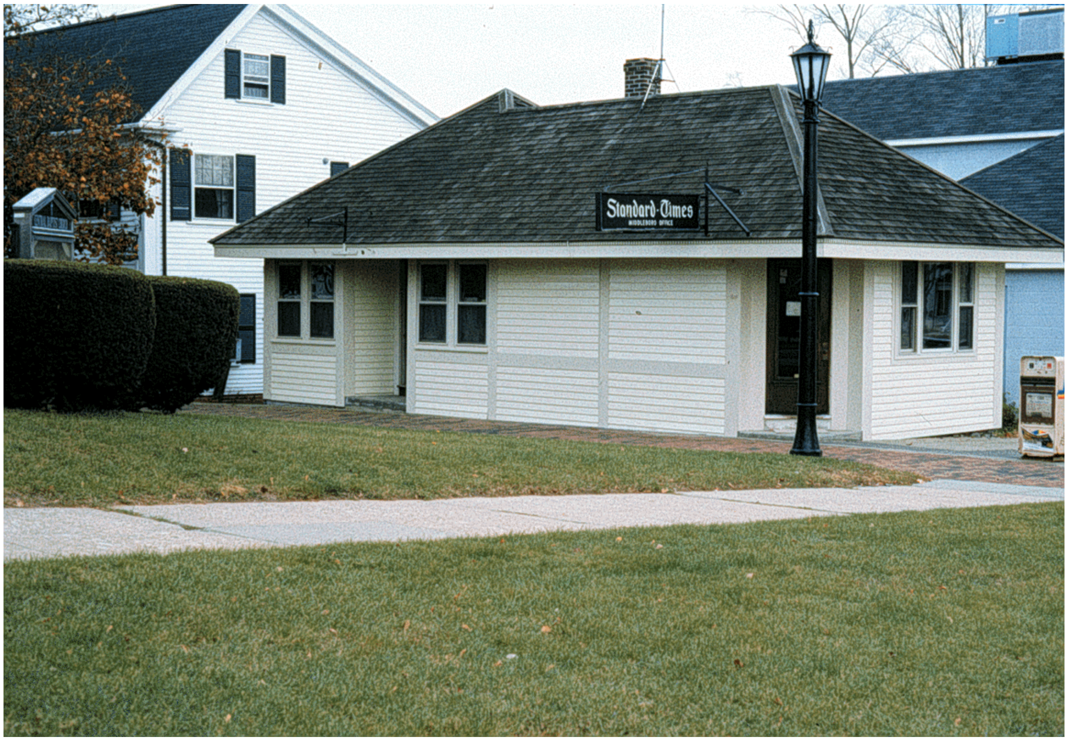
This view looks toward the town hall and shows a business block, Wright's Barber Shop, H.L. Thatcher Print Shop and the Little Building, that among other things, once housed McNeil's Radio Repair Shop.





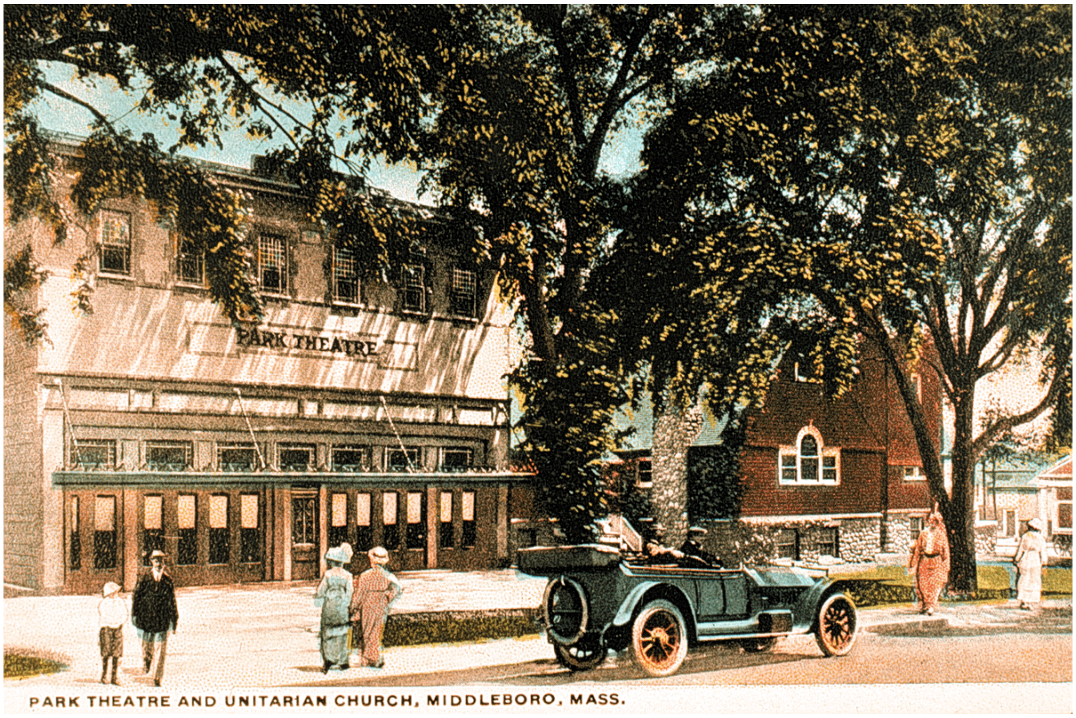
176. A.T. Maddigan Law Office

After the demise of H.L. Thatcher Printing Shop on July 26, 1980, the lot sat vacant for several years. Albert Maddigan bought the lot, hired Ted Eayres as architect and the law office was built on December 19, 1985.



177. Jeffrey's Law Office

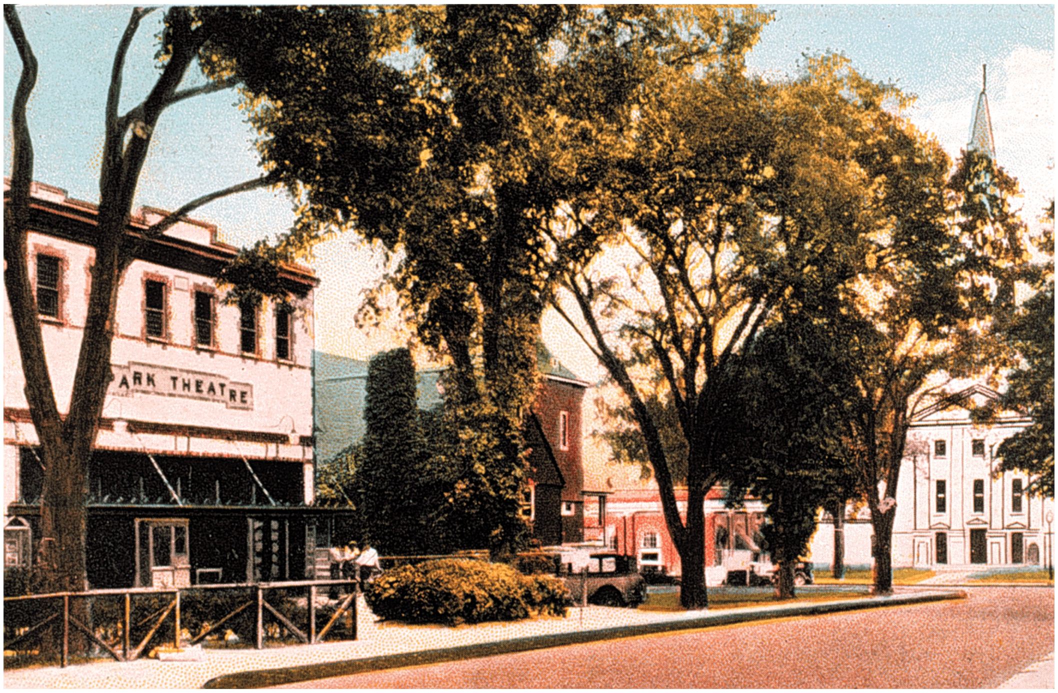
This little gem of a building has held many titles since the early 1900's. In the mid-1940's, McNeil had a radio repair shop. Sometime in the 1980's it was Helen's Beauty Shop. In the 1990's it was leased to the New Bedford Standard Times, and at present, 1998, it is Anthony Jeffrey's Law office.


PARK THEATRE
PARK THEATRE AND UNITARIAN CHURCH, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

178. Park Theatre

Dr. Fred L. Rounds, dentist, in March 1914 tried for a motion picture house permit from the selectmen, which was rejected. In May he got the permit. On July 3, 1915 this $25,000 theatre had its grand opening and was named The Park Theatre. Also visible are the Unitarian Church and the Middleborough Cooperative Bank.

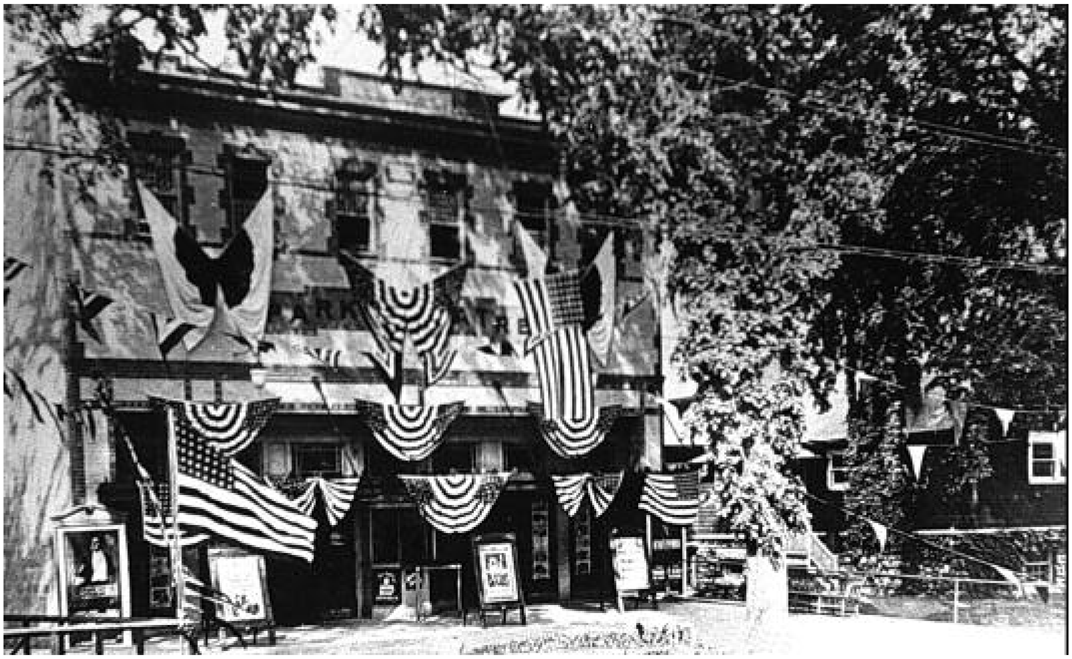
Source: Town History, Volume II, Mertie Romaine, Page. 335.



179. Park Theatre

"In those days of silent films, the pianist added greatly to the realism of the picture by rendering appropriate, highly descriptive music." The Unitarian Church Steeple, the then new Middleborough Cooperative Bank and the Central Congregational Church can be seen in the background.

Source: Town History, Volume II, Mertie Romaine, Page 335.

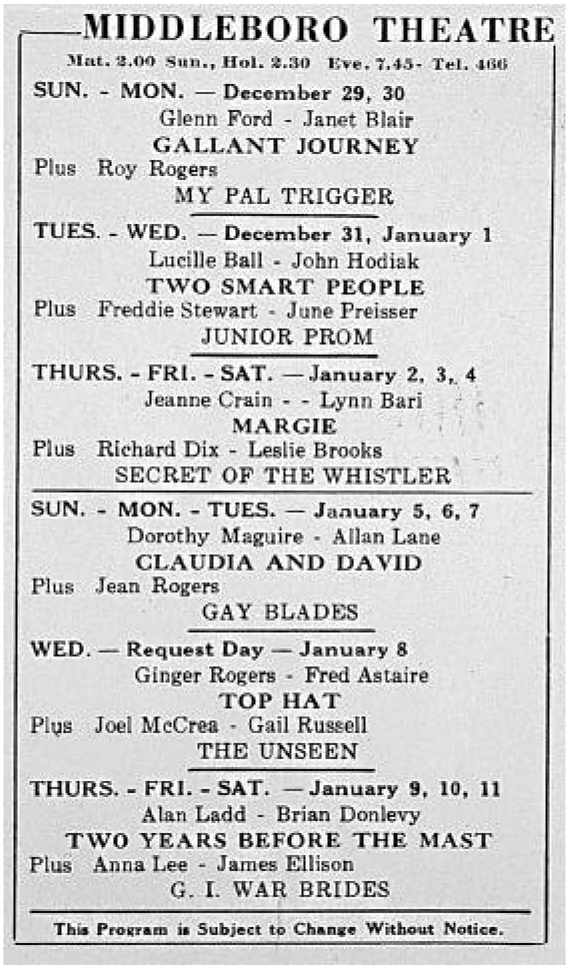


180. Park Theatre

This gorgeous photo depicts the Park theatre in its glory days during the 1940's. The upper middle windows were where the projection booth was located. In the ground center may be seen the ticket office; on Saturdays, we kids would form a long snake line to buy ours. All the advertising easels were set up to notify people of coming events.

181. Middleborough Theatre Ad

This card is typical of the type of advertising of that time.



MIDDLEBORO THEATRE

Mat. 2.00 Sun., Hol. 2.30 Eve. 7.45- Tel. 466

SUN. - MON. — December 29, 30

Glenn Ford - Janet Blair

GALLANT JOURNEY

Plus Roy Rogers

MY PAL TRIGGER

TUES. - WED. — December 31, January 1

Lucille Ball - John Hodiak

TWO SMART PEOPLE

Plus Freddie Stewart - June Preisser

JUNIOR PROM

THURS. - FRI. - SAT. — January 2, 3, 4

Jeanne Crain - - Lynn Bari

MARGIE

Plus Richard Dix - Leslie Brooks

SECRET OF THE WHISTLER

SUN. - MON. - TUES. — January 5, 6, 7

Dorothy Maguire - Allan Lane

CLAUDIA AND DAVID

Plus Jean Rogers

GAY BLADES

WED. — Request Day — January 8

Ginger Rogers - Fred Astaire

TOP HAT

Plus Joel McCrea - Gail Russell

THE UNSEEN

THURS. - FRI. - SAT. — January 9, 10, 11

Alan Ladd - Brian Donlevy

TWO YEARS BEFORE THE MAST

Plus Anna Lee - James Ellison

G. I. WAR BRIDES

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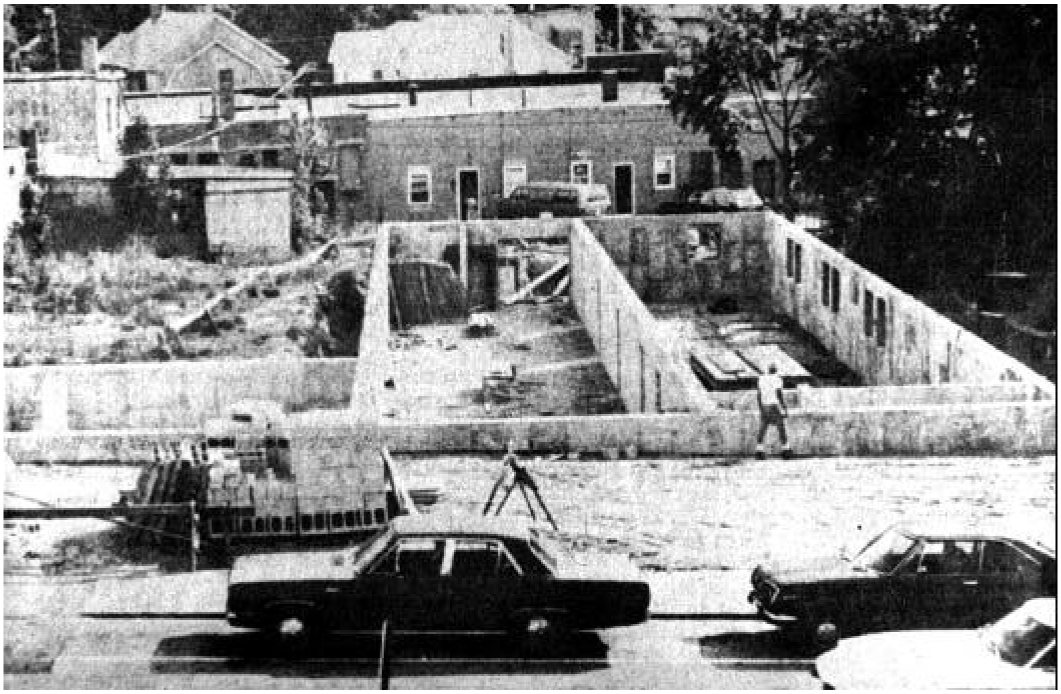
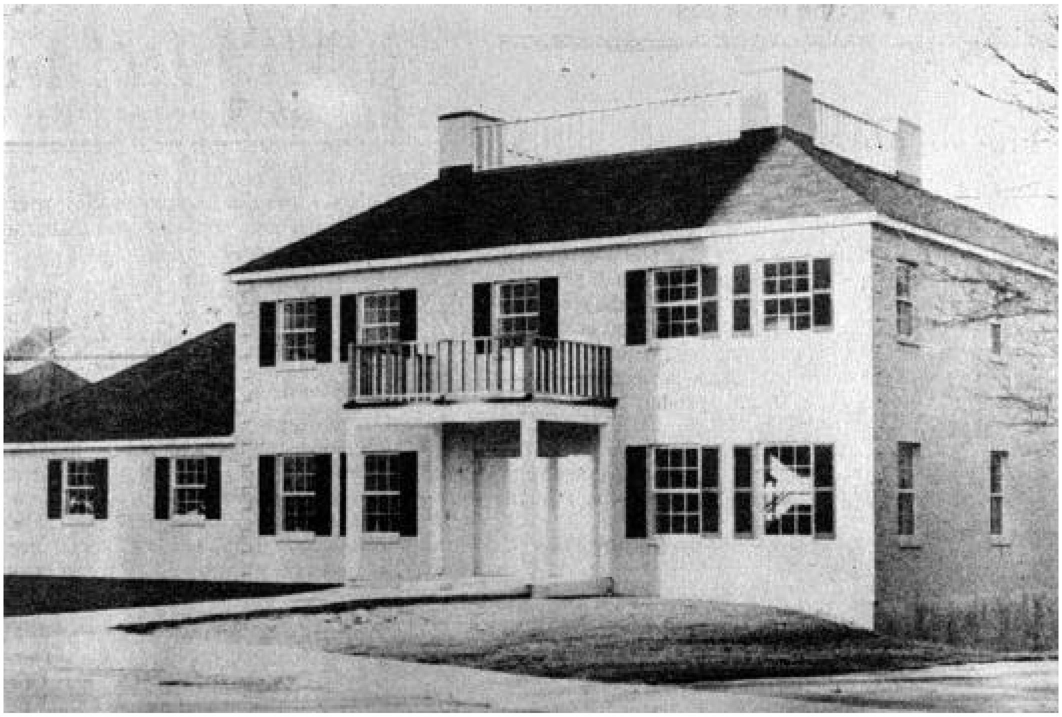


182. Christian Life Center

Martha Mitchell sold the old theatre to the Central Baptist Church. It was surveyed in 1972 by the Web Company and was built upon.



183. Christian Life Center

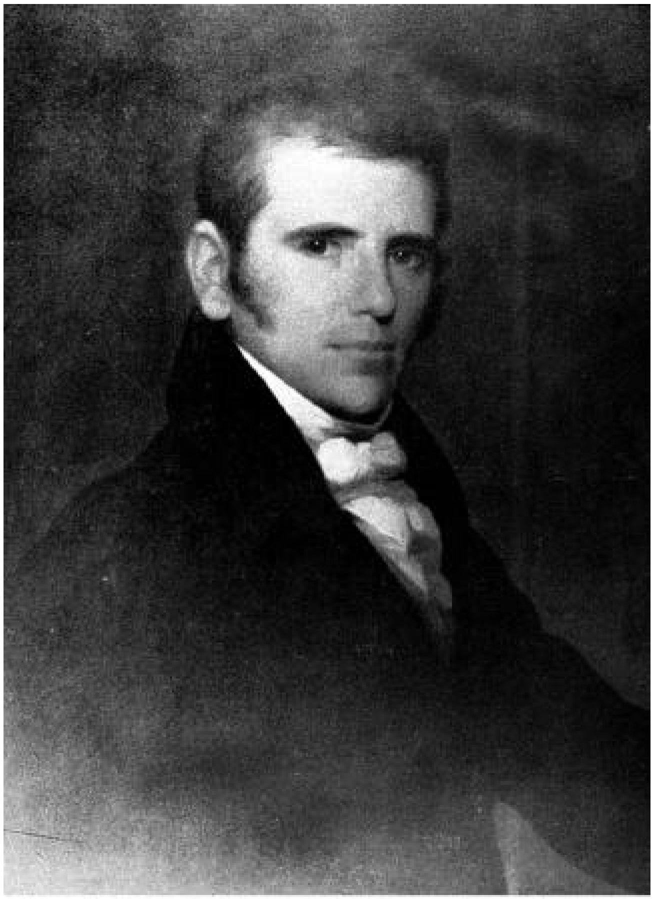
This is an architectural drawing of the proposed Christian Life Center.

184. Christian Life Center

This multipurpose building houses religious classes, office space, and a kitchen area for its many activities.

185. Dr. Arad Thompson

The people of the town of Middleborough enabled our first doctor, Arad Thompson, to build and live in his home on the corner of South Main Street and Town House Avenue (Nickerson Avenue).



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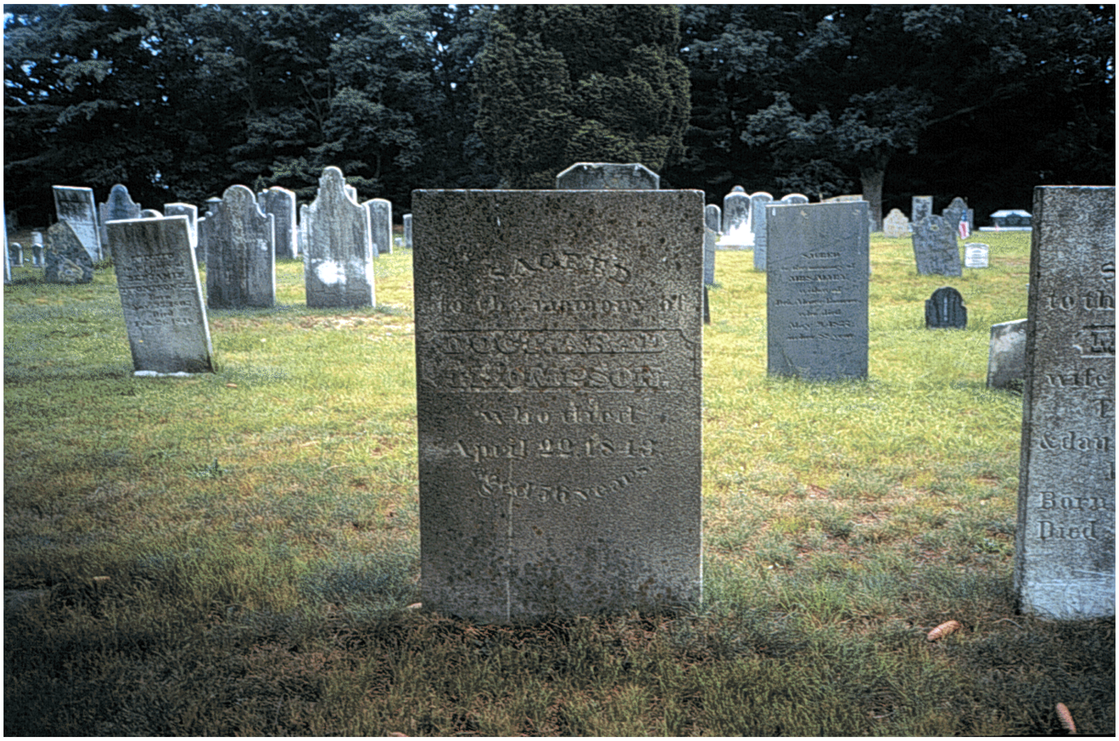


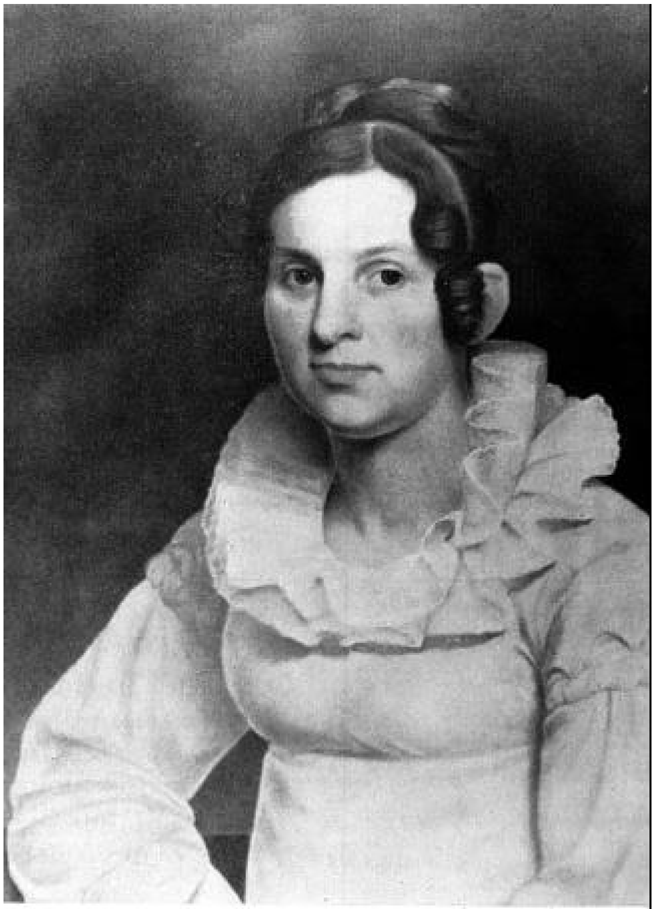
186. Tombstone Dr. Arad Thompson

This is a slate stone erected for Middleborough's first doctor, Arad Thompson. He died in 1843.

187. Mercy Bourne Thompson

Mercy Bourne married Dr. Arad Thompson in 1816 and had four children. The Middleborough Historical Association Museum holds two pieces of her needlework: a sampler of 1798 and a large 1812 embroidery done while a student at Peirce Academy.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Vol. XIII, October 1971, Number One, Page Two



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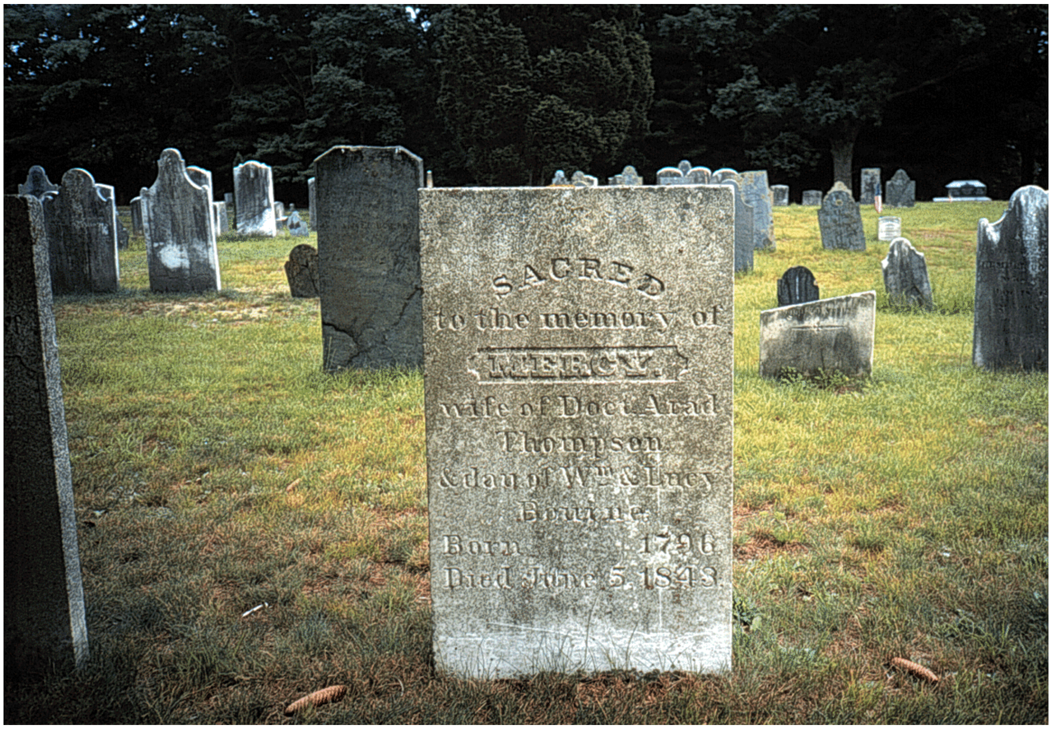
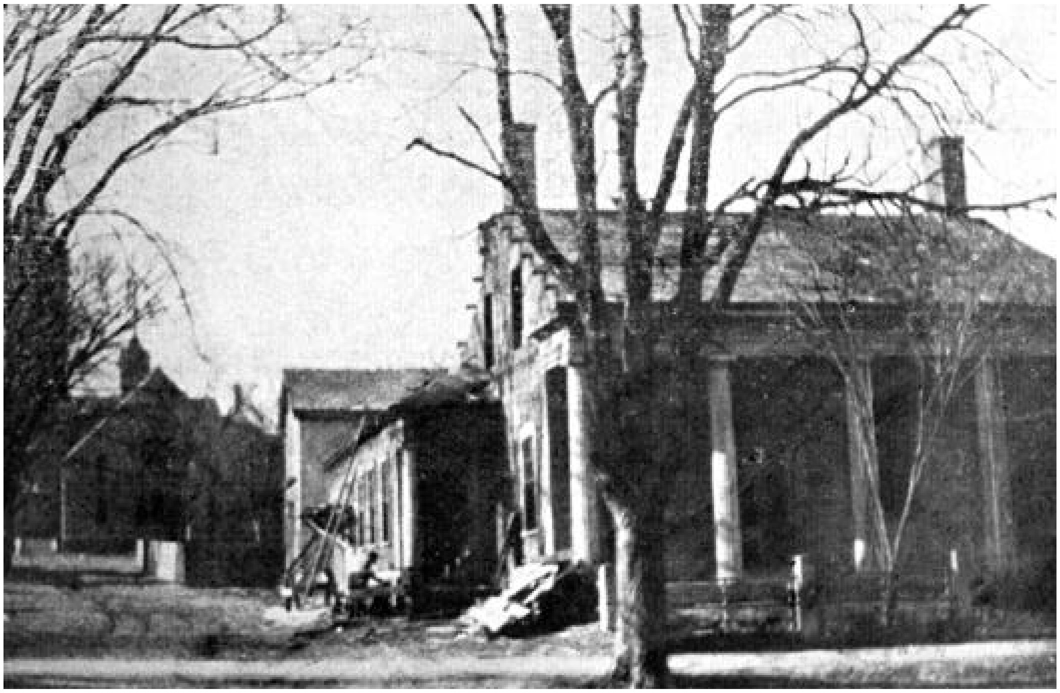


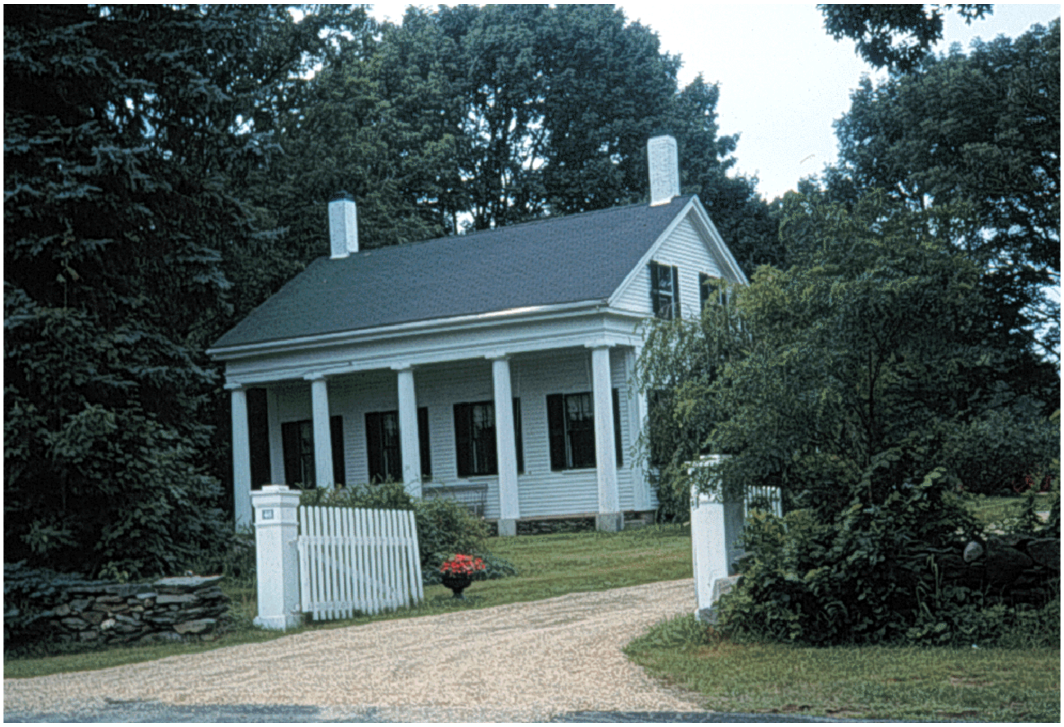
188. Tombstone Mercy Bourne Thompson

This is the slate stone of Mercy Bourne Thompson, wife of Middleborough's first doctor, and they are both buried next to her parents, the Honorable William and Lucy Peirce Bourne.



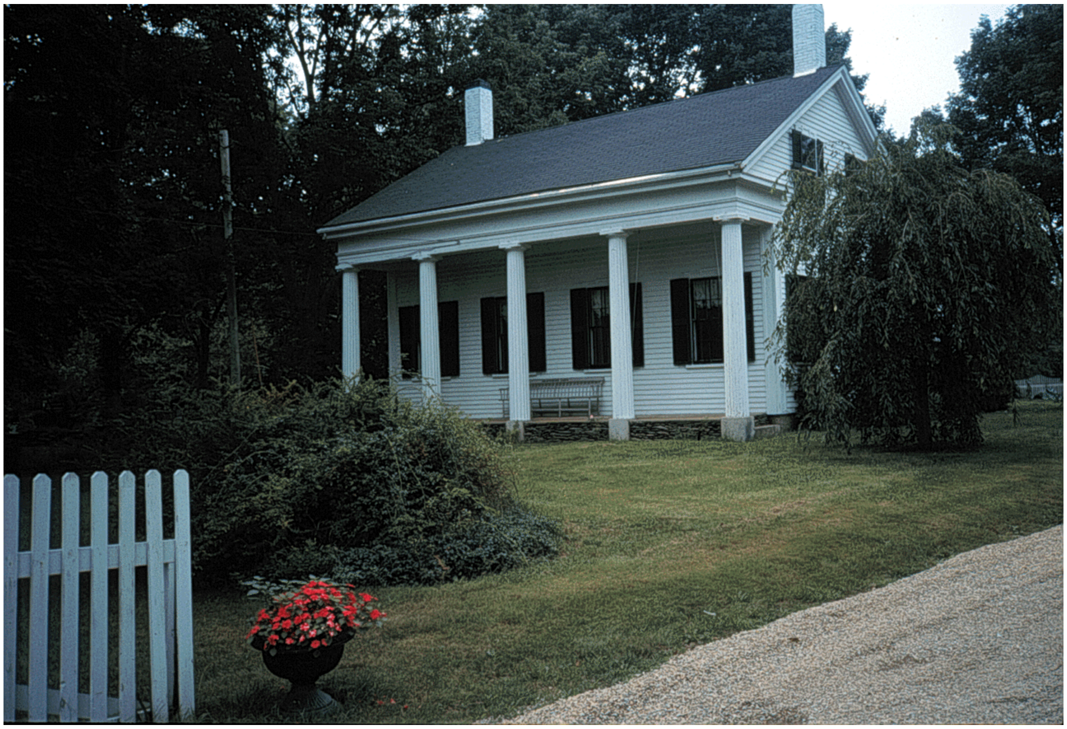
189. Old Parker Place

This house originally belonged to Middleborough's first doctor Arad Thompson. Abiel Washburn deeded the land to him and the home was likely erected at that time. George E. Parker lived in the house in the 1890's until the house was moved to North Middleborough in 1907. The Unitarian Church now occupies the site.



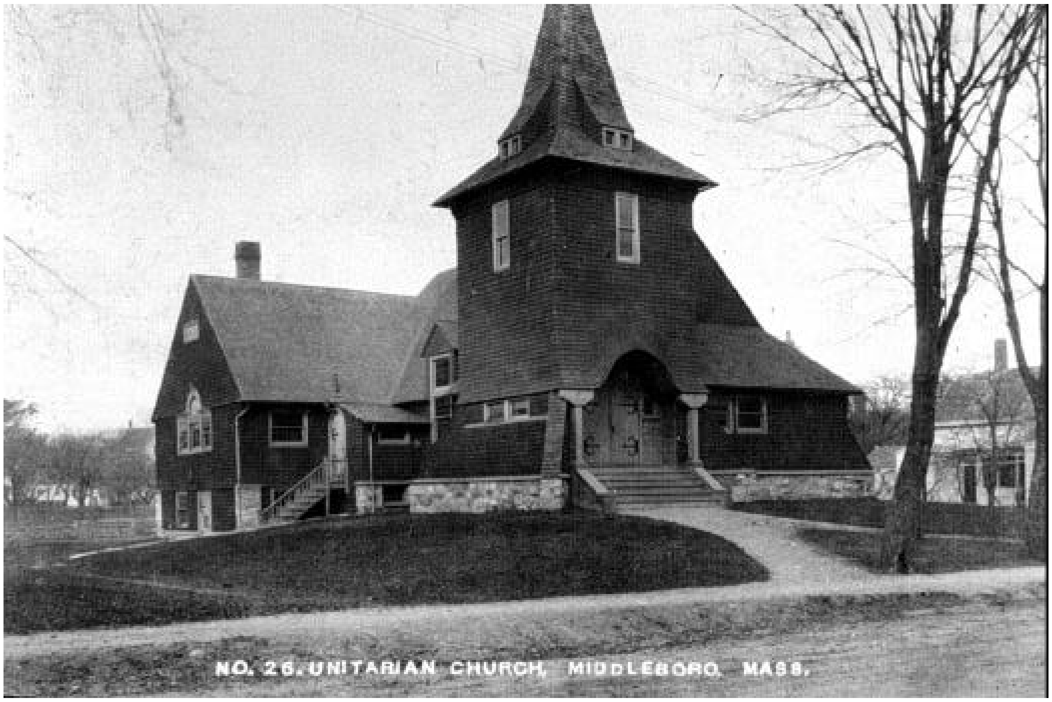
190. The Eayres Home

This magnificent home situated on a knoll is now the home of Ted Eayres, Jr. It once was in Middleborough Center on the corner of South Main Street and Nickerson Ave.



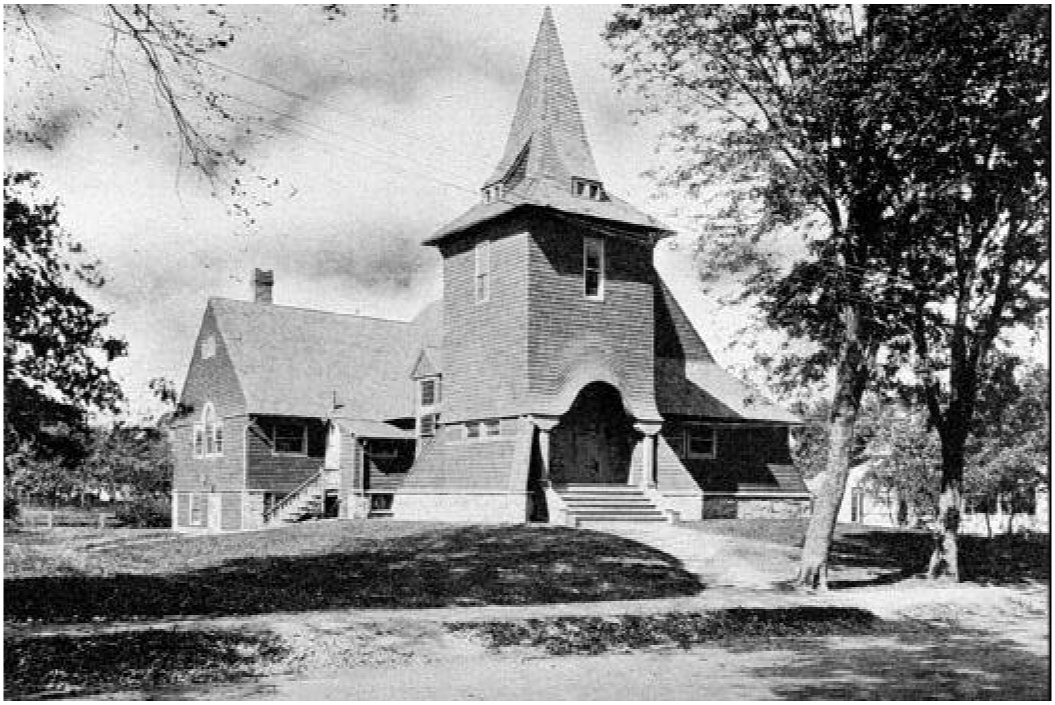
191. Ted Eayres Home

This closer view depicts the beauty of this home even more clearly. Since taking it over, Ted has taken great pains in refurbishing it.


NO. 26. UNITARIAN CHURCH, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

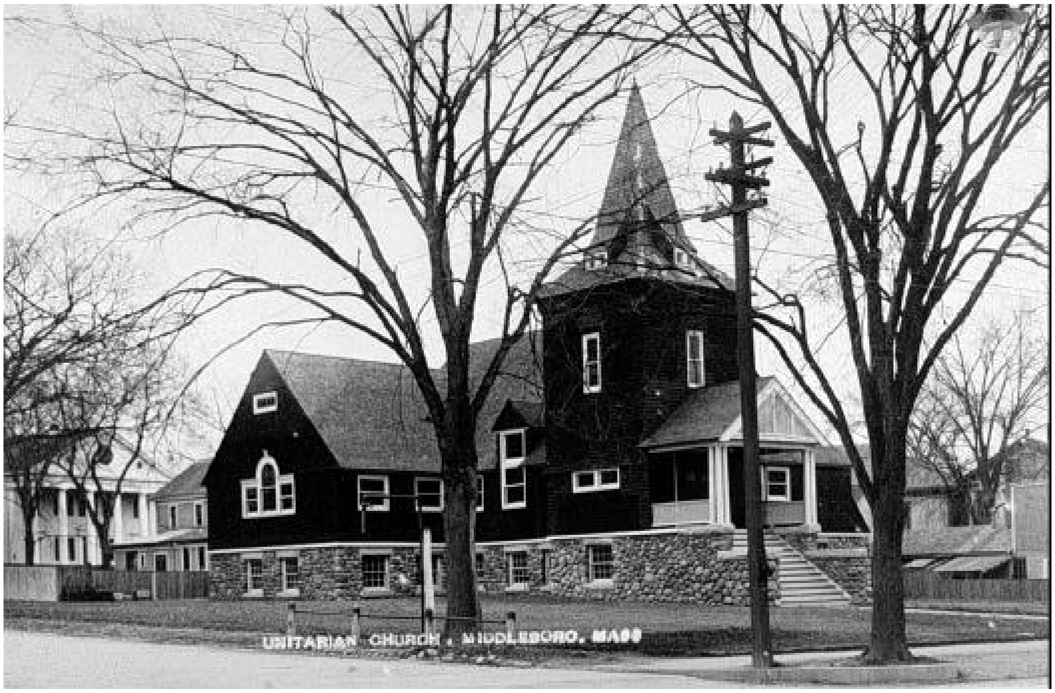
192. Unitarian Church

The church has a very different appearance today from this photo. The L-side door has been removed and a more normal porch canopy has replaced the graceful curves and columns of the entrance.



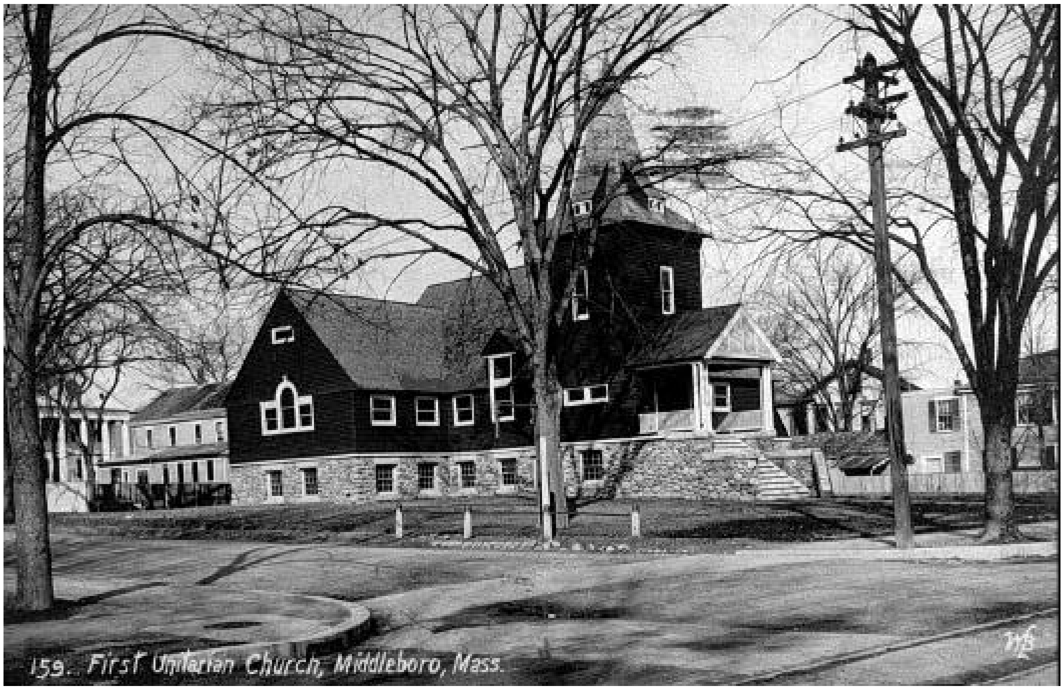
193. Unitarian Church

Through the auspices of Enoch Pratt, the building was moved in 1907. It was moved in three sections; the tower, the sanctuary, and the L.


UNITARIAN CHURCH, MIDDLEBORO, MASS

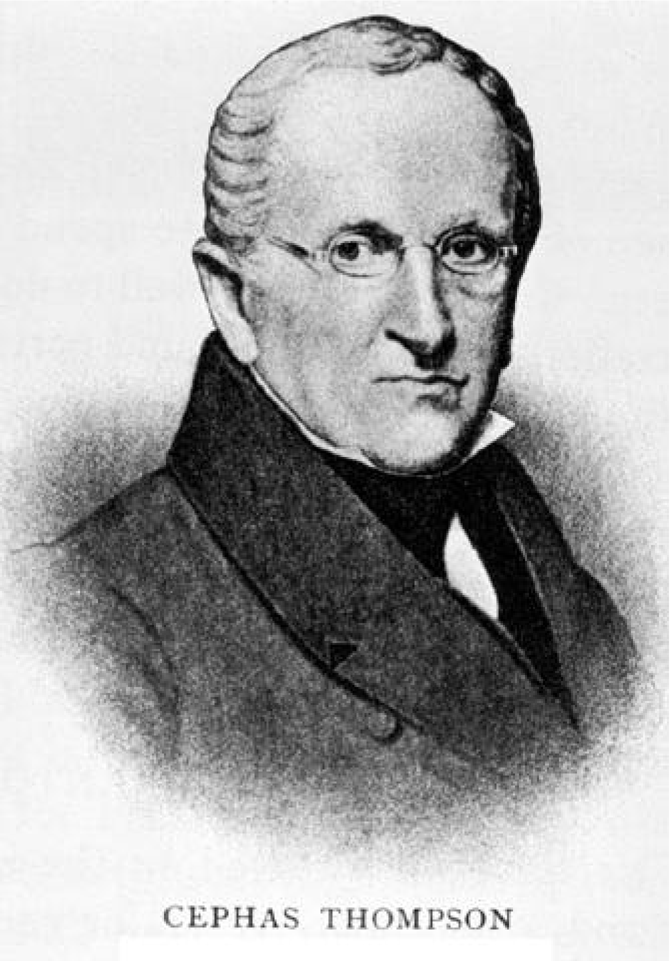
194. Unitarian Church

The present day church looks basically the same as this photo. We note the famous Peirce Academy in the background.


159. First Unitarian Church, Middleboro, Mass.

195. First Unitarian Church

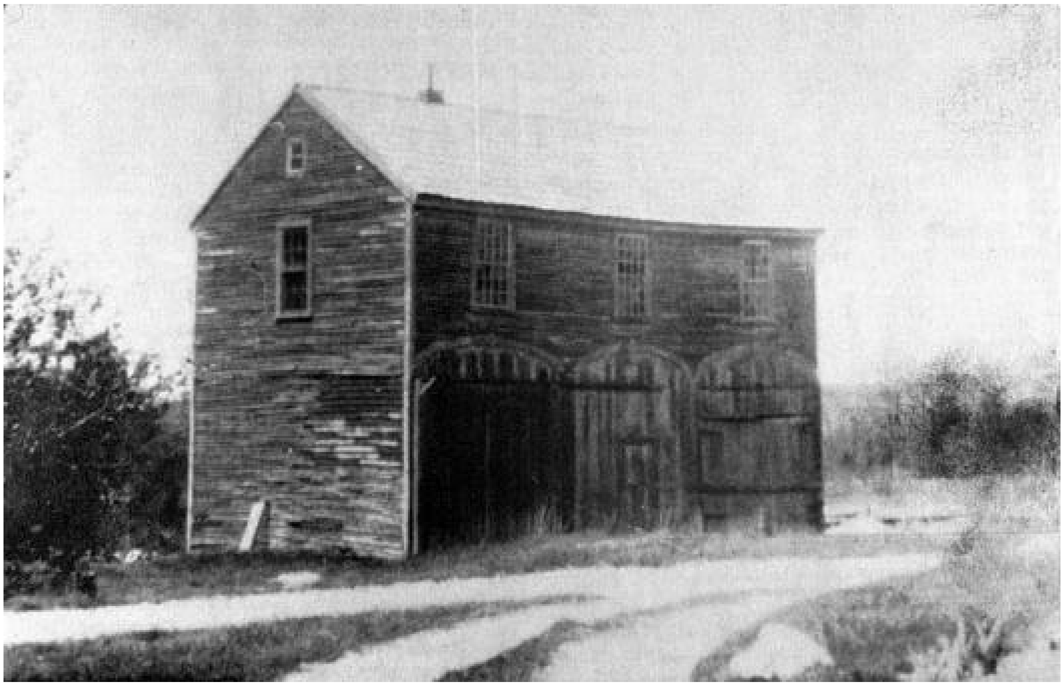
In this particular picture, by the contract of the Central Baptist Church protecting temple place, there is still a remnant of a fence. This beautiful photo from the left rear depicts the Peirce Academy, the H.L. Thatcher Printing Shop and on the right, the rear of Tripps Candy Kitchen and the H.L. Thatcher home.



CEPHAS THOMPSON

196. Cephas Thompson

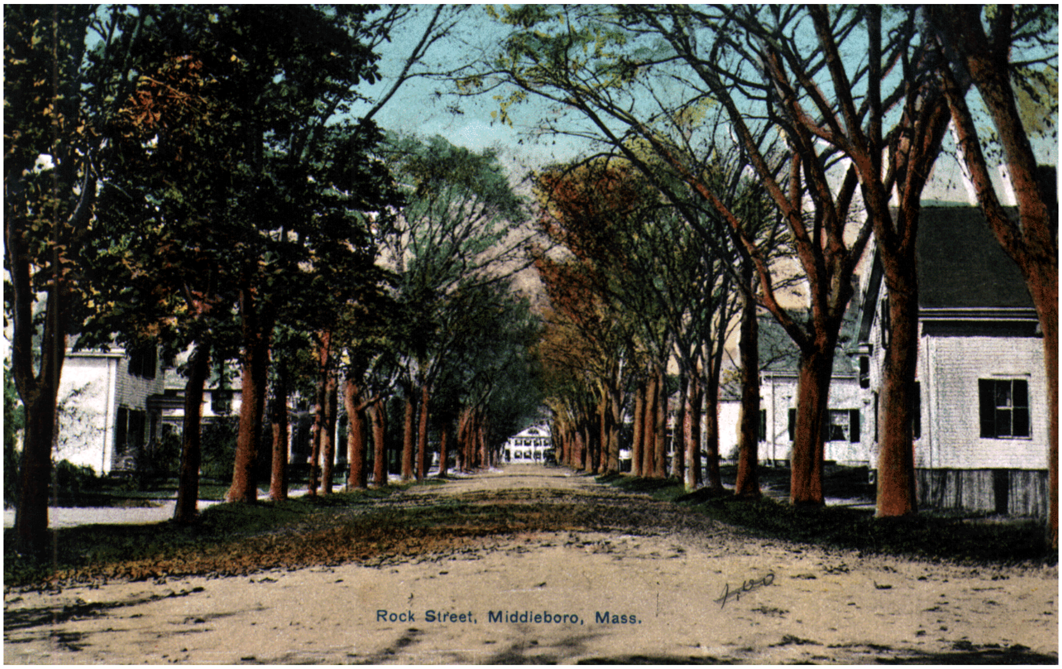
This is probably an early wood block of Cephas Thompson who acquired great stature in this country for his talent. Among the many famous portraits he painted were those of his brother, Dr. Arad Thompson and his wife Mercy Bourne Thompson which hang in the Middleborough Historical Museum. He passed away in 1856.



197. Cephas Thompson Art Studio

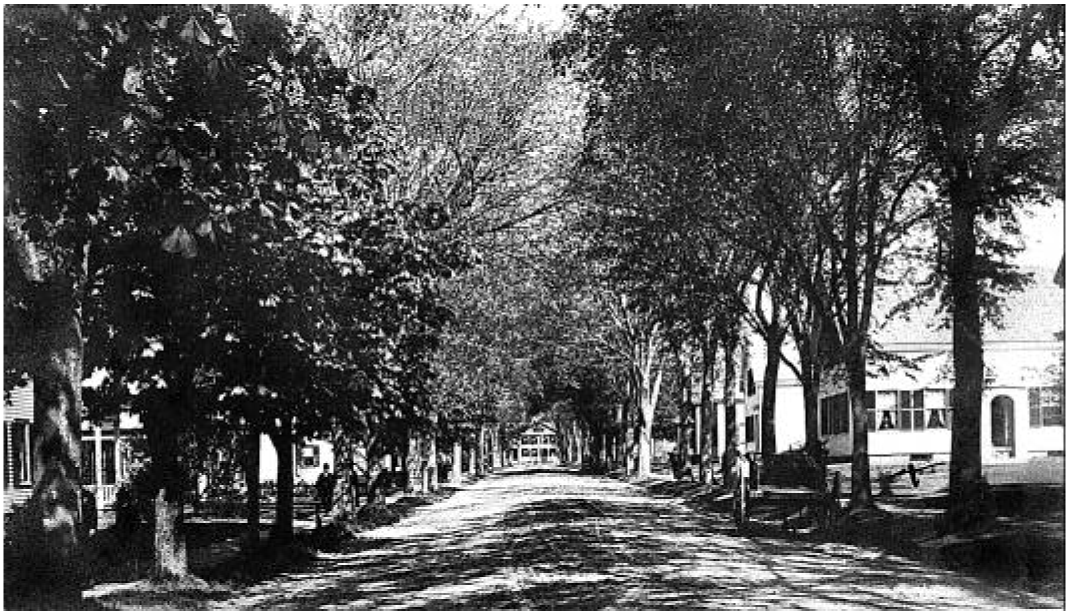
This art studio was across the street from Cephas Thompson's home, one of the last blockhouses, which was destroyed by fire in 1860. The carriage house across the street from his studio has been pushed back and converted into a private home.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Vol. IX, February 1969, Number Four, Page One, Cover.


Rock Street, Middleboro, Mass.

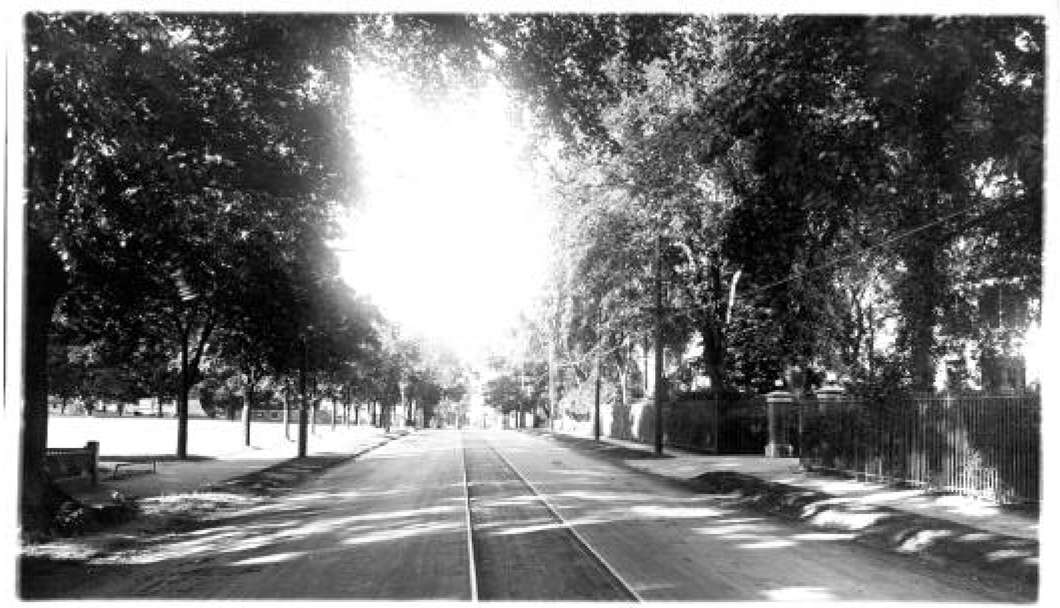
198. Rock Street

This is the typical scene of rural homes on a dirt road. This view looks toward South Main Street.



199. Rock Street

Note the graceful elms that created shade in the heat of the summer.

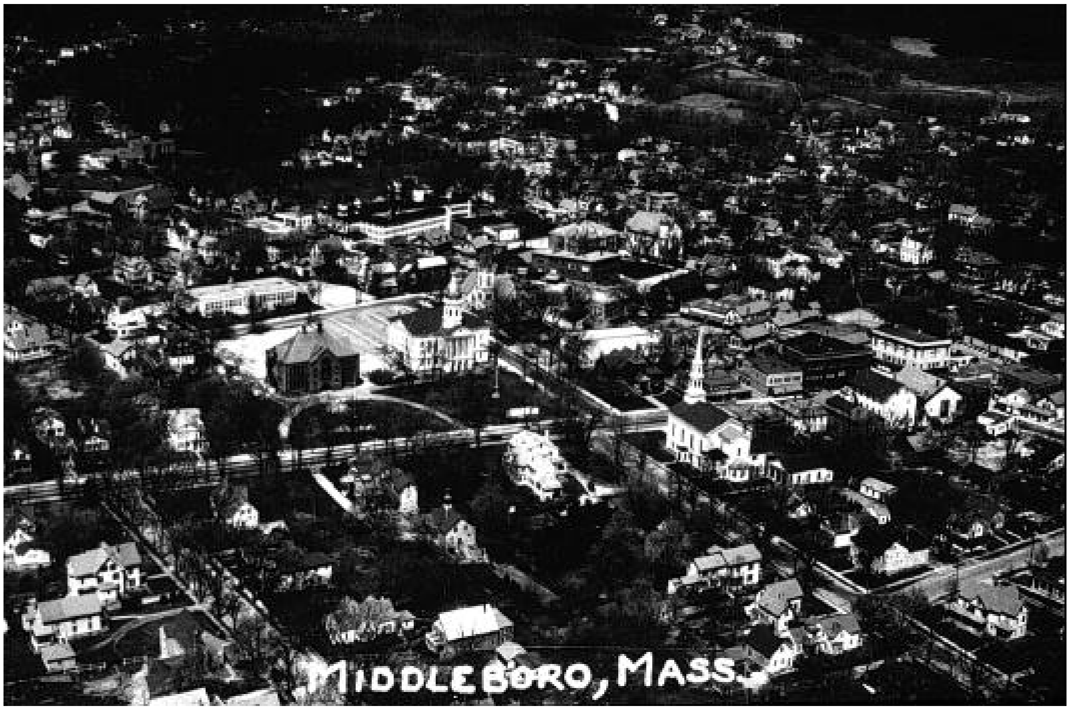


P7142 South Main Street, Middleboro, Mass.

200. South Main Street

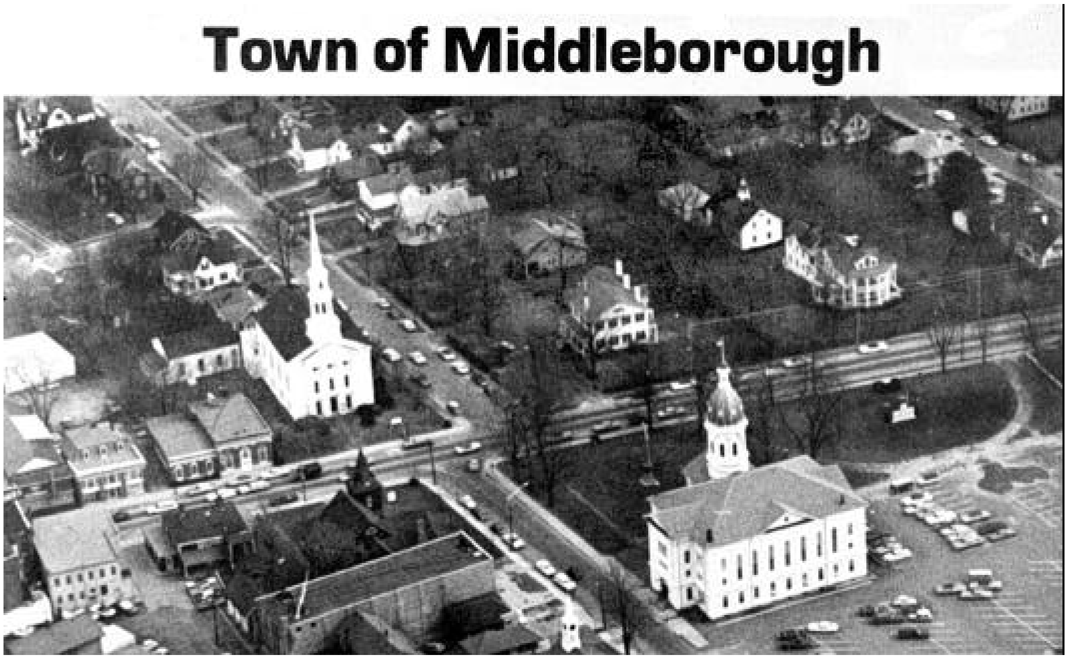
This photo shows a very clear view of the trolley tracks; on the right the fence around the Barrows estate, a partial view of the Washburn house and on the upper left may be seen the foundation of the Unitarian Church.

Source: Walter Thompson



201. Middleborough Center

This photograph shows the town in the early 1950's with the Bates School still intact and all of the usual landmark buildings still in place today.

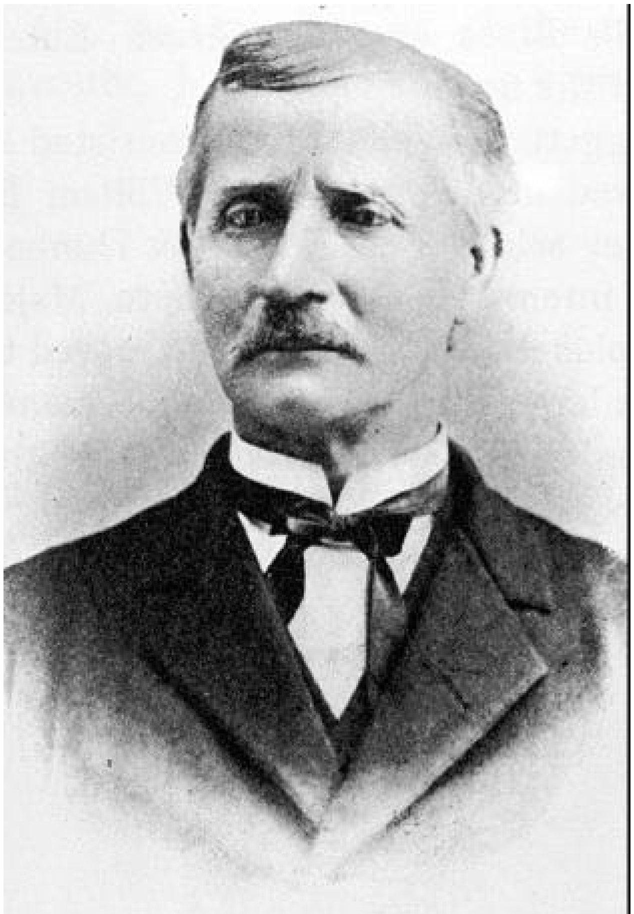

Town of Middleborough

202. Middleborough Center

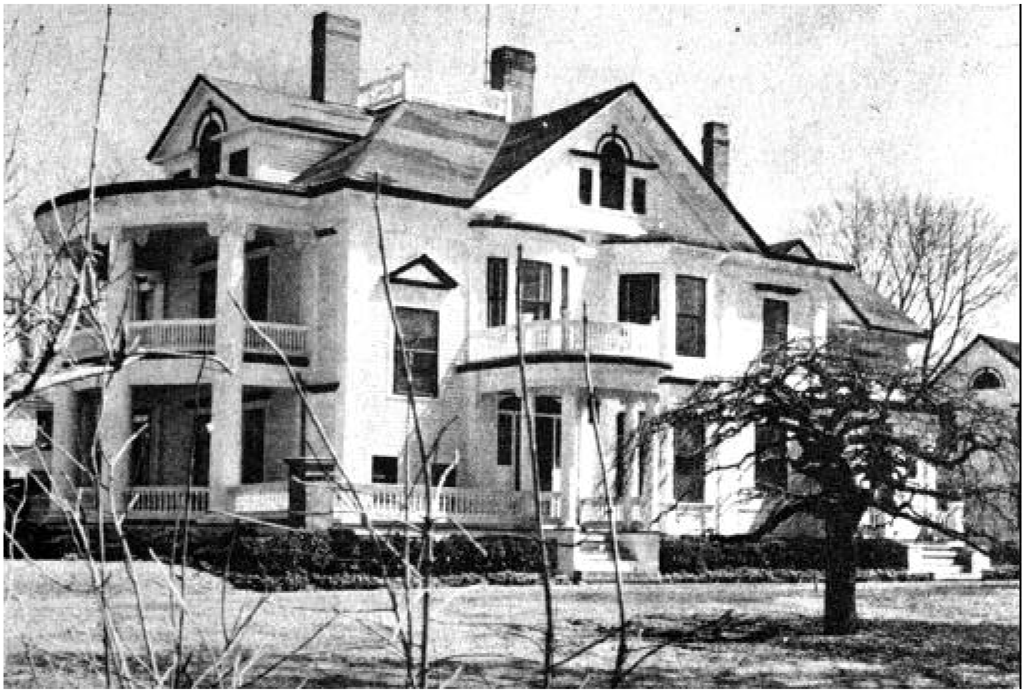
This photo was on the cover of one of the town reports and shows a close-up view of the South Main Street area around the town hall. The Middleborough theatre is still there.

203. Horatio Barrows

Horatio Barrows was one of Middleborough's most illustrious citizens; he was partner with Tom Leonard in the Leonard Barrows shoe factory and when Solomon Eaton died in 1873, he took over the job of architect of the new town hall.

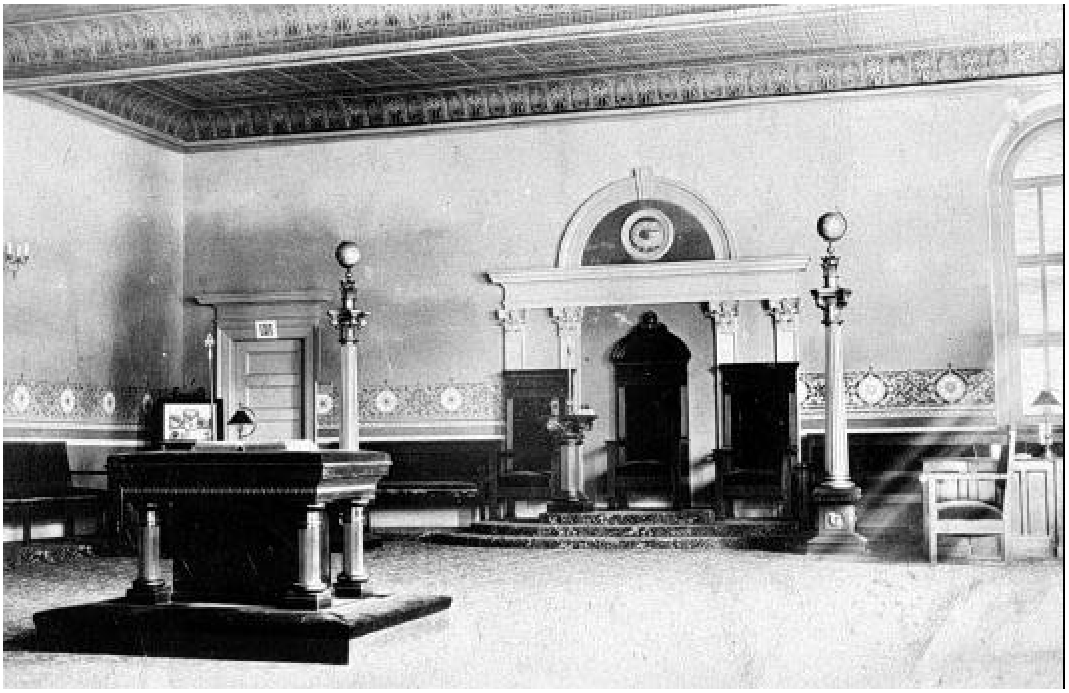


HORATIO BARROWS



204. Barrow’s Estate

This antebellum façade was not original to the house. When Mr. Barrows was down south he was taken by the beautiful southern plantation homes. He came back to Middleborough and took his average Victorian home and turned it into the show place we know today.

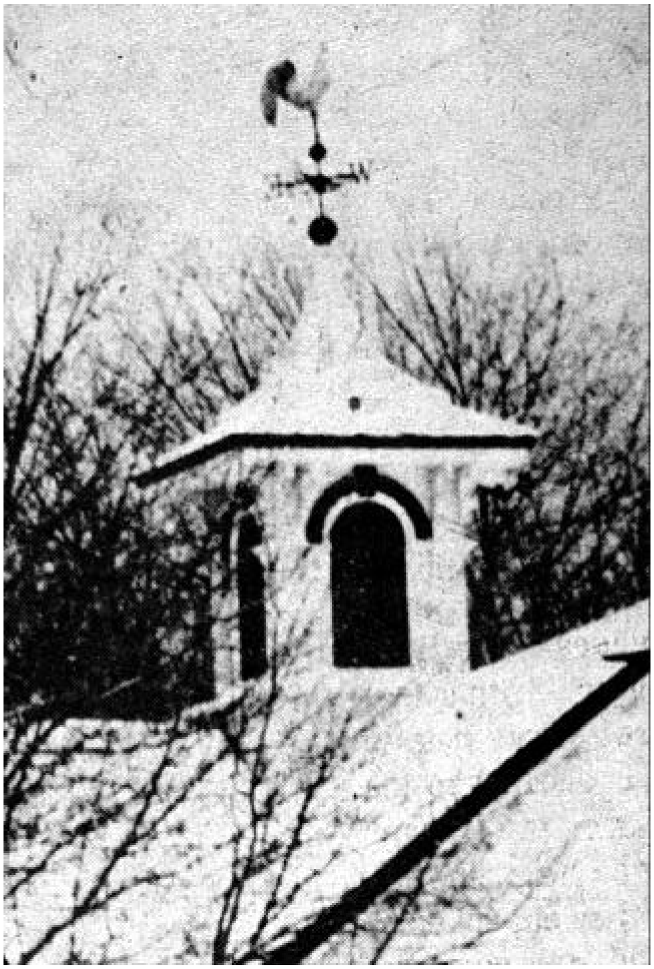


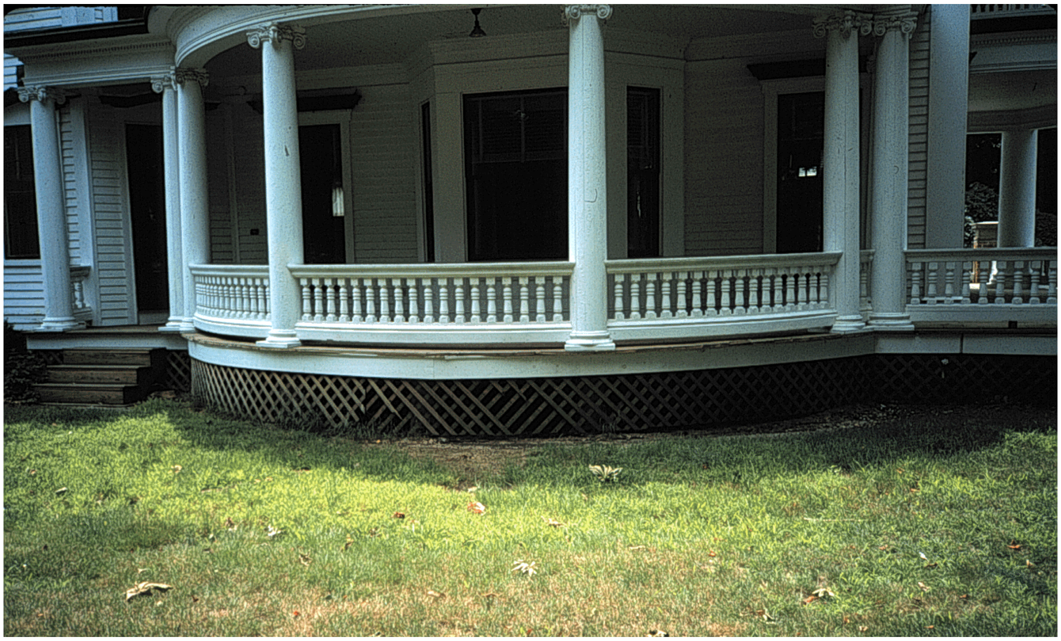
205. Peirce Block

Masons Hall probably originated when the Peirce block was built in 1900, on the 3rd floor. In the 70's the furnishings in this hall were moved to the Barrows estate, to a new hall, thanks to the generosity of Dr. Barrows. Note the tin ceilings in the picture and the large windows.

206. Cupola and Weathervane on the Barrow's Estate

This fancy cupola with the rooster on top was on the Barrow's barn behind the mansion. Perhaps besides being ornamental it may have served as a ventilation system as many of the older barns had them to help prevent fires caused by spontaneous combustion caused by the heat of the hay.



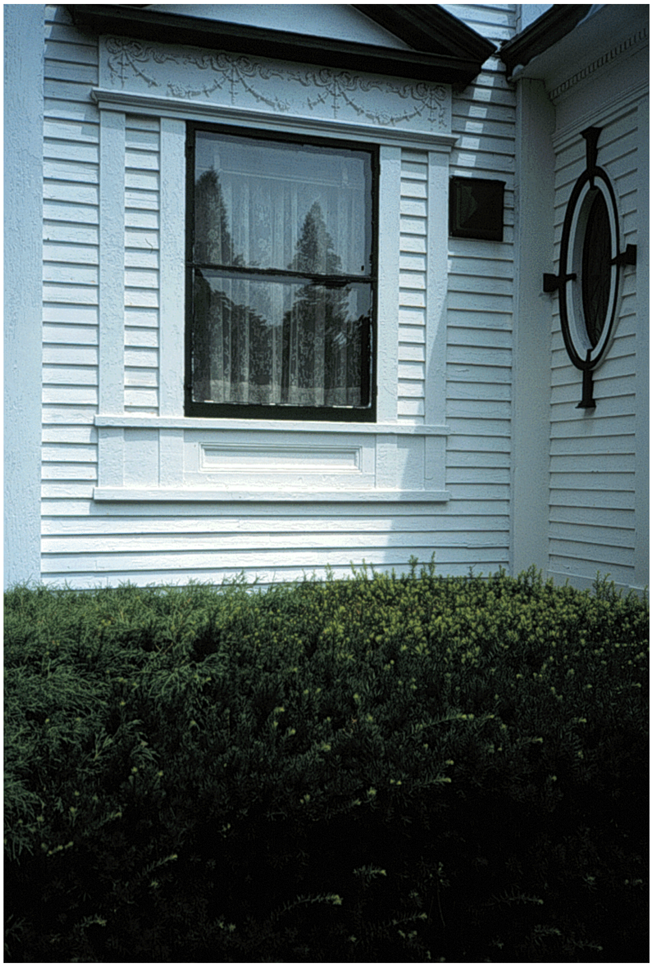


207. Barrow's Estate – Side Porch

This view was meant to show the architecture of this porch, showing the Doric capitols of the columns and the railing. The ballroom of the mansion opens on to this side porch.

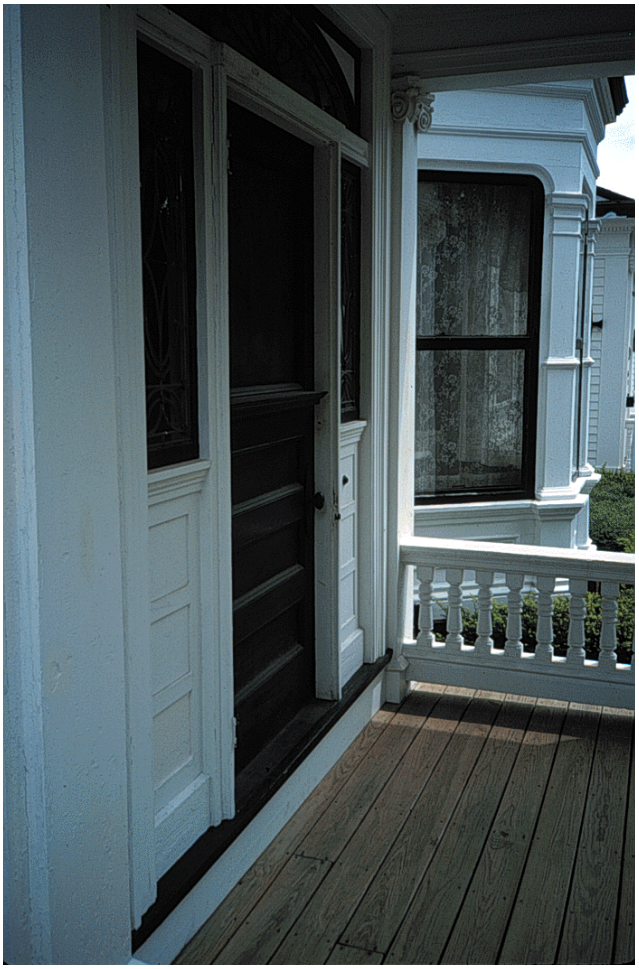
208. Barrow’s Estate – Window

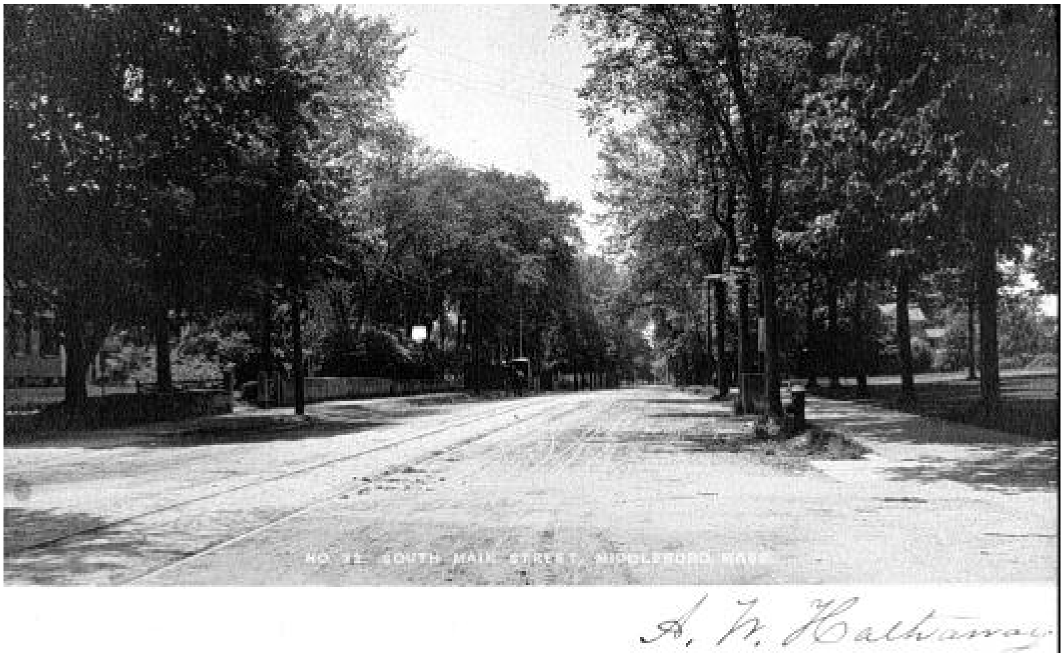
This window is on the driveway side, next to the main entrance. It shows the floral detail over the window with the above pediment.



209. Barrow's Estate – Side Door

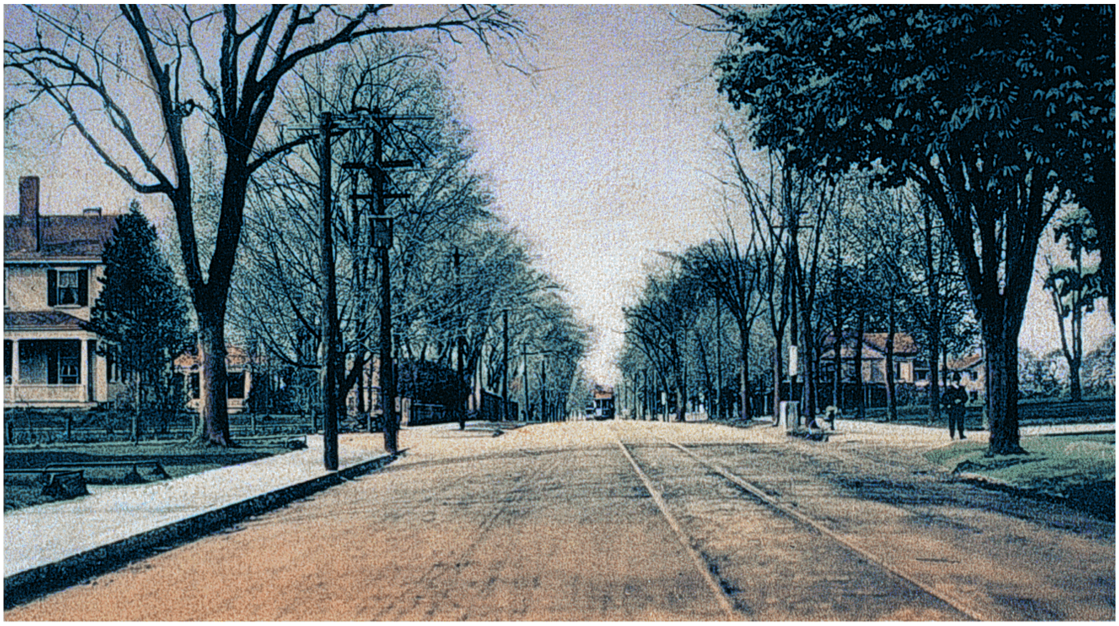
This photo shows the fan light and side windows by the main entrance.




NO 12 SOUTH MAIN STREET, MIDDLEBORO MASS.
A. W. Hathaway

210. South Main Street

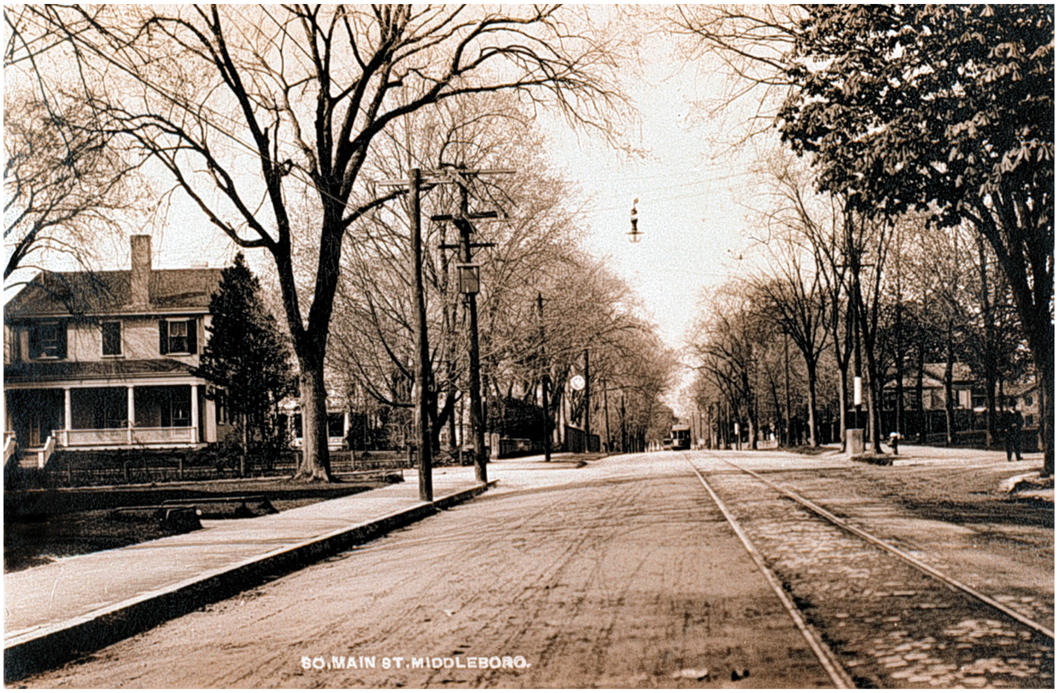
This beautiful view, taken by the late Robert Beal's grandfather shows a corner of the Philander Washburn house on the left, and on the right, the Eddy house. Note the trolley tracks going down the middle of a dirt road.



South Main Street, Middleboro, Mass.

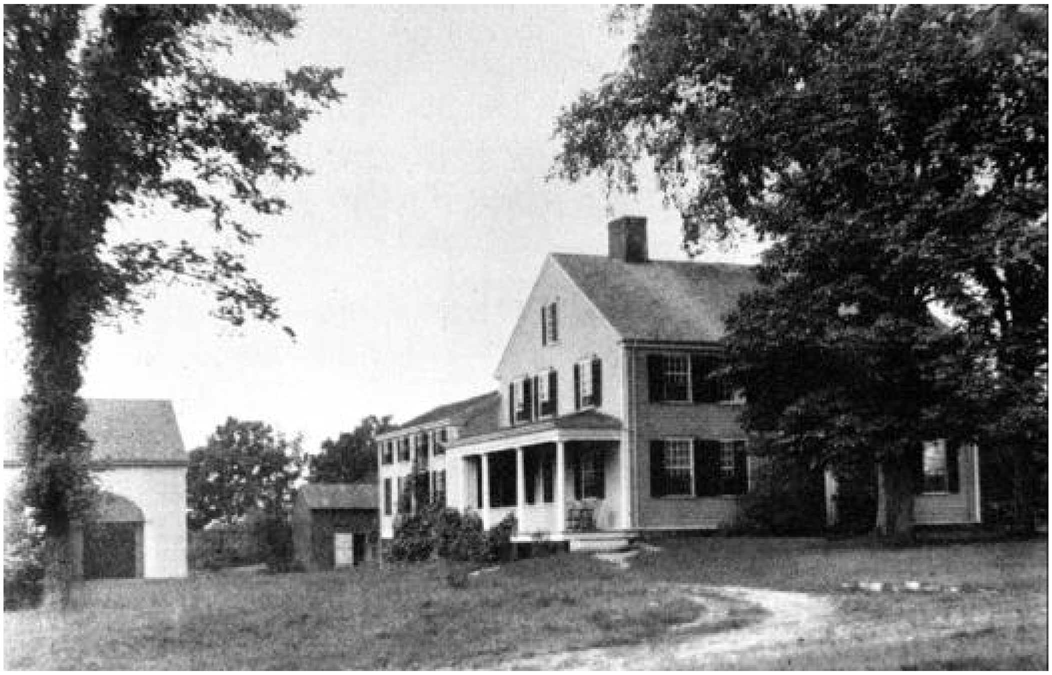
211. South Main Street

This view of South Main Street shows in better detail the Philander Washburn home and the Eddy house. You see the horse-watering trough in front of the town hall and you can even see a trolley coming down the tracks towards the center of town.


SO. MAIN ST. MIDDLEBORO.

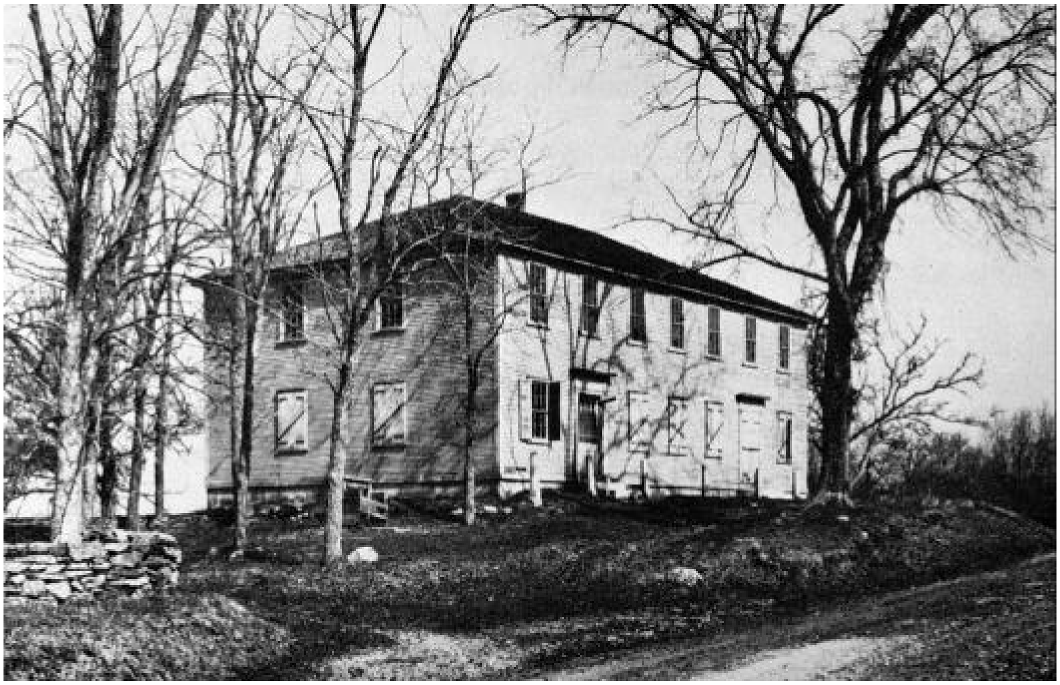
212. South Main Street

This photo was apparently taken in the earliest season of the three. Note all of the bare trees. This view shows even more clearly the Philander Washburn home.



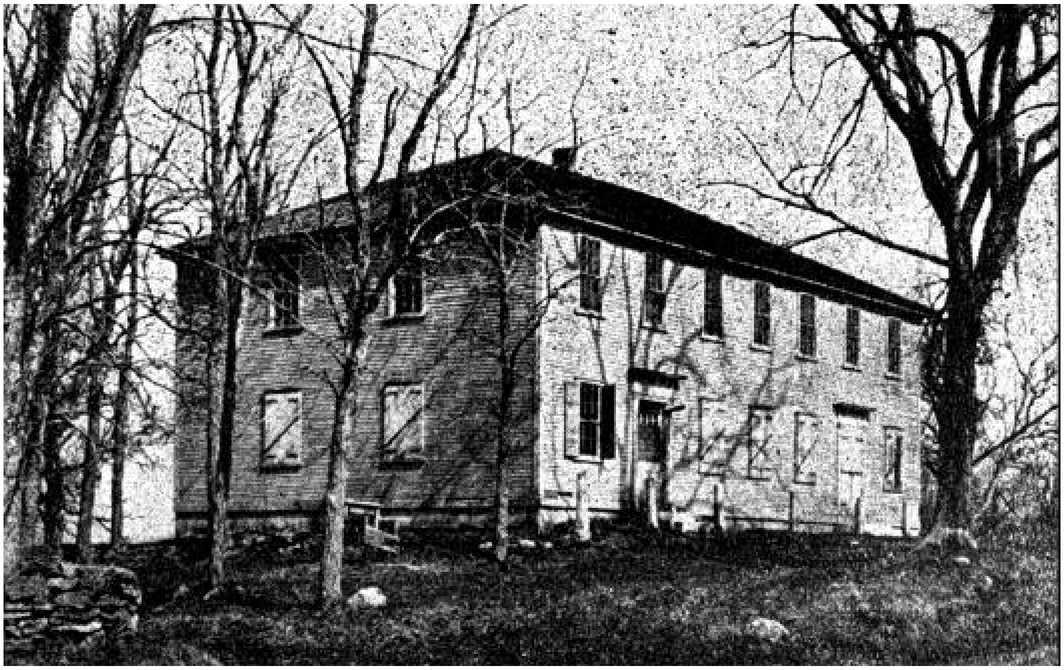
213. General Abiel Washburn House

The General was a superb businessman and farmer. At that time he was the richest man and largest taxpayer in the town of Middleborough. He operated, along with all of his businesses, his mills on the dam. He also had 2 stores on his property. This was Middleborough's second business center. We can safely say that the bulk of his money helped finance his son Philander down at the Four Corners.



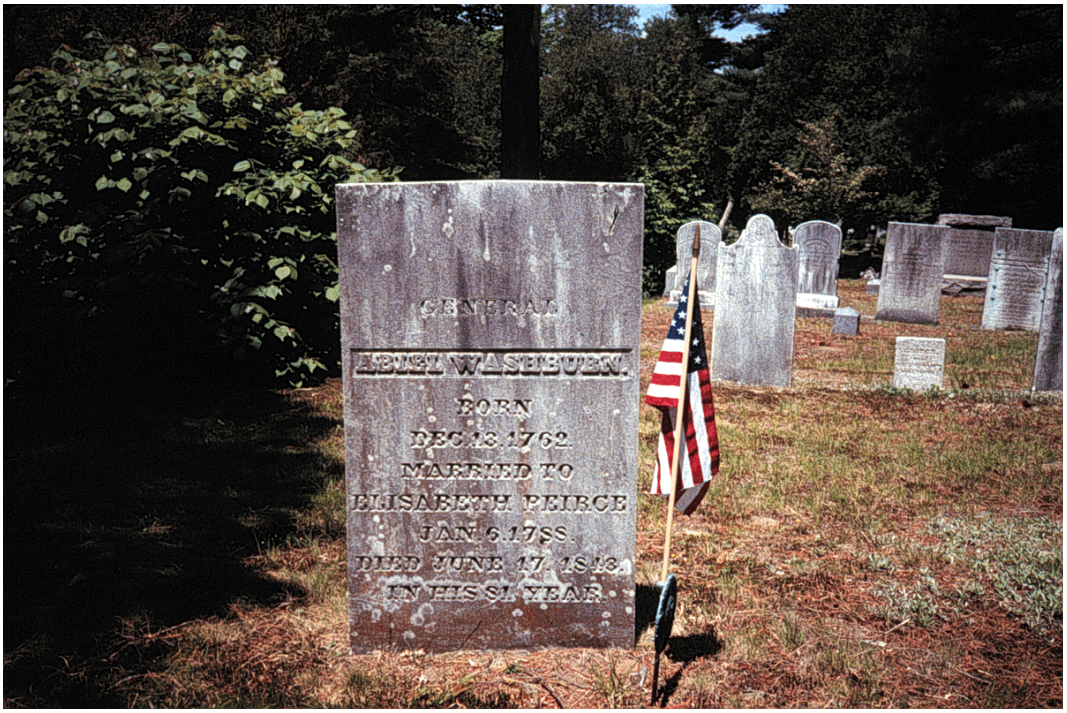
214. Washburn Store

The original store was probably half this size and was across the street. The joke is that Philander was a poor businessman here (this doesn't seem possible because of future events). He came to the four corners and built the nucleus of the American Hall for his store, he built his beautiful home on South Main Street and gave part of his land for the Central Congregational Church and the Town Hall.



215. Washburn Store

This old store remained for many years as a 4-apartment house. Lyman Butler remembers fondly as a boy living in an apartment on the second floor on the right. Before its demise it had been vacant and boarded up for years and then destroyed by fire on February 13, 1963.

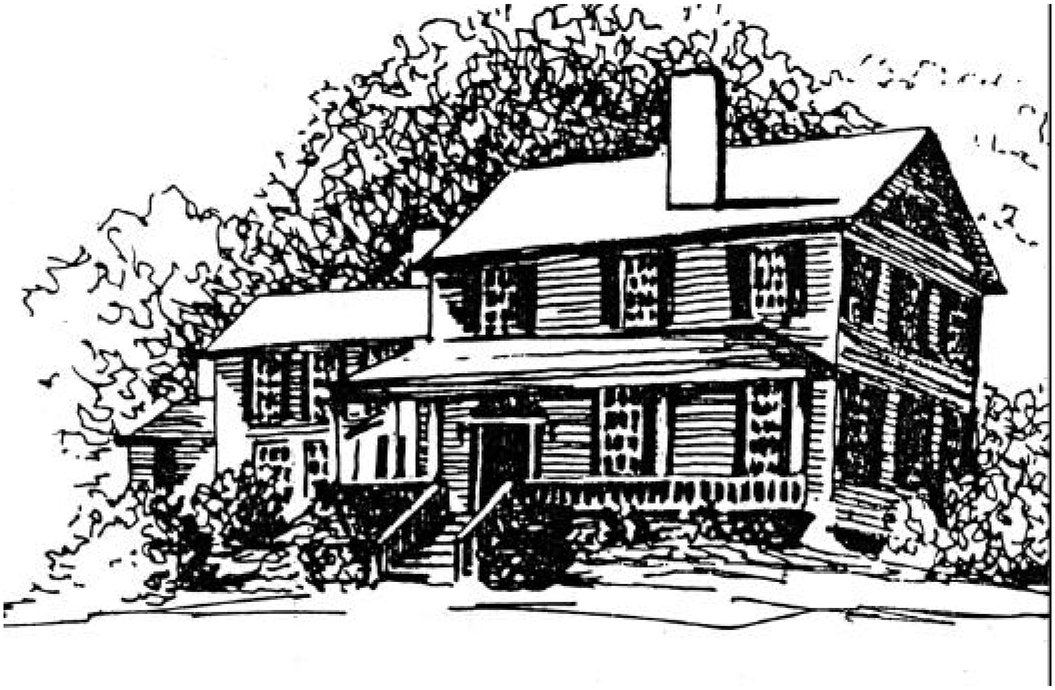

GENERAL
ABIEL WASHBURN.
BORN
DEC 13 1762.
MARRIED TO
ELISABETH PEIRCE
JAN 6 1788.
DIED JUNE 17 1843.
IN HIS 81 YEAR.

216. General Abiel Washburn Slate Marker

This slate marker had to be installed at the time of the General's death at the beautiful Nemasket Hill Cemetery.

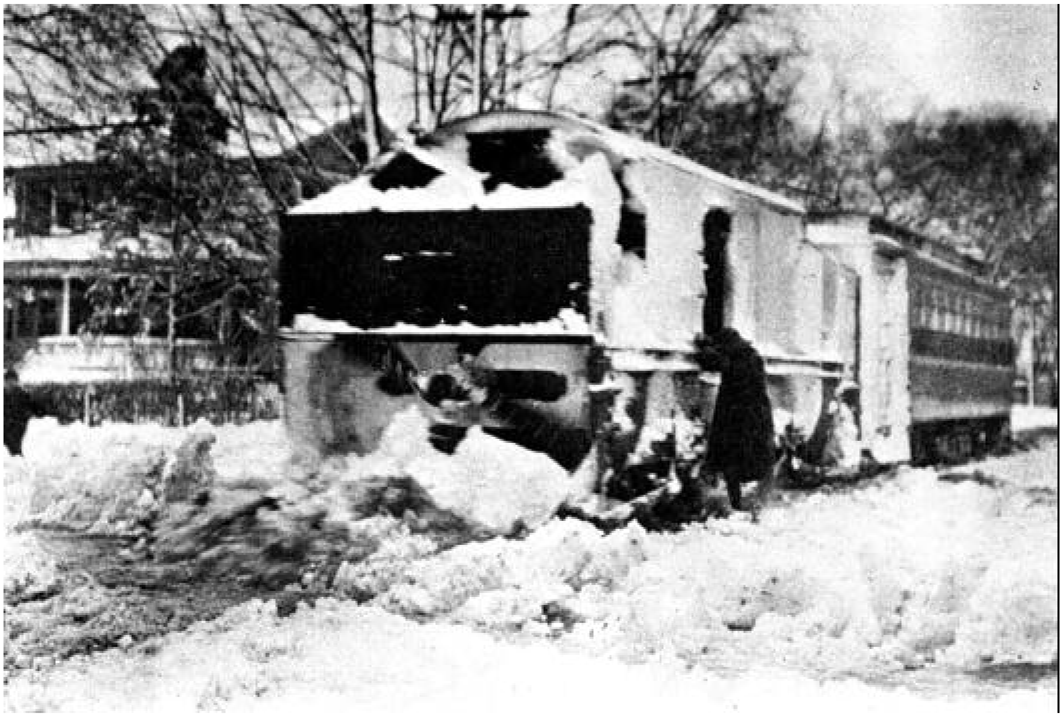
217. Contract Signing

This photo shows the official signing of the historical Philander Washburn home over to the Middleborough Gas and Electric Department. Joan and Jay Thompson, center, Manager John W. Dunfey of the G&E, right, prepare to sign papers deeding the Philander Washburn house over to the G&E Department. Attorney Dennis Regan, Thompson lawyer, on left, and on right John Ryder, G&E lawyer.



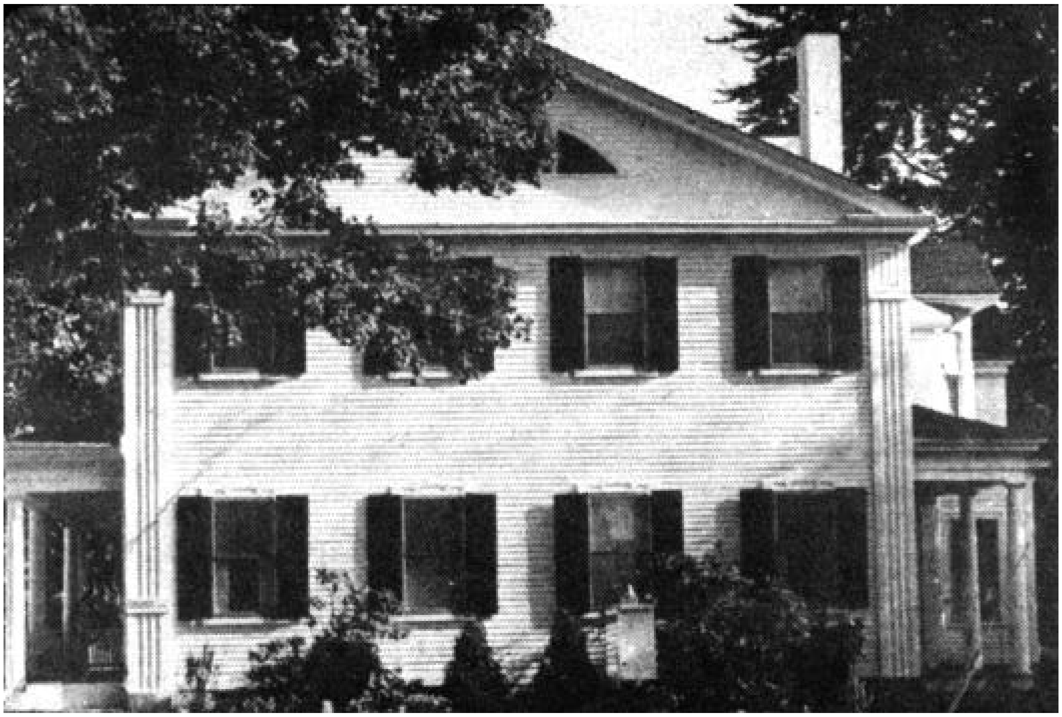
218. Philander Washburn House

This was a printed invitation that the Middleborough Gas and Electric department sent out for their grand opening. They offered a complete house tour.



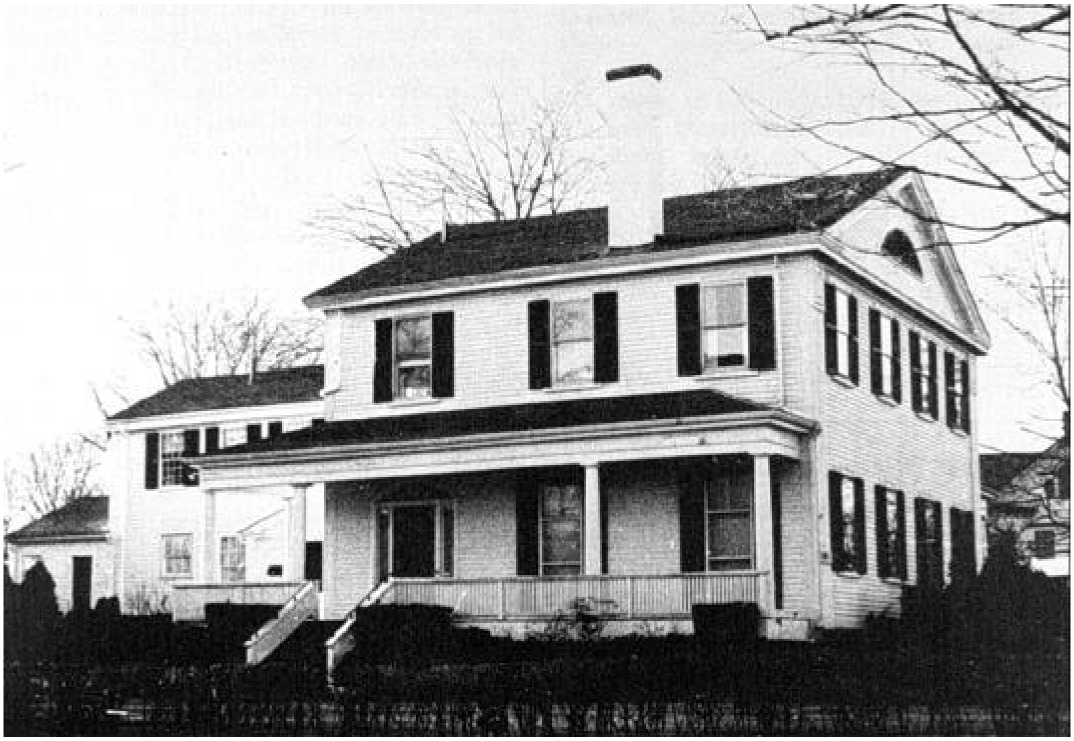
219. Rotary Snow Plow in Front of Washburn House

On Easter Sunday, April 4, 1915, Middleborough had a great blizzard. This view shows a trolley rotary snowplow clearing the tracks for business.



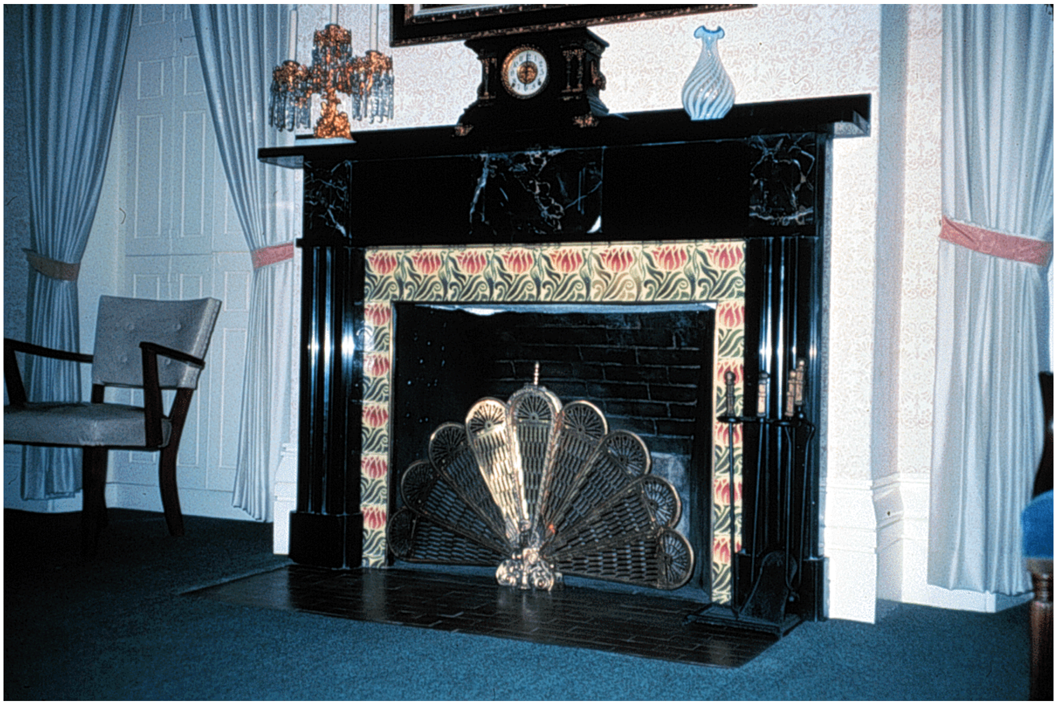
220. Philander Washburn House

This picture was used to promote advertising for the Jay Thompson Funeral Home.



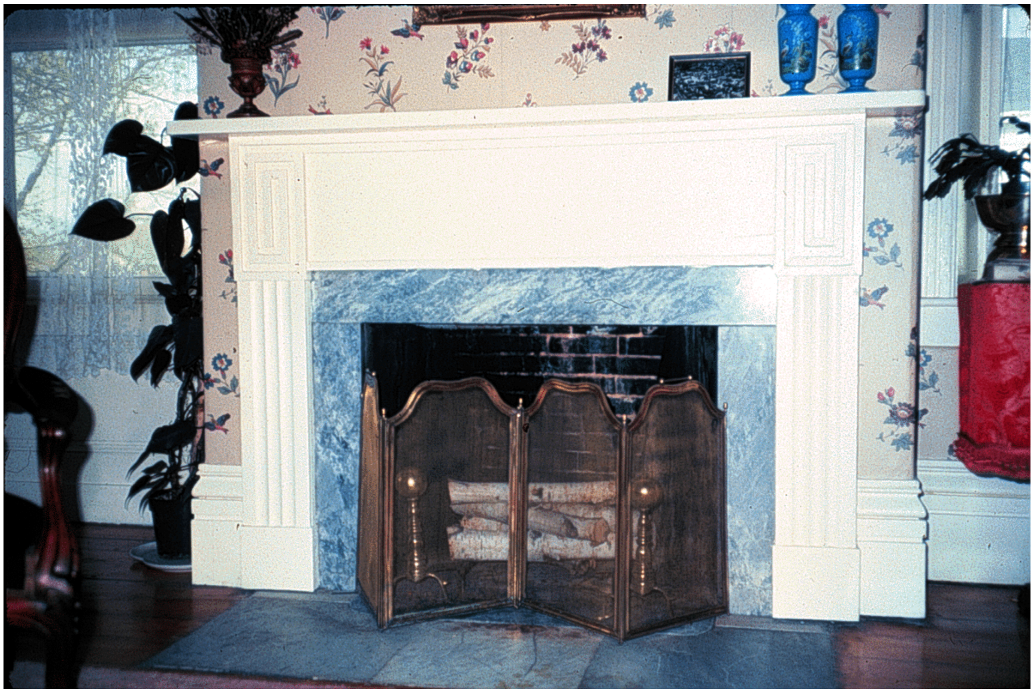
221. The Philander Washburn House

This photograph introduces the new headquarters for the Middleborough Gas & Electric Light Department.



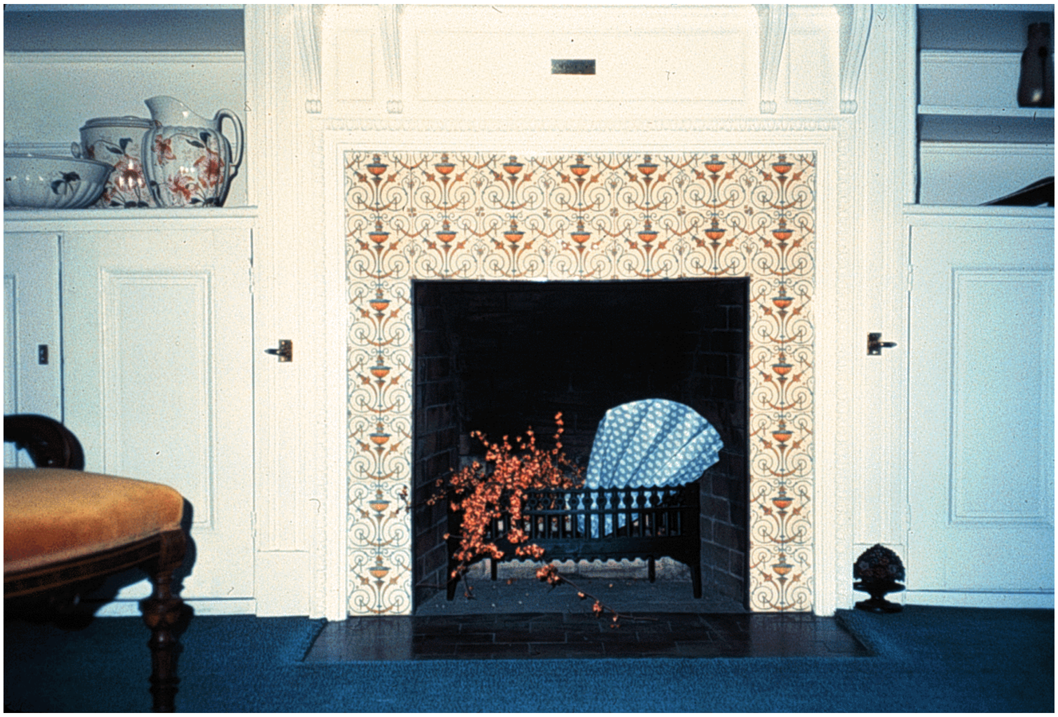
222. The Philander Washburn House Front Fireplace

This gorgeous black marble mantle piece with its ceramic tile face is in the front room of the mansion.



223. The Philander Washburn House Front Fireplace

This fireplace is in the other original front living room and is just as beautiful as the first one, but in a different way.

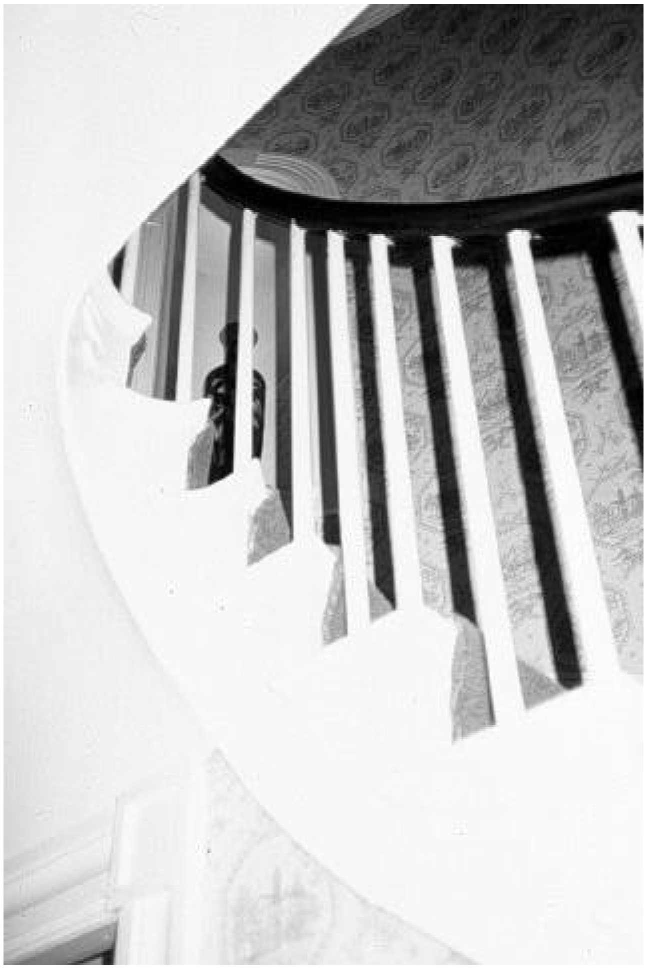


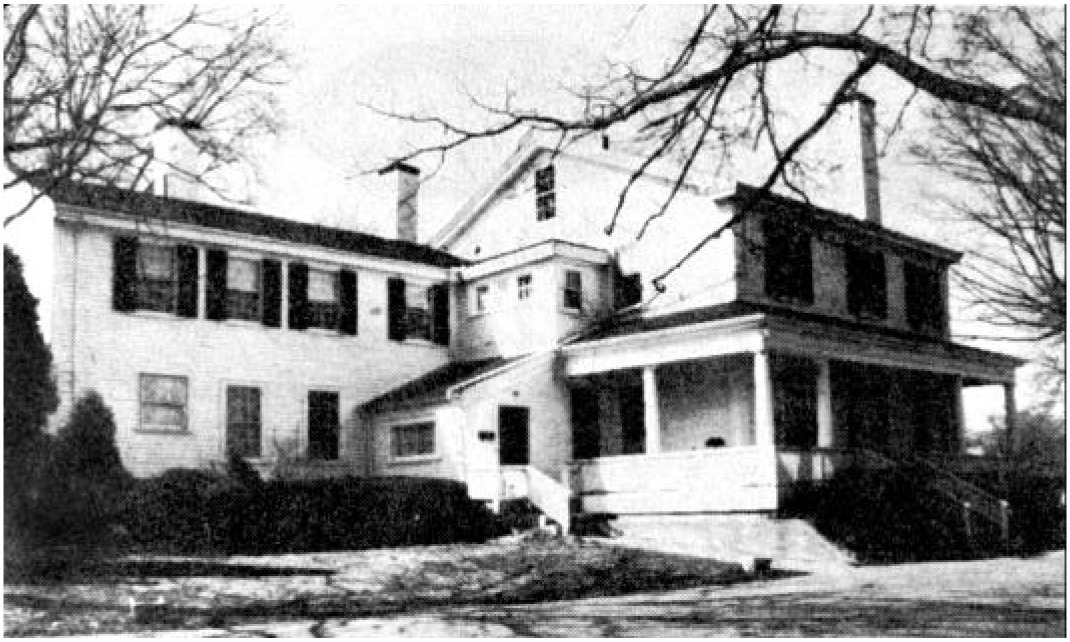
224. The Philander Washburn House Rear Office Fireplace

This dainty fireplace with its ceramic tile surround is located in the main floor rear office.

225. The Philander Washburn House
Stairwell and Wall Niche

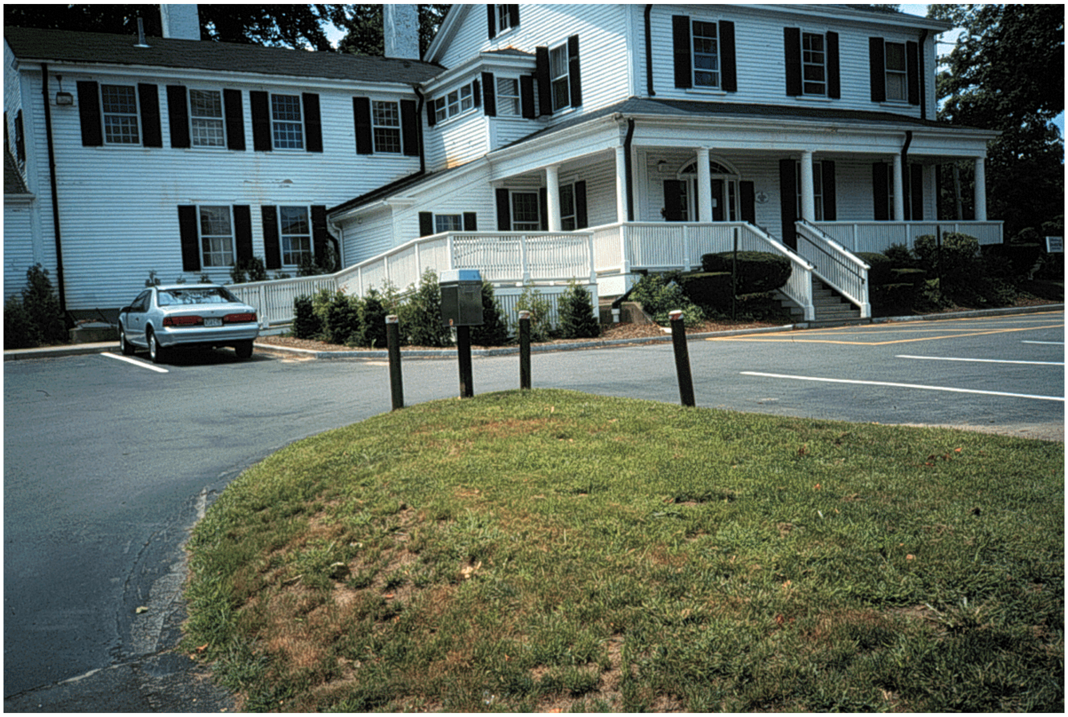
This gracefully curved banister railing and these decorative steps show a wall niche in the corner displaying a vase.





226. The Philander Washburn House

This shows the appearance of the house at the rear before the ramp was built.

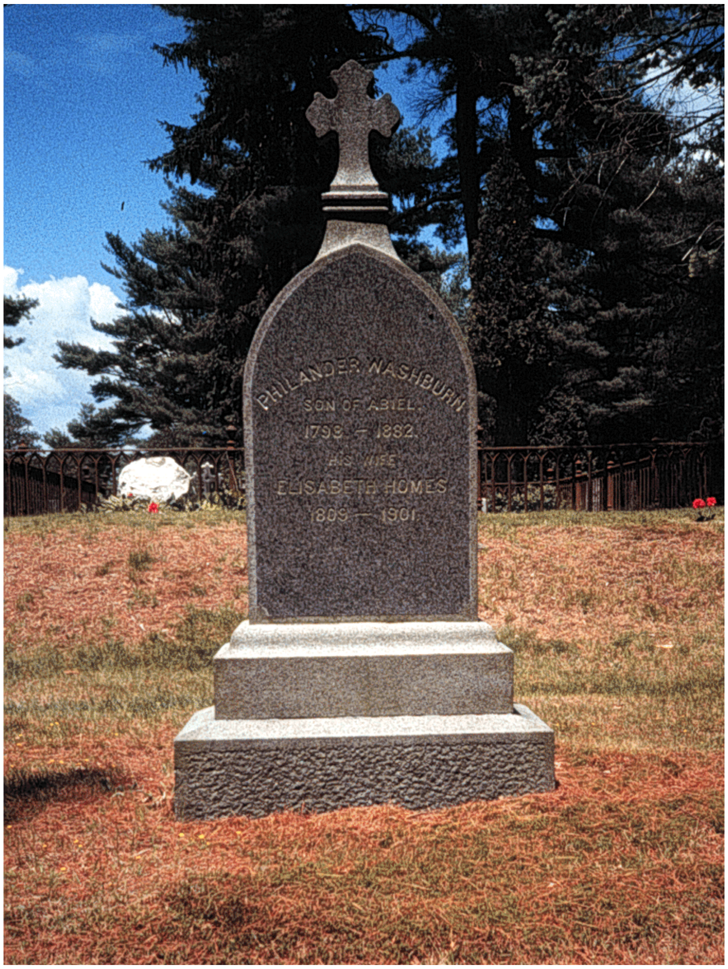


227. The Philander Washburn House

This photo shows the new ramp for the handicapped built in 1996.

228. Philander Washburn Monument

This monument is on one of the Washburn plots; Philander and his wife Elizabeth repose here.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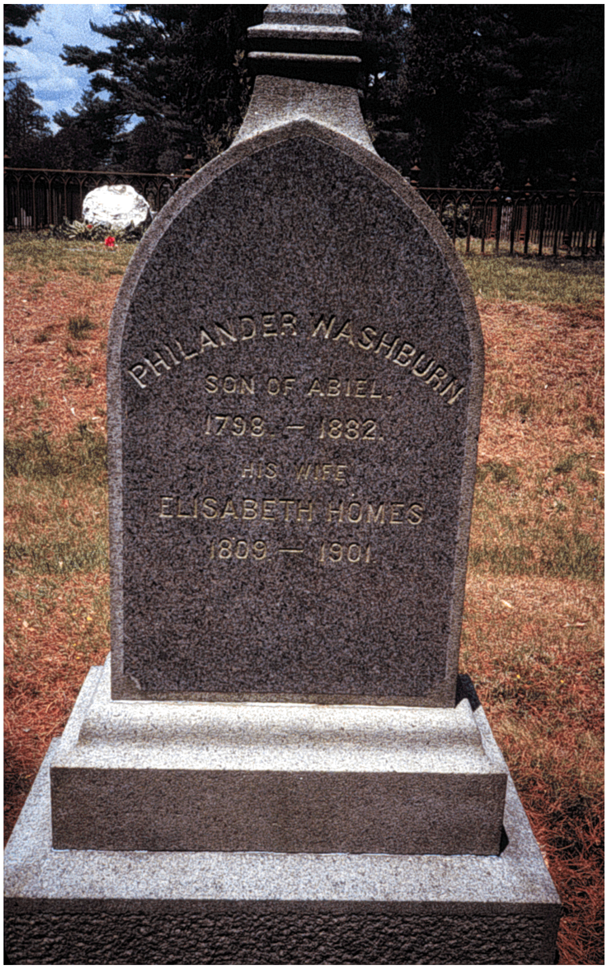
SON OF ABIEL
1793 – 1882
HIS WIFE
ELISABETH HOMES
1809 — 1901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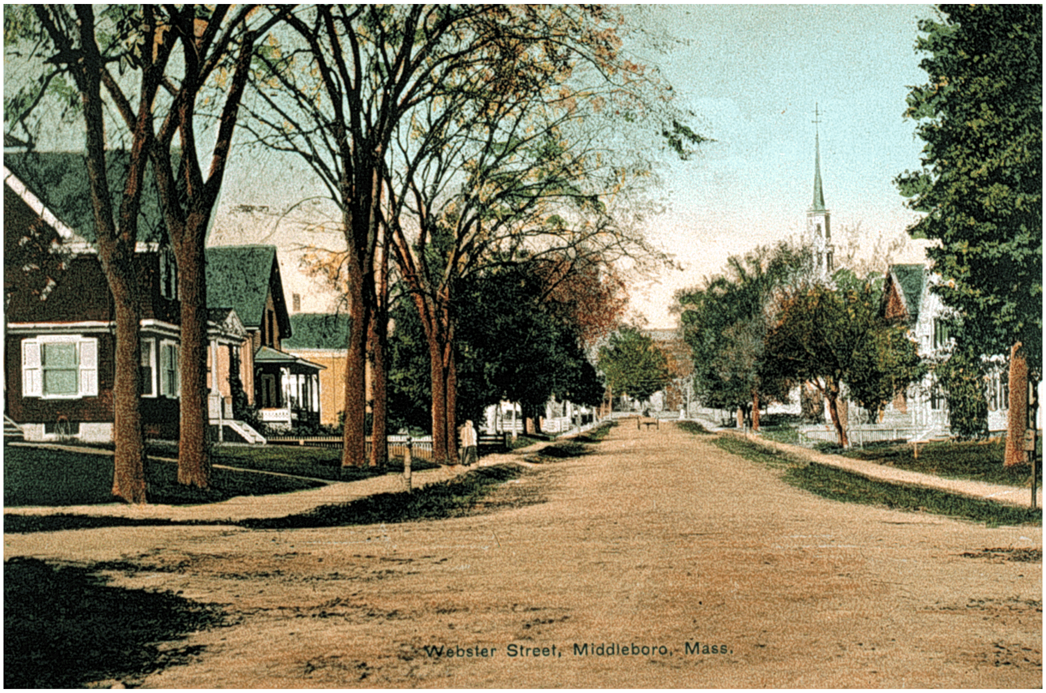
SON OF ABIEL.
1798. — 1882.
HIS WIFE
ELISABETH HOMES
1809 — 1901.

229. Philander Washburn Monument

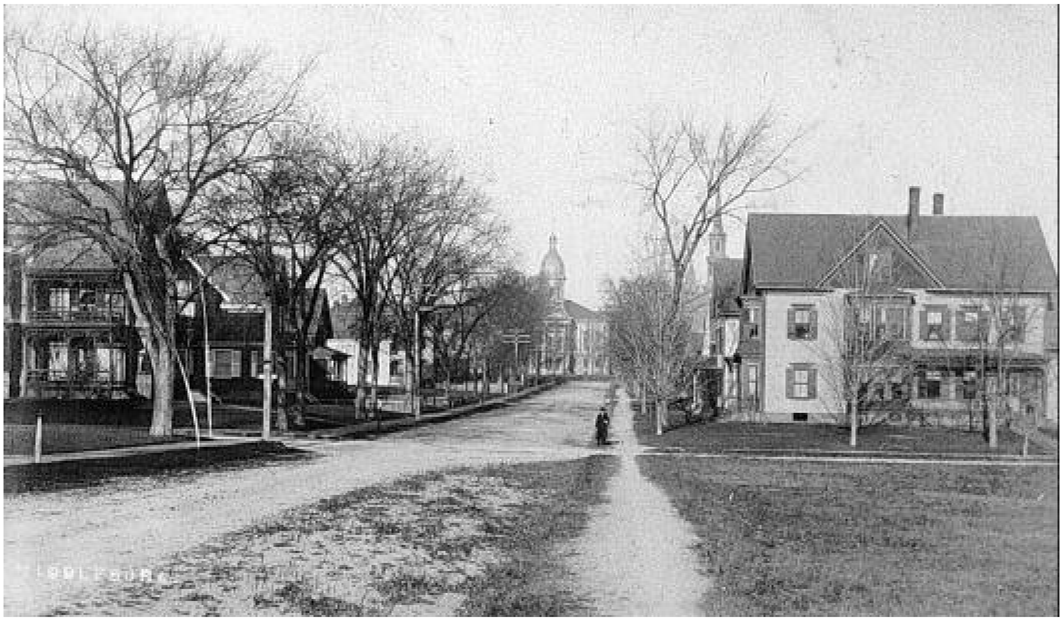
One of Middleborough's most noted citizens; he was a town philanthropist, Congressman, businessman and through his efforts the first railroad station was built on Station Street. Philander Washburn and Elizabeth Homes.



Webster Street, Middleboro, Mass.

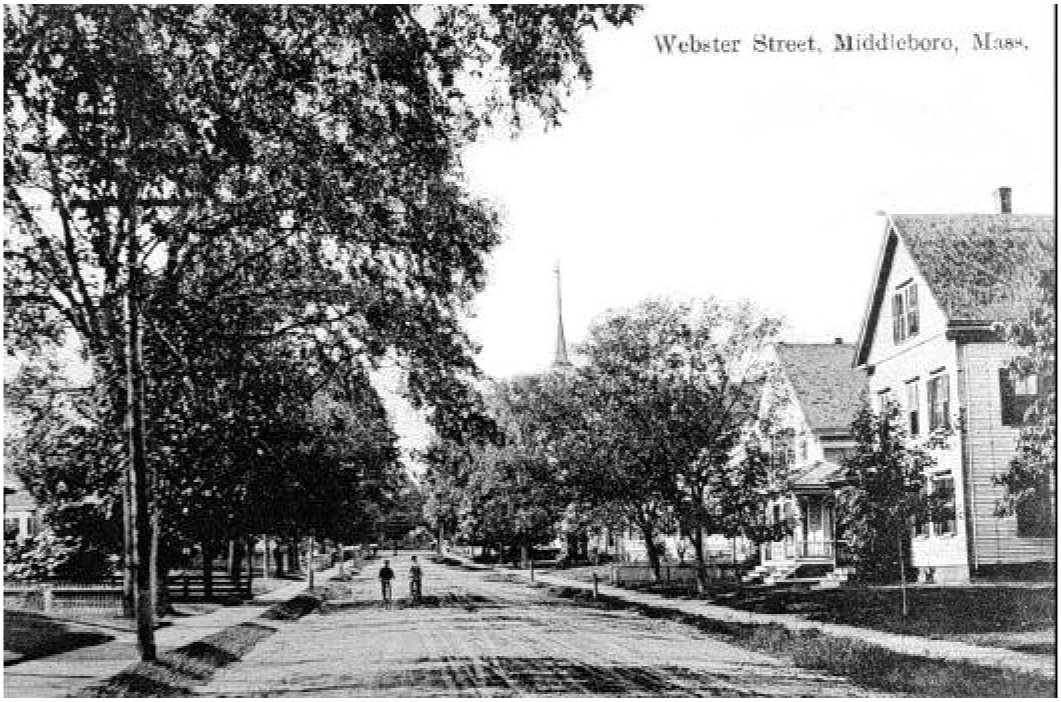
230. Webster Street

This view towards the Town Hall shows a dirt road going between two rows of neat homes. In the distance may be seen a horse and wagon and the steeple of Central Congregation Church.



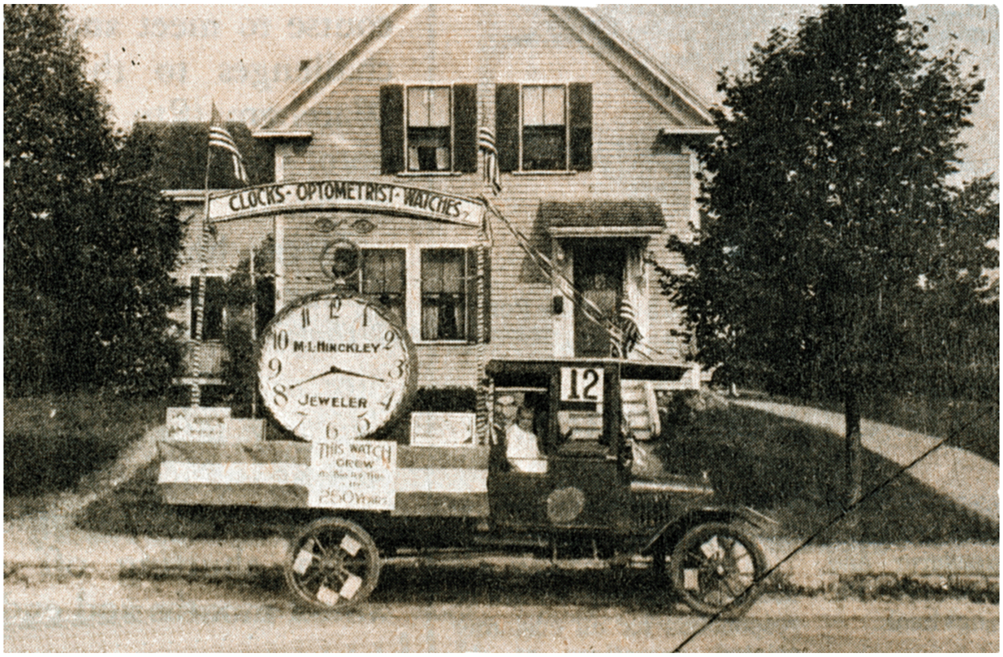
231. Webster Street

This shows a dirt road going up to the town hall.


Webster Street, Middleboro, Mass.

232. Webster Street

This is a view showing two boys on a dirt road with the church steeple in the rear. The homes haven’t changed too much today.


CLOCKS - OPTOMETRIST - WATCHES
M. L. HINCKLEY
JEWELER
THIS WATCH GREW
250 Years
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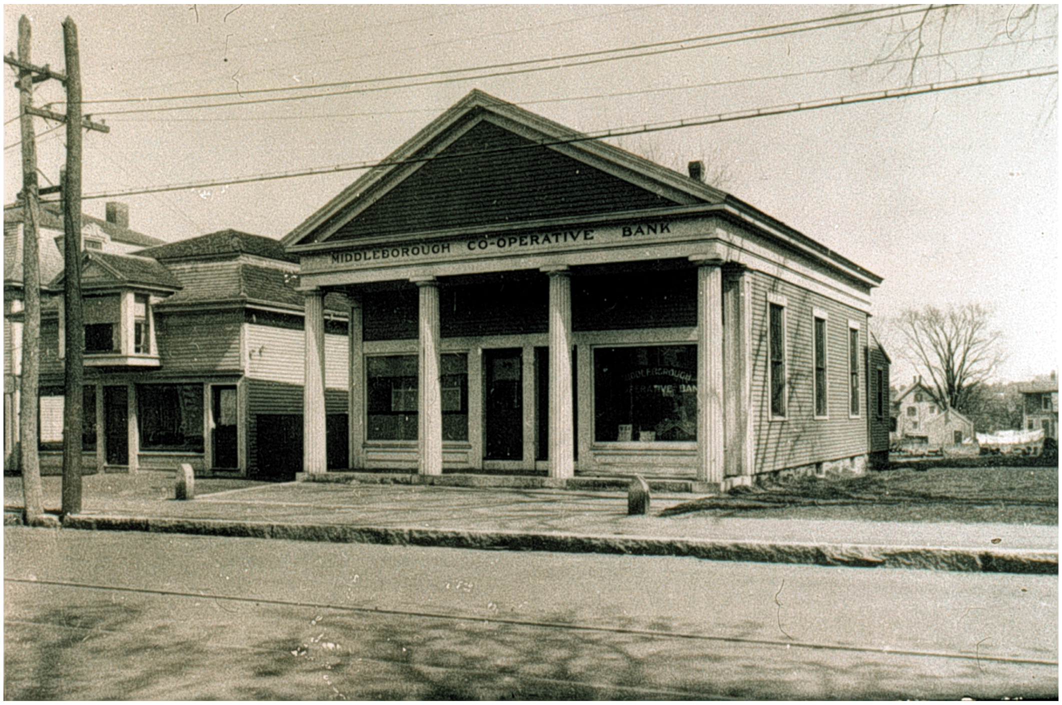
233. Hinckley Parade Float

This is a parade float that Myron Hinckley put in Middleborough’s many parades.

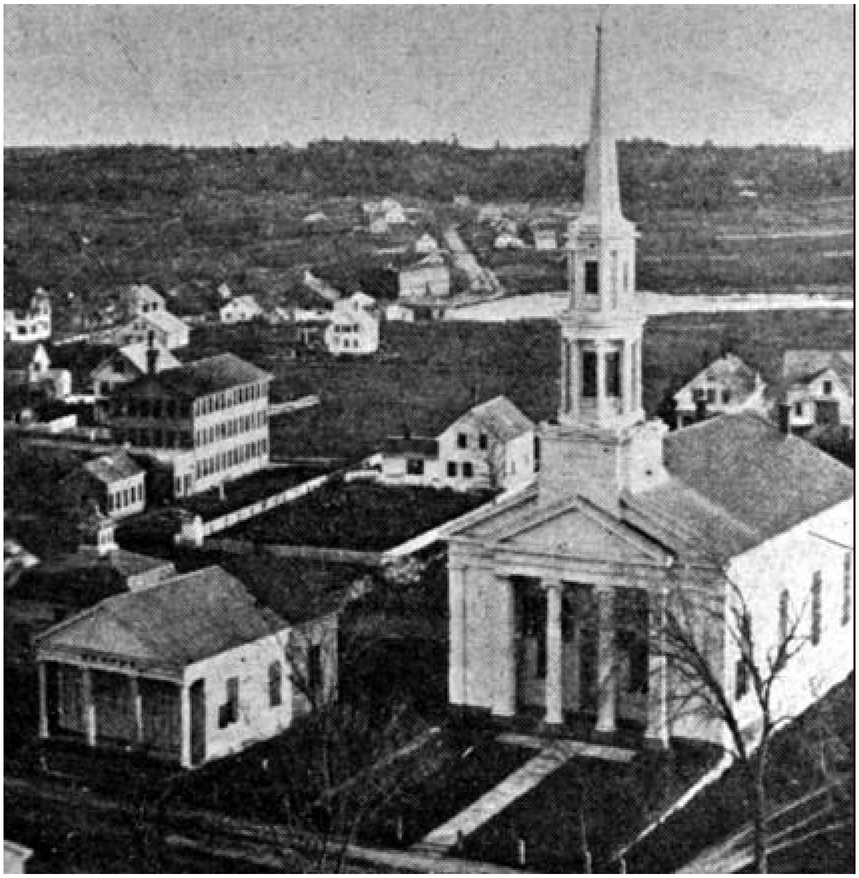

MIDDLEBOROUGH CO-OPERATIVE BANK

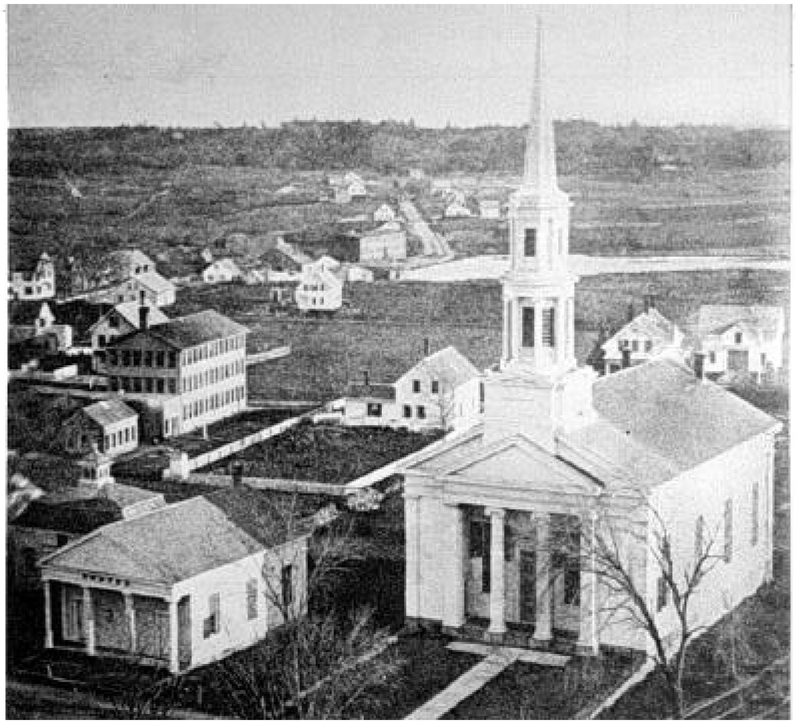
234. Central Congregational Chapel

This chapel is situated on land given by Philander Washburn and in which he was instrumental in having it built. This served as the first church until 1848, when the new edifice was built.

235. View from the Steeple

This view looks towards the Menasket River and shows the new Central Congregational Church with the chapel on South Main Street.



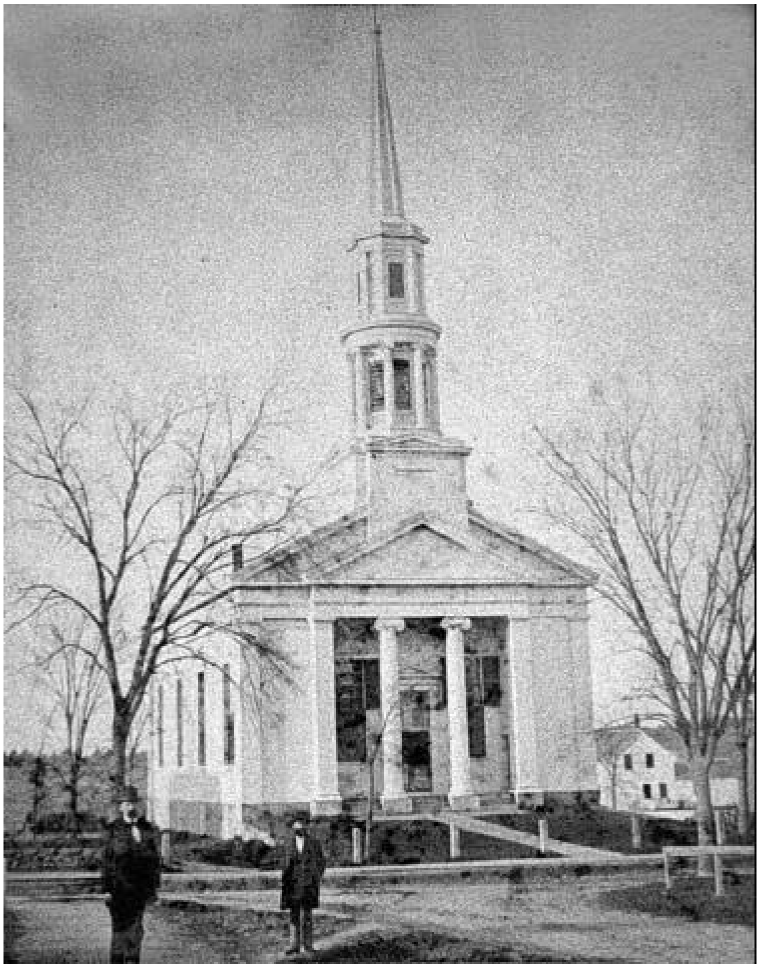


236. Central Congregational Church

In 1891 the Central Congregational Church was completely renovated; it was raised in the air with function rooms added under. A new organ and rear rooms enlarged and refinished.

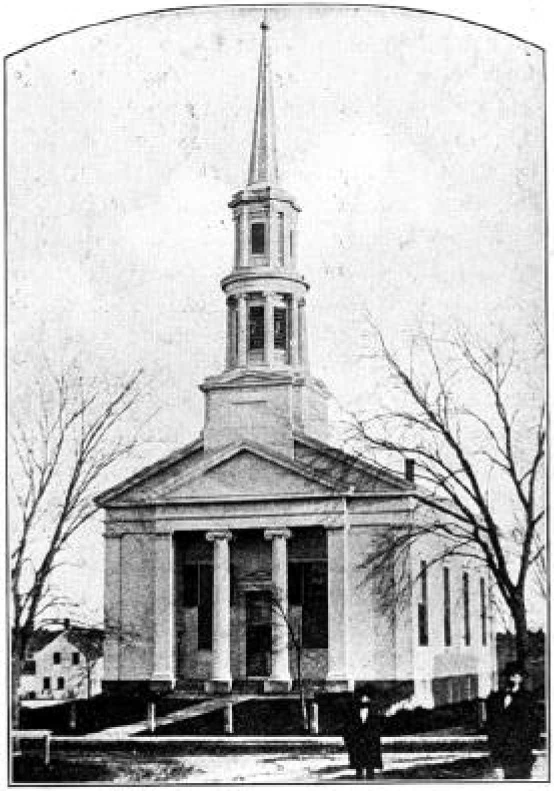
237. Central Congregational Church

This is an original view of Central Congregational Church before its renovation in 1891.



238. Central Congregational Church

In 1891, the church was raised one story, the front columns taken out and front area filled in for a staircase to the main sanctuary. A new façade was put on with the renovation.



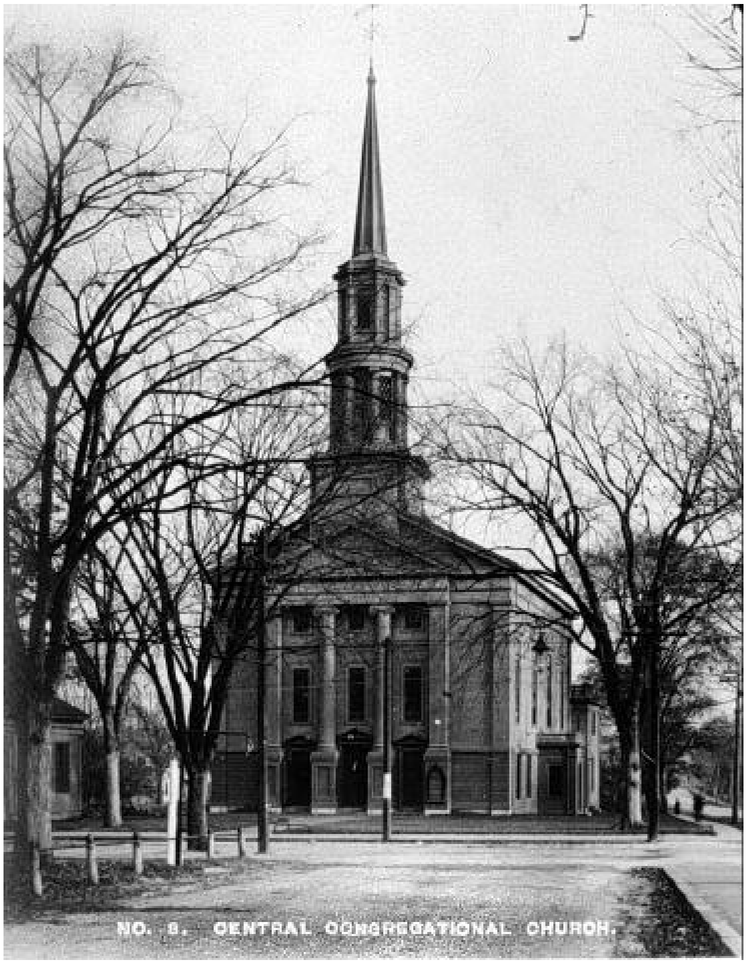
Central Congregational Church

Middleborough, Massachusetts

As it was before remodeling in 1891

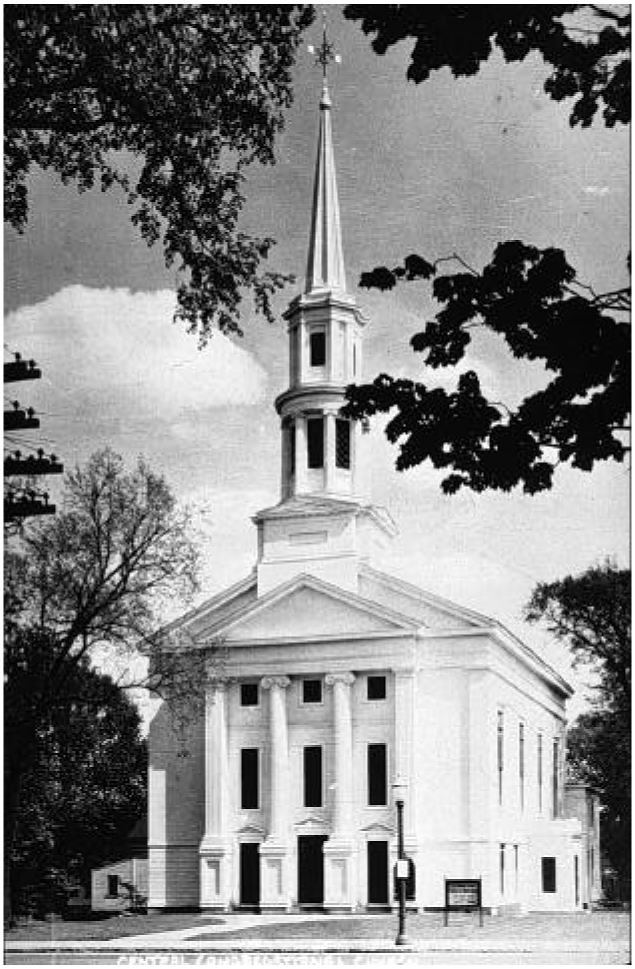
239. Central Congregational Church

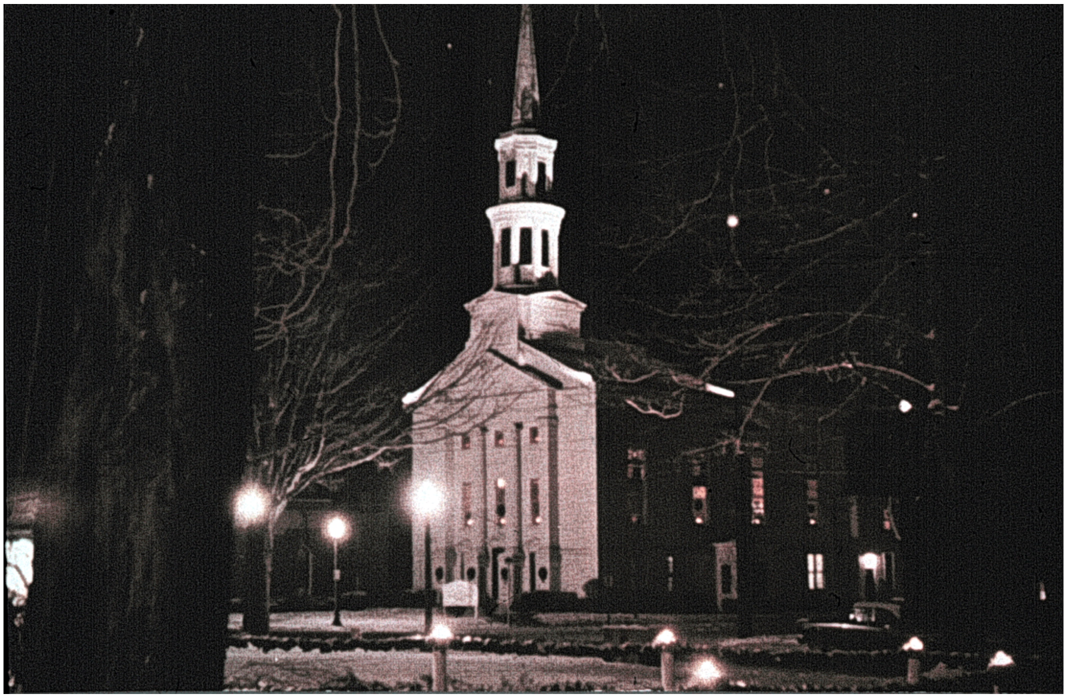
This is an early view of the church with the chapel still beside it. At this time the brick foundation was apparently painted red.


NO. 8. CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

240. Central Congregational Church

This photo shows the church, as we know it today with the chapel at the rear.



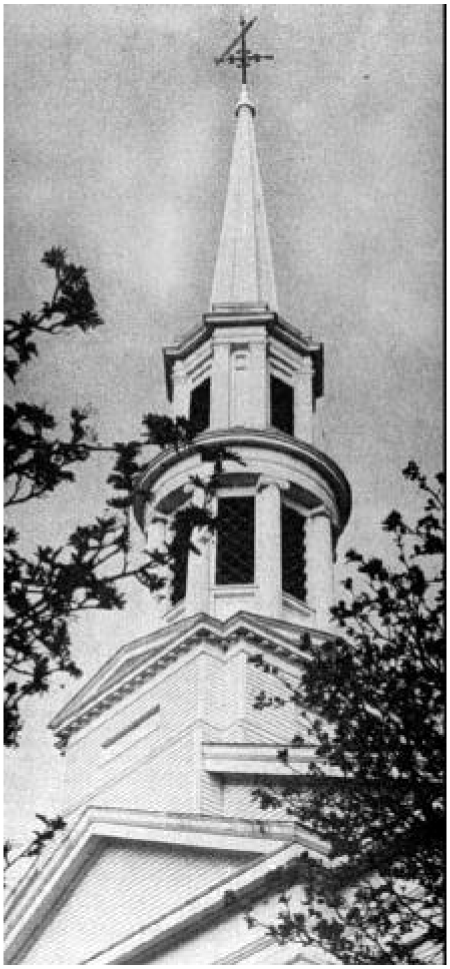


241. Central Congregational Church

This view is taken over the metal candlesticks on the town hall lawn towards a beautifully lit Central Congregational Church on a wintry Christmas season eve.

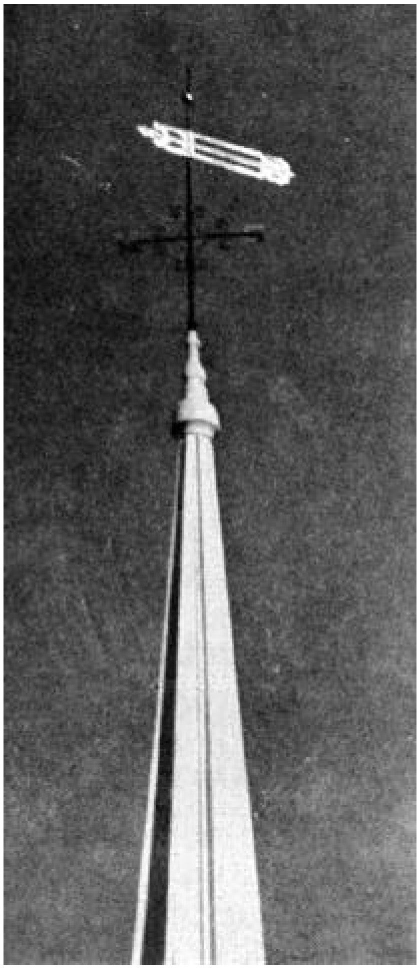
242. Central Congregational Church Steeple

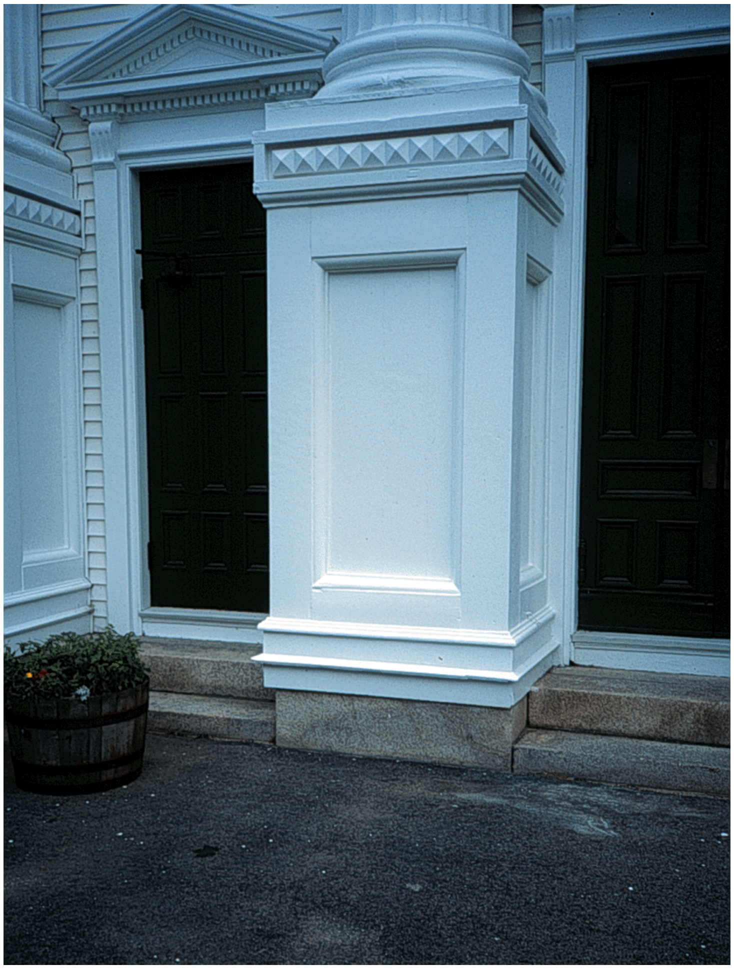
This view shows a very fancy church bell tower with its weathervane on the top.



243. Central Congregational Church Steeple

Central Congregational Church's spire and weathervane are supposed to be the highest structures in the center of town.



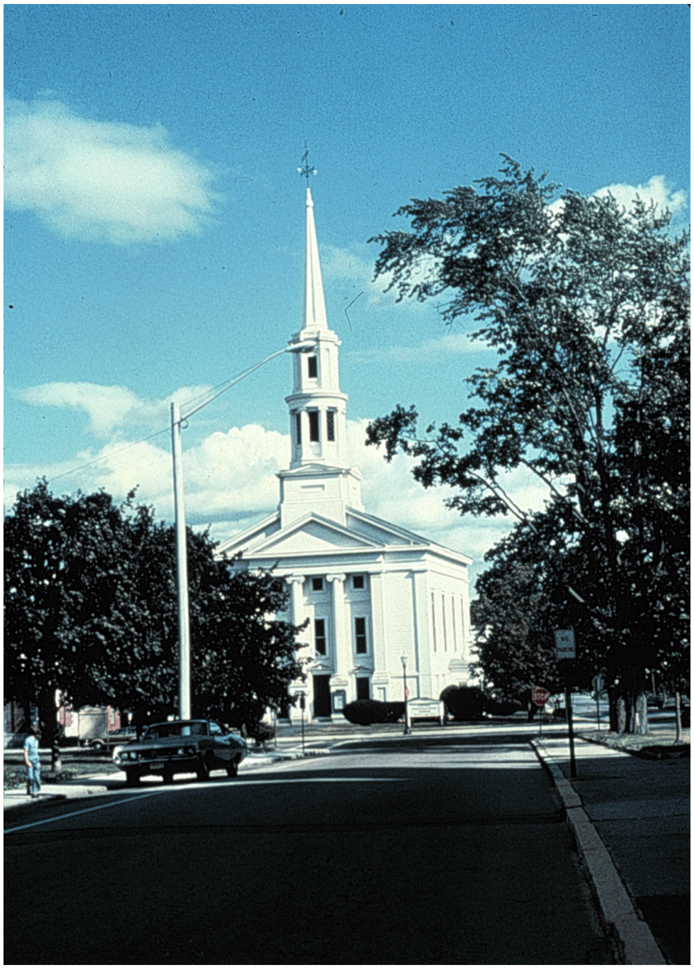


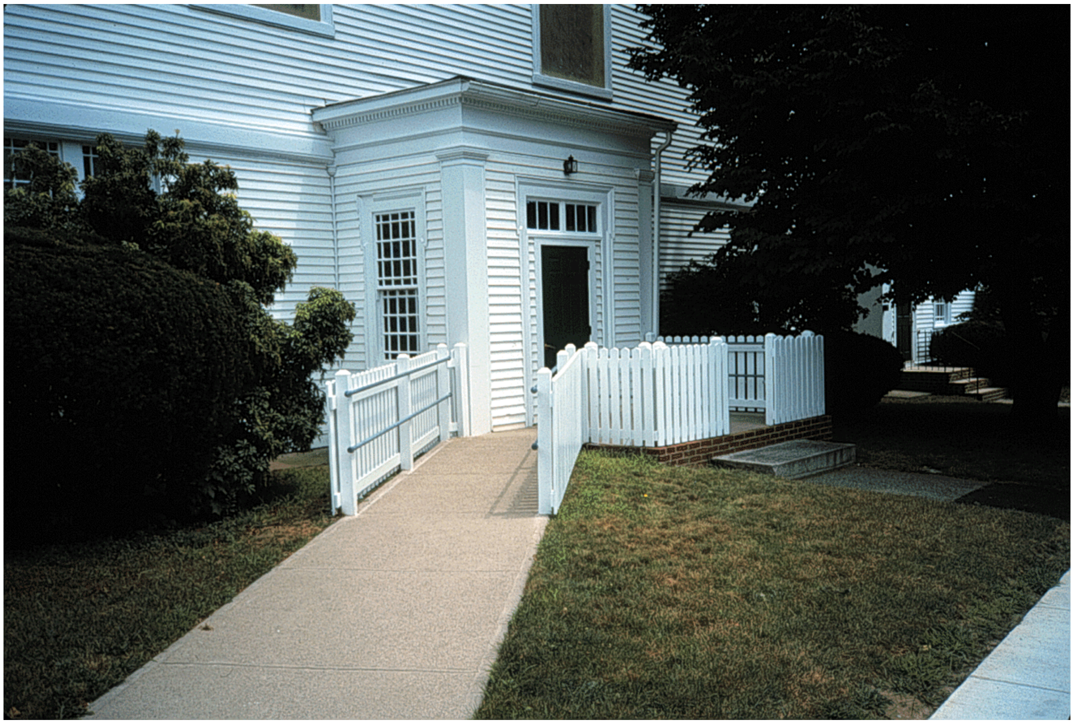
244. Central Congregational Church

This shows one of the bases built in 1891 to support one of the columns.

245. Central Congregational Church

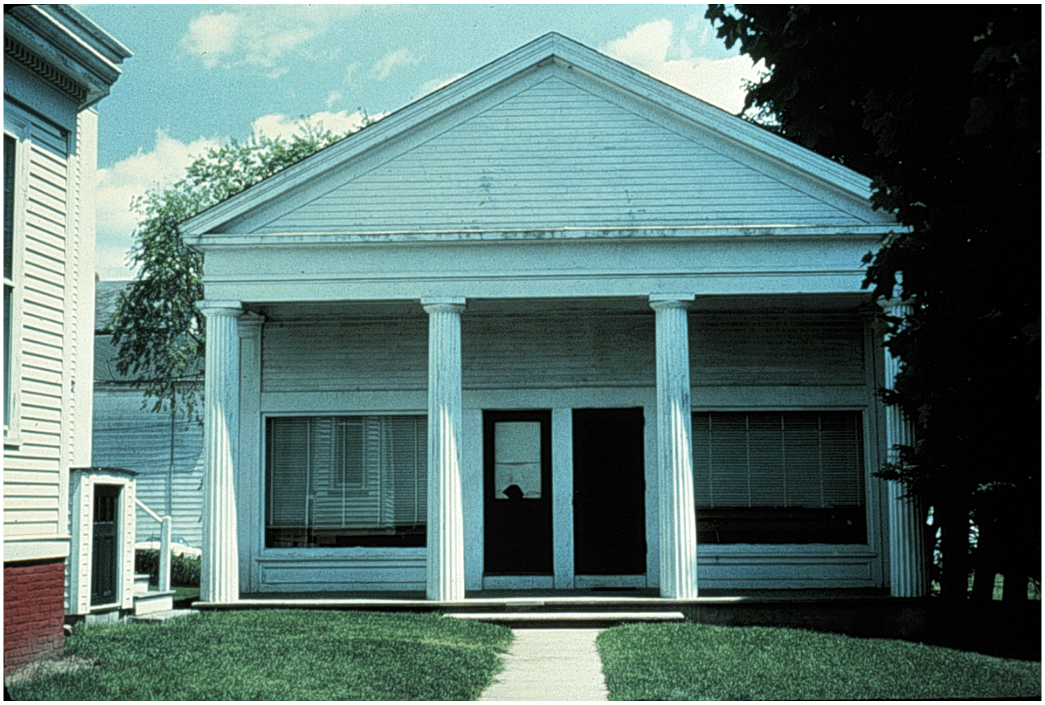
This is one of the many views that the then Historical Commission Chairman, Janet Griffith, took of Middleborough center showing Central Congregation Church. One can note the new aluminum light-pole with its fixture in front of the steeple.





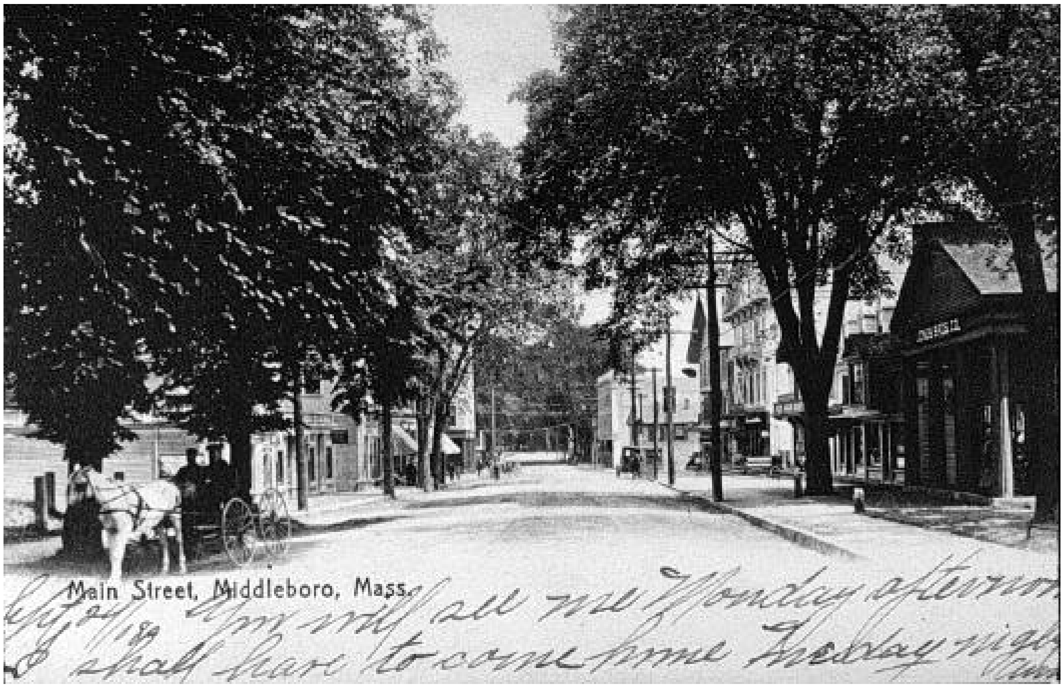
246. Central Congregational Church

This beautiful handicap ramp, with its fence was built in 1996; it goes up to the Webster Street entrance of Central Congregational Church.



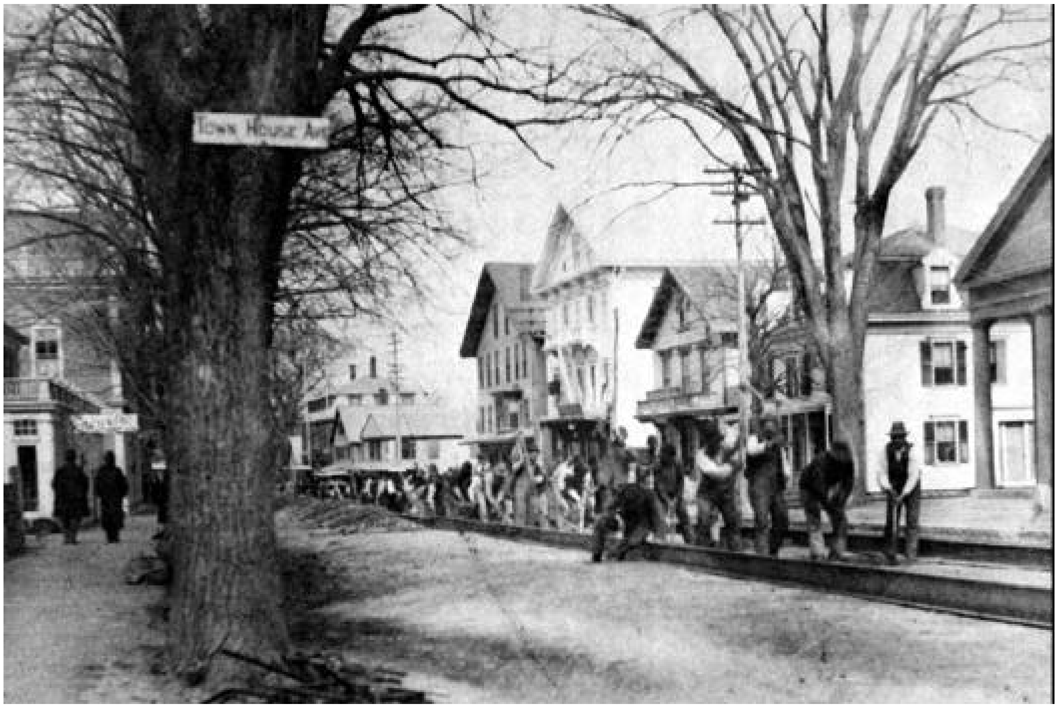
247. Central Congregational Chapel

This little building now to the rear of the church started life as the church, has served as a public school, a bank, other businesses and has reverted back to church use. It was refurbished in the 1970's and named the Dr. Shepard Building.


Main Street, Middleboro, Mass.
Sept 24/09 You will see me Monday afternoon
I shall have to come home Tuesday night

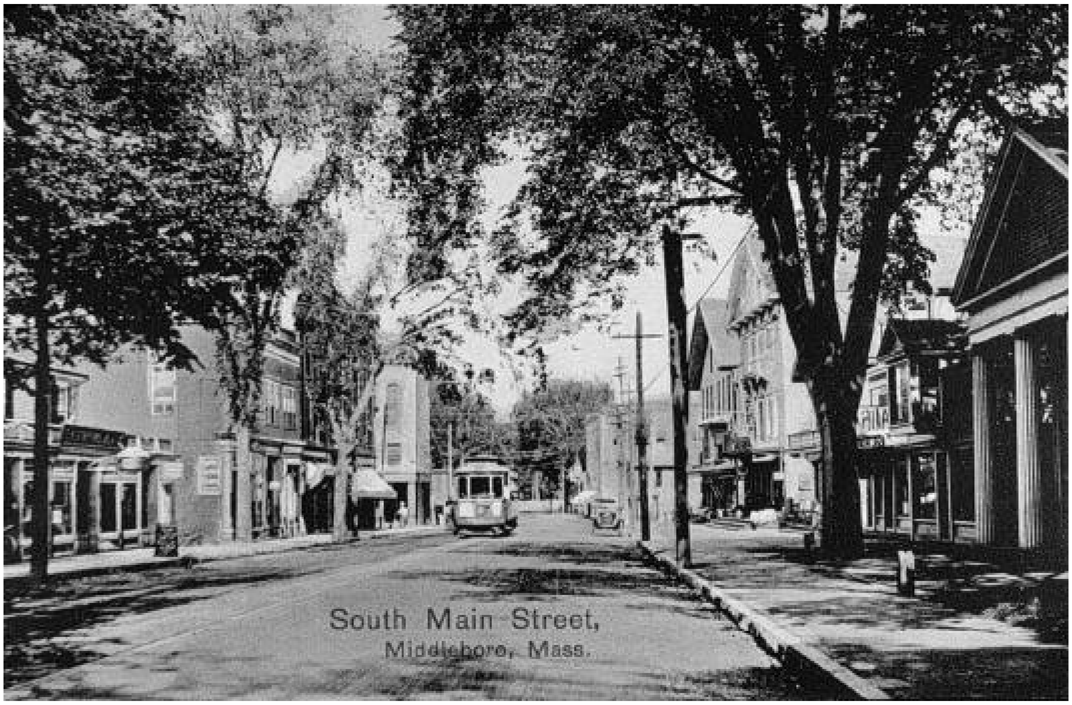
248. South Main Street

This beautiful tree lined avenue shows old Middleborough at its very best. The dirt street shows a very busy village center with a horse and buggy in the foreground, and a vehicle in the rear and people walking.



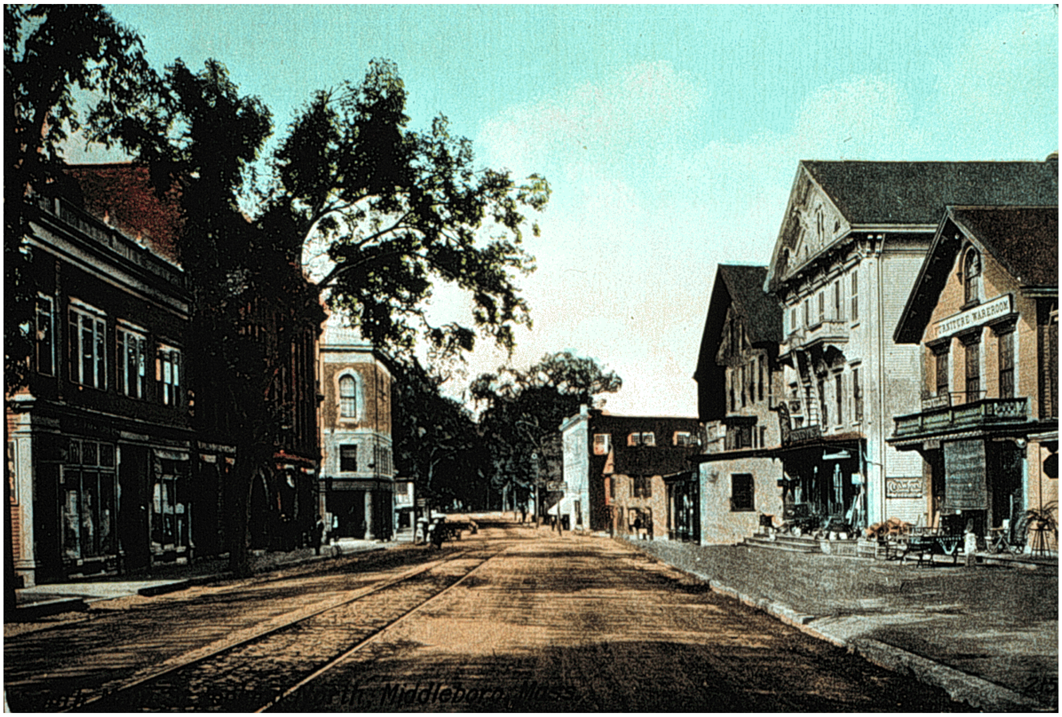
249. South Main Street

This view shows laborers laying trolley tracks on South Main Street for the New Bedford, Middleborough and Brockton Street Railway in 1899.



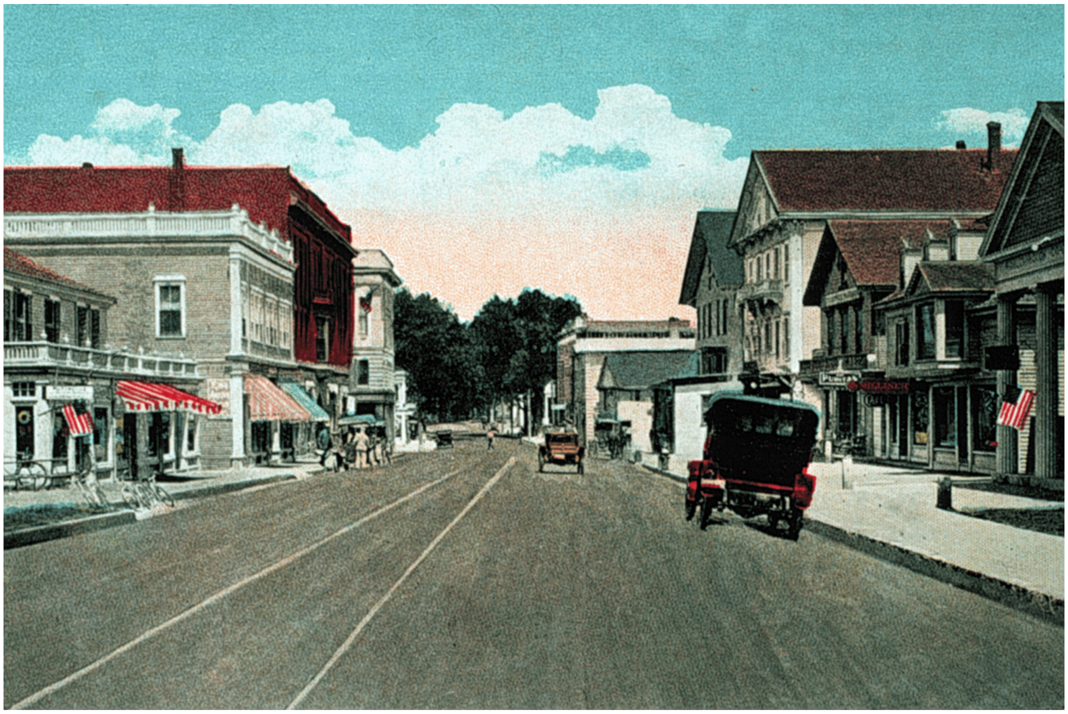
250. South Main Street

Yet another view of South Main Street shows a trolley car coming down the dirt road. On the left the Thatcher Home has been converted to businesses. The new Homestead block replacing the carriage houses, and the Bank and Pierce blocks on the left side. The right side is almost the same today except for storefronts that were added on.


FURNITURE WAREROOM
North, Middleboro, Mass.

251. South Main Street, Looking North

This view looking toward the Four Corners is still pretty much in tact. This area could be, with the removal of storefronts, be brought back to its original.

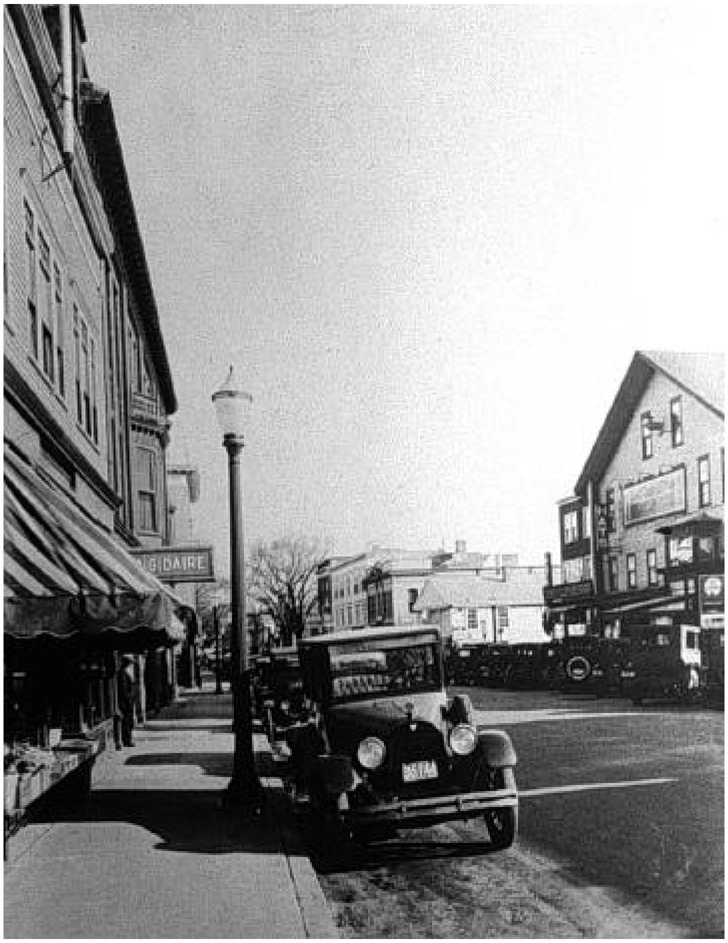


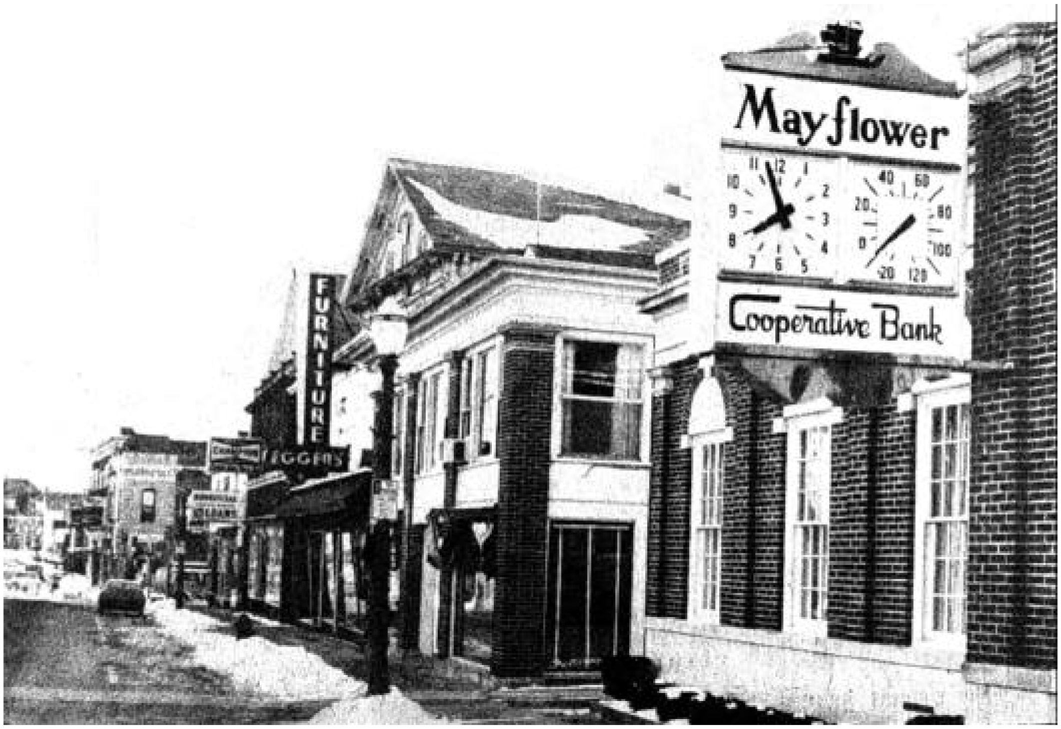
252. South Main Street, Looking North

This view shows the Thatcher Home on the left with its new façade. Across the street the Congregational Chapel not yet moved to the rear of the church; the American, Doane and Soule Blocks, are still pretty much free of additions. The Drake homestead, still intact today with its brick front, is the Sullivan Block.

253. South Main Street, Looking North

This view shows the parking experimentation of vertical parking on the right side of South Main Street. This was not a successful experiment.



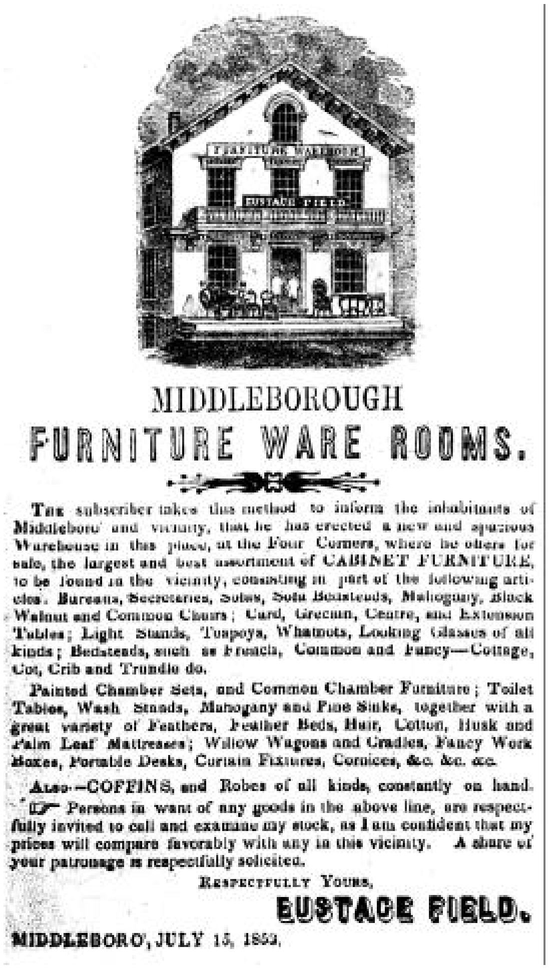

Mayflower
Cooperative Bank
FURNITURE
FOGGS

254. South Main Street, Looking North

This picture shows the clock on front of Mayflower Bank replacing chapel and very clearly shows the Sullivan Building brick front on the old Drake House.

255. Furniture Ware Rooms Eustace Field

This is an early form of advertising. Eustace Field sold this building to George Soule, which later became Egger's Furniture Store.


FURNITURE WAREROOMS
EUSTACE FIELD

MIDDLEBOROUGH

FURNITURE WARE ROOMS.

The subscriber takes this method to inform the inhabitants of Middleboro' and vicinity, that he has erected a new and spacious Warehouse in this place, at the Four Corners, where he offers for sale, the largest and best assortment of CABINET FURNITURE, to be found in the vicinity, consisting in part of the following articles. Bureaus, Secretaries, Sofas, Sofa Bedsteads, Mahogany, Black Walnut and Common Chairs; Card, Grecian, Centre, and Extension Tables; Light Stands, Teapoys, Whatnots, Looking Glasses of all kinds; Bedsteads, such as French, Common and Fancy—Cottage, Cot, Crib and Trundle do.

Painted Chamber Sets, and Common Chamber Furniture; Toilet Tables, Wash Stands, Mahogany and Pine Sinks, together with a great variety of Feathers, Feather Beds, Hair, Cotton, Husk and Palm Leaf Mattresses; Willow Wagons and Cradles, Fancy Work Boxes, Portable Desks, Curtain Fixtures, Cornices, &c. &c. &c.

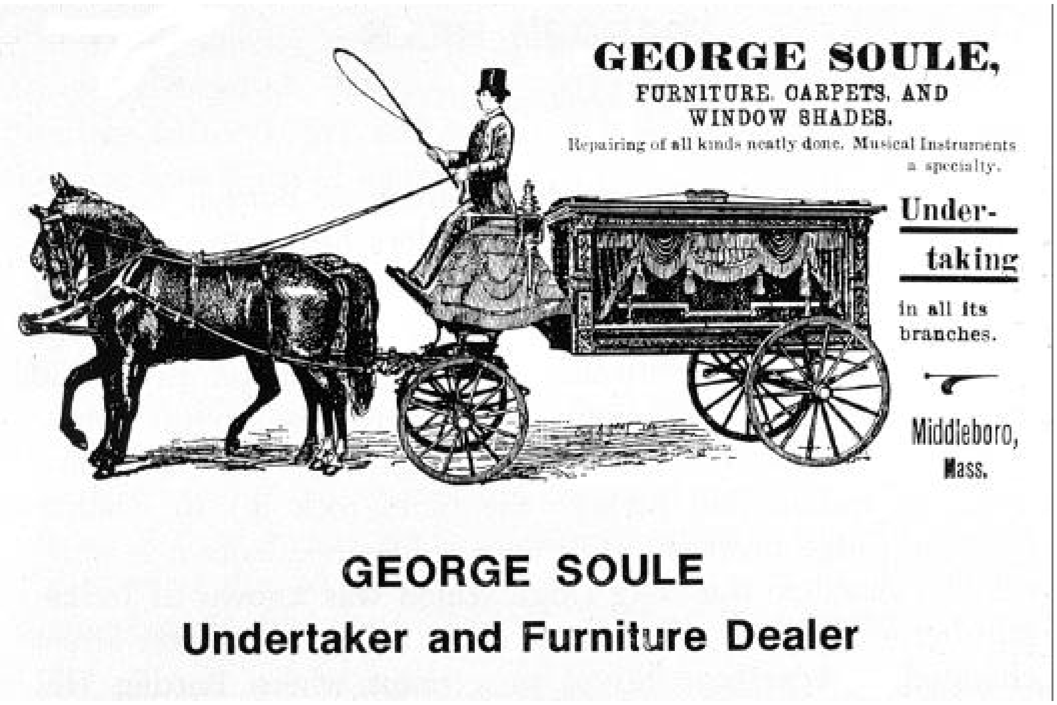
Also.—COFFINS, and Robes of all kinds, constantly on hand.

☞ Persons in want of any goods in the above line, are respectfully invited to call and examine my stock, as I am confident that my prices will compare favorably with any in this vicinity. A share of your patronage is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Yours,

EUSTACE FIELD.

MIDDLEBORO', JULY 15, 1853.



GEORGE SOULE,
FURNITURE, CARPETS, AND
WINDOW SHADES.
Repairing of all kinds neatly done. Musical Instruments a specialty.

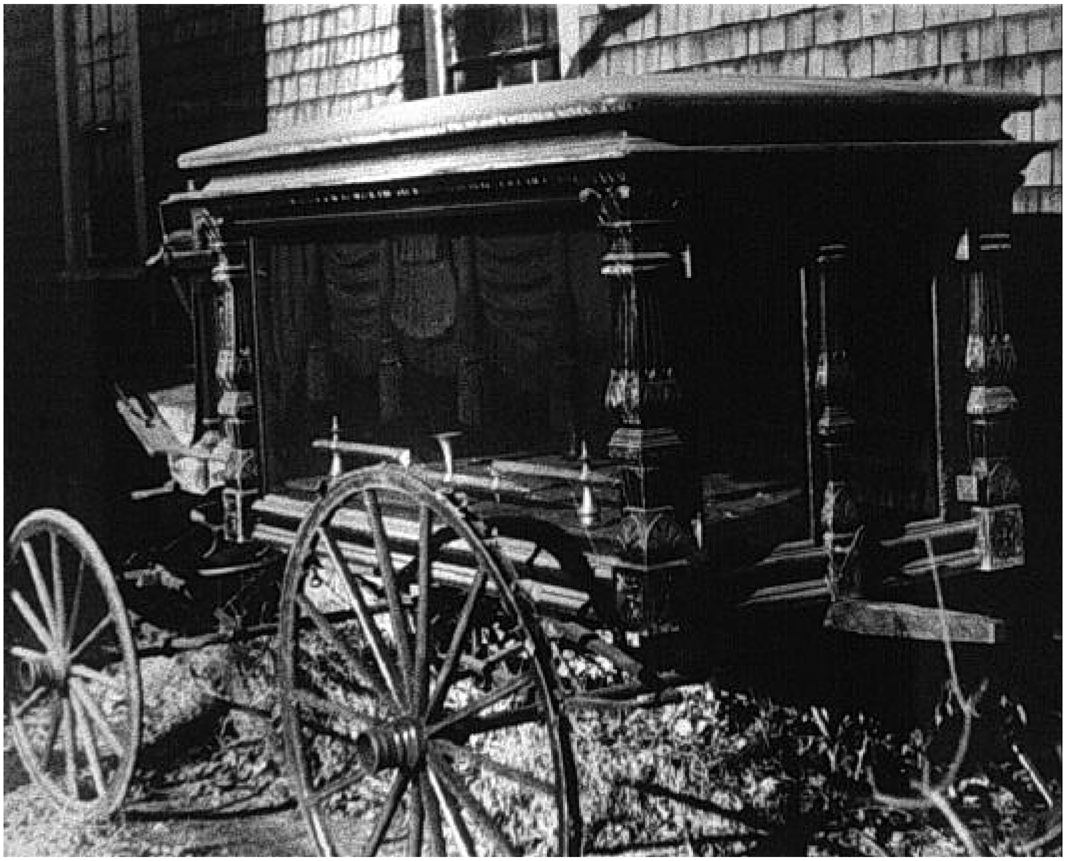
Undertaking
in all its branches.

Middleboro,
Mass.

GEORGE SOULE
Undertaker and Furniture Dealer

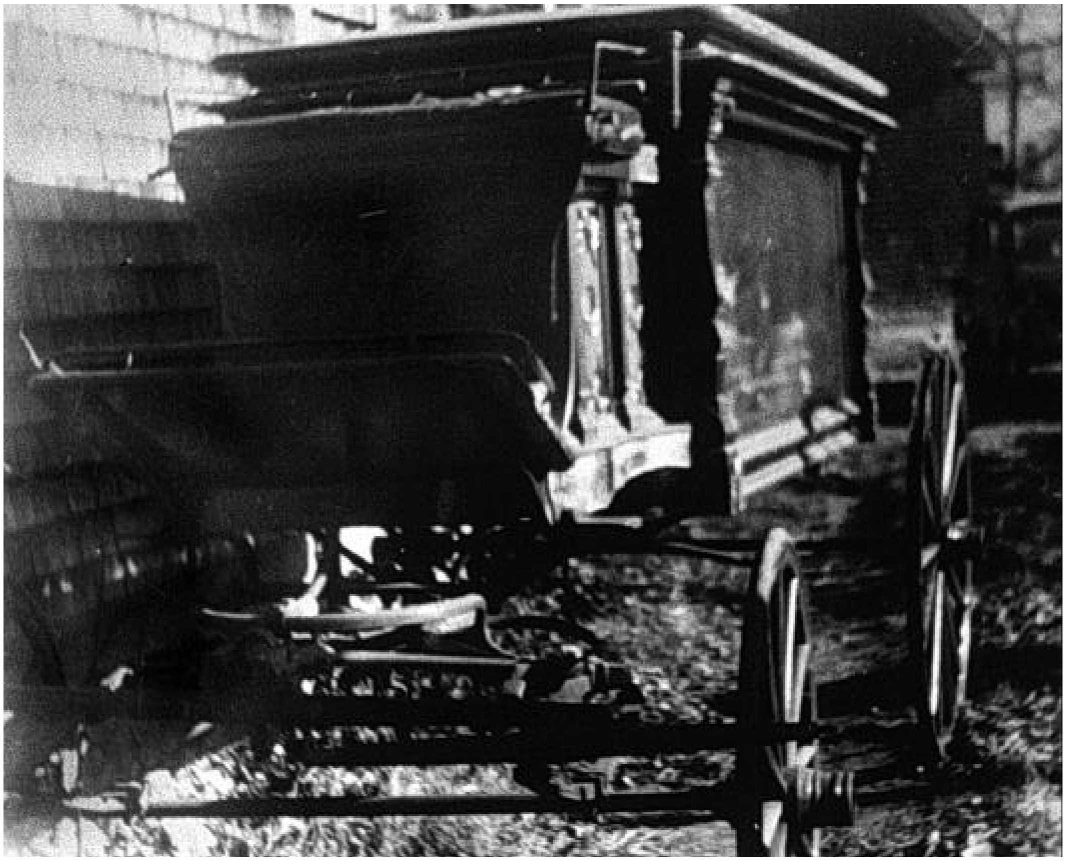
256. George Soule Undertaker and Furniture Dealer

This early advertisement for George E. Soule, late 1800's shows how the furniture and undertaking business went hand-in-hand.



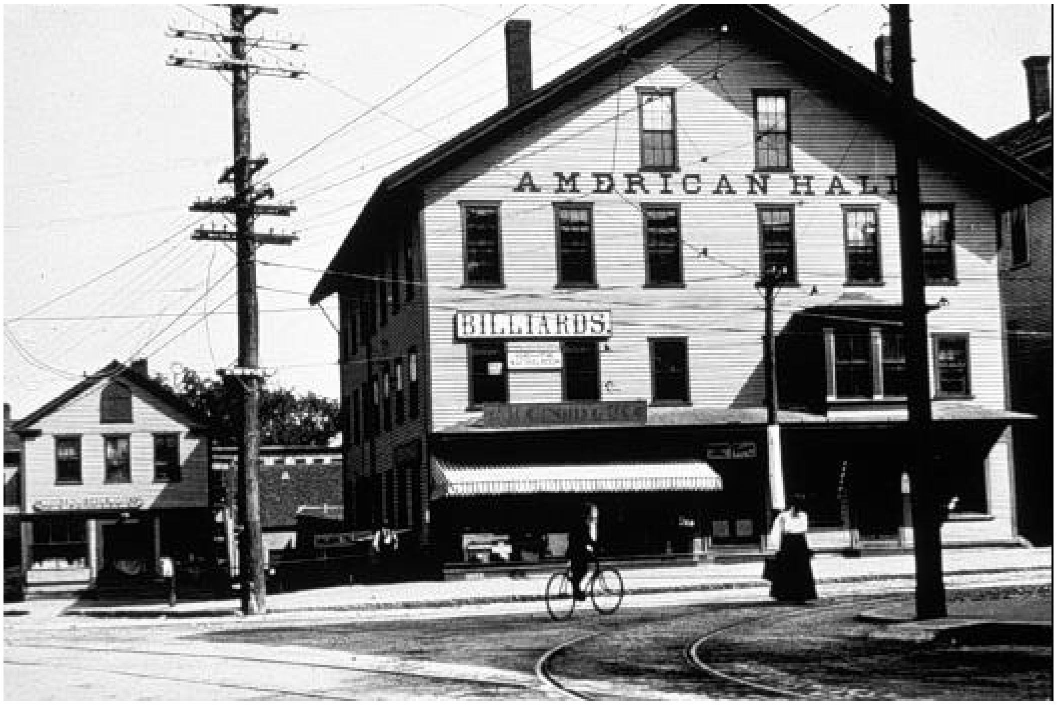
257. George Soule Hearse

In 1943 the Egger Co. needed more space, therefore, the Soule hearse was removed from a Peirce barn.



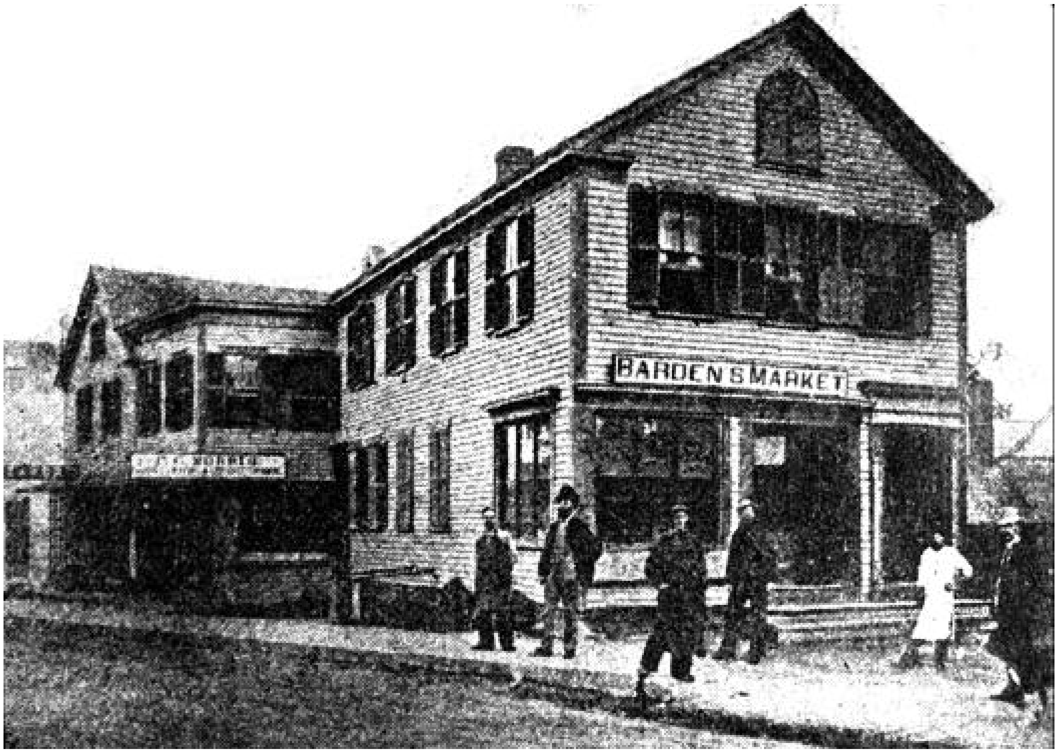
258. George Soule Hearse

Unfortunately, this shows the disappearance of much of Middleborough's history. The Soule hearse was taken out for much needed storage space and allowed to rot.



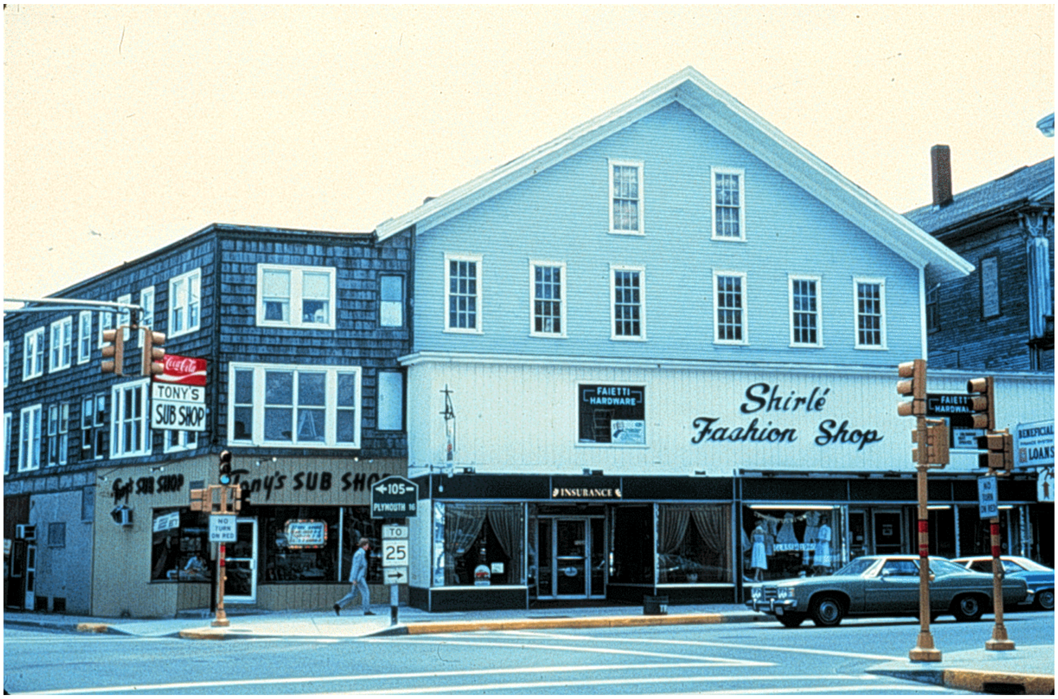
259. American Hall

This view clearly shows the American Hall before storefront was added. The original part of this building was built by Philander Washburn and was two stories high and half the width. The Old Peckham Market is seen on the left of the hall.



260. Barden's Market

At this period of time this building was Barden's Restaurant. It had been Peckham's Market previously. George E. Soule lived upstairs, Mrs. Soule had a millinery shop in the rear of Mr. Soule's furniture store; the undertaking business was in the basement. A Mr. Alger, coming from Wareham, tore it down and built the now present Alger Block.



Coca-Cola
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Tony's SUB SHOP
FAIETTI HARDWARE
Shirlé
Fashion Shop
INSURANCE
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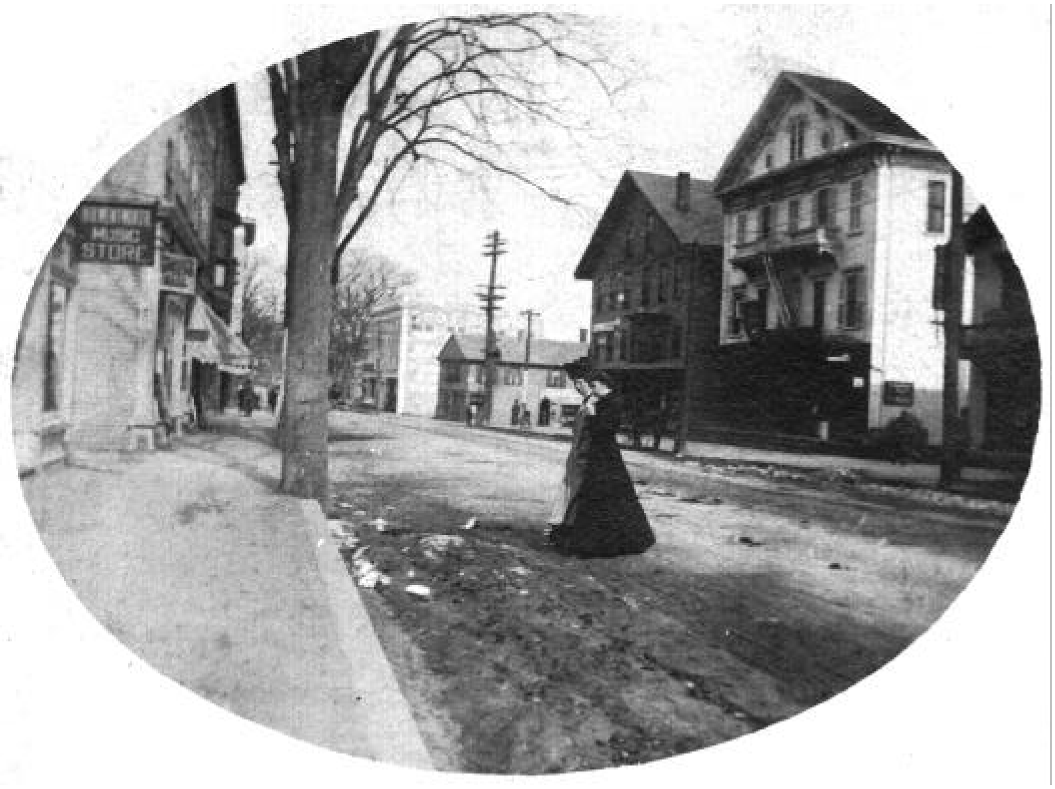
NO TURN ON RED
BENEFICIAL
LOANS

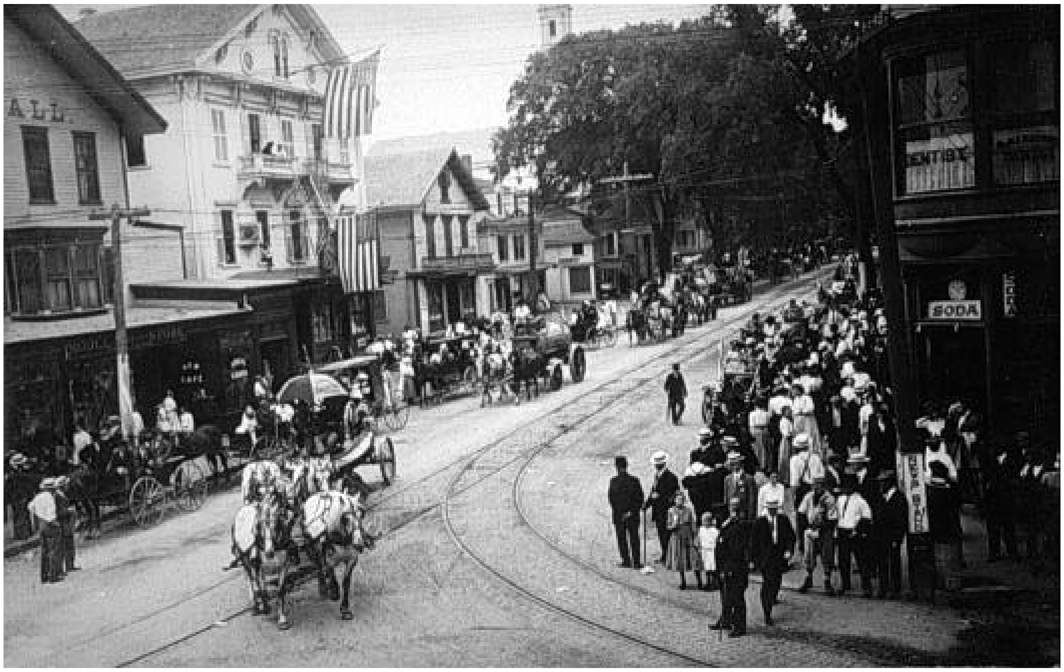
261. Alger & American Blocks

This fairly new view shows the Alger Block and the American Block.



262. South Main Street, Looking toward Four Corners

This rather old-fashioned view shows two ladies in their long dress finery crossing South Main Street.


ALL
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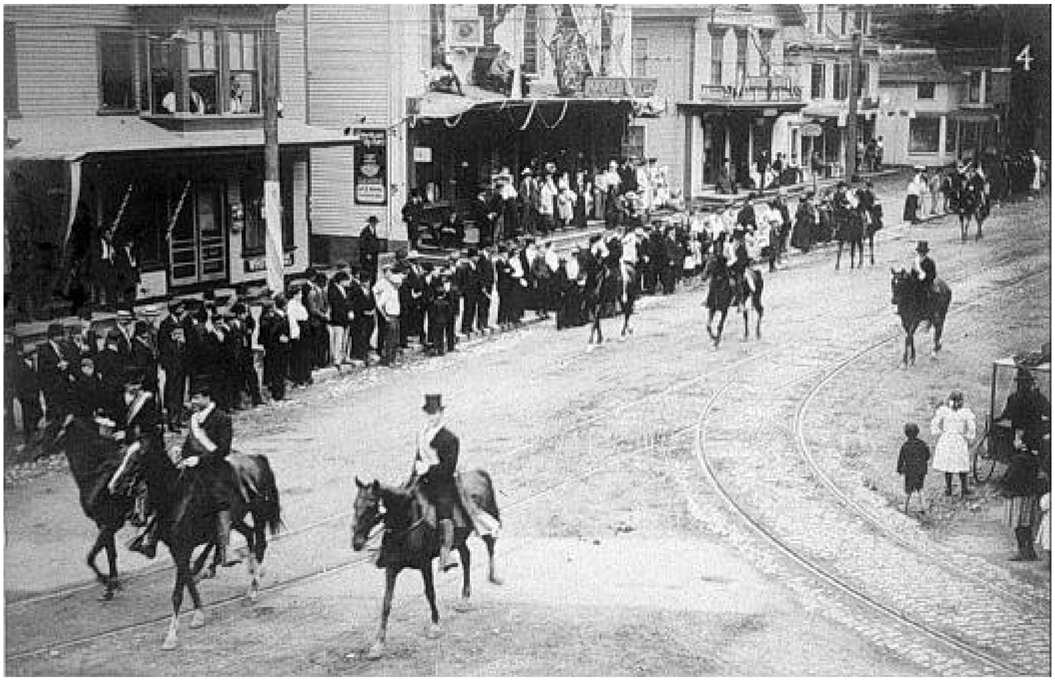
SODA

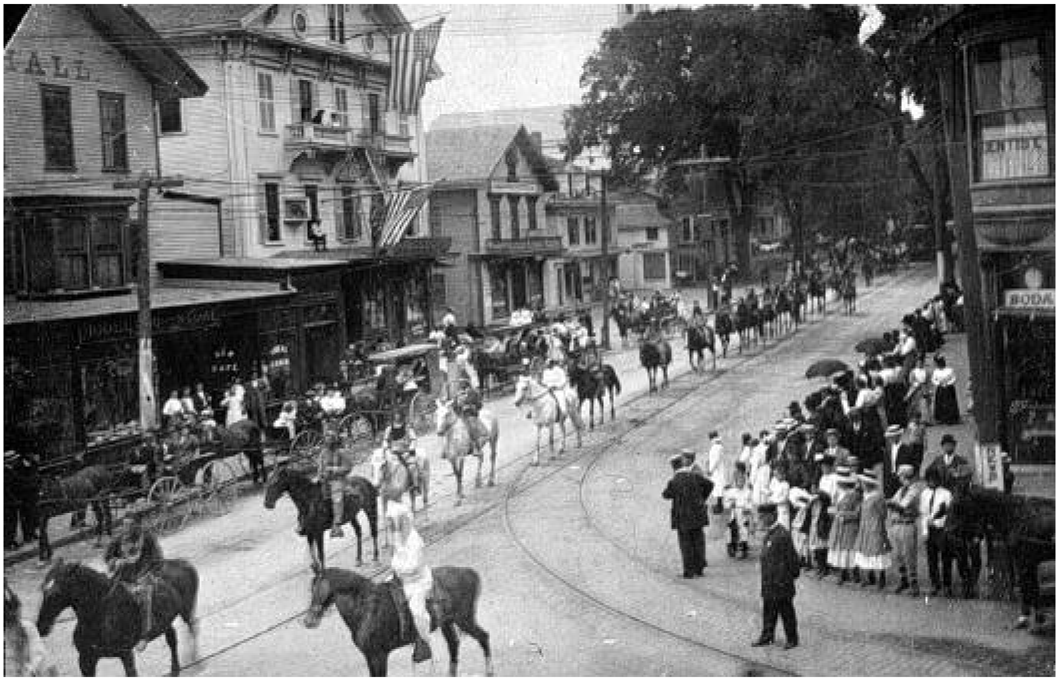
263. Parade

This is one of the many parades that Middleborough held. This one in particular seems to be entirely horse drawn on a Fourth of July.



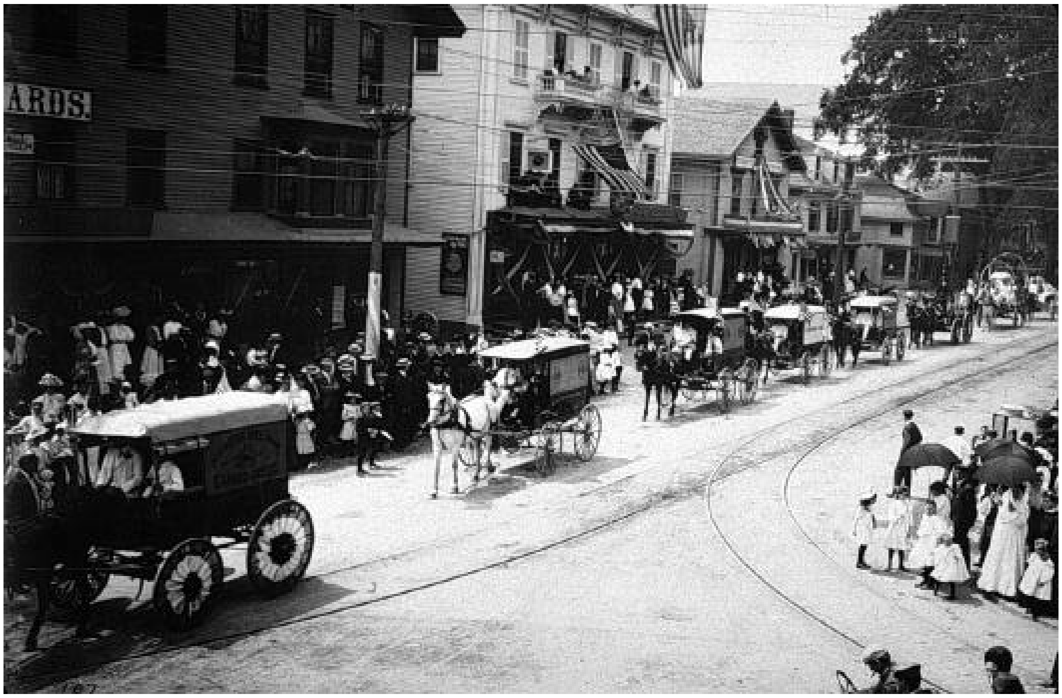
264. Parade

This shows one of Middleborough’s fine equestrian units, something the town was noted for.



265. Parade

This is probably another 4th of July parade, which is well attended.

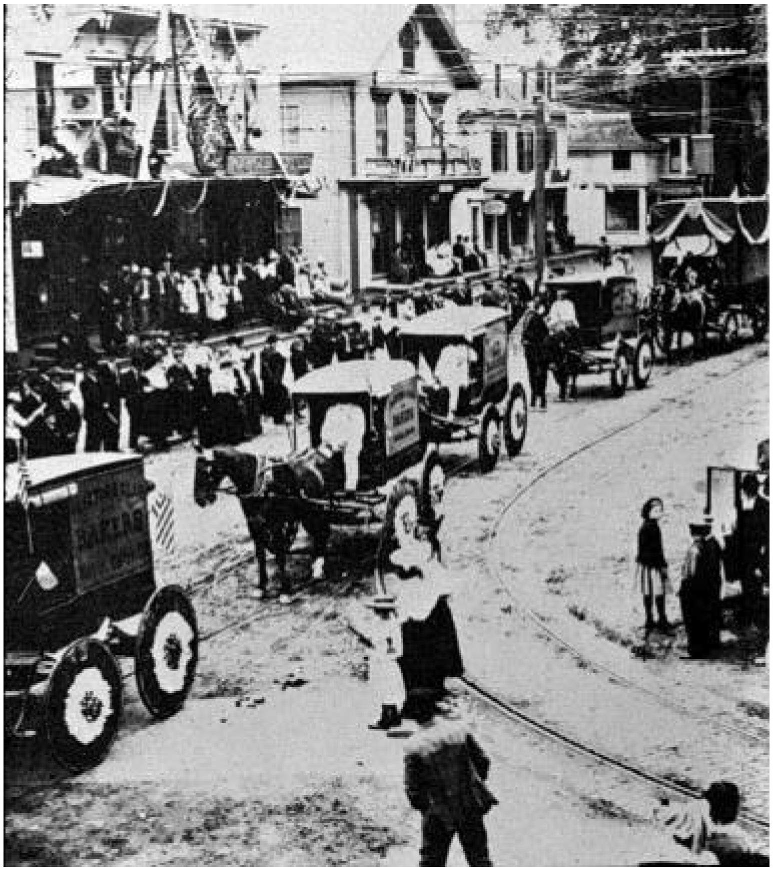


266. Parade

This typical 4th of July parade clearly shows Middleborough's thriving business community with all its delivery wagons.

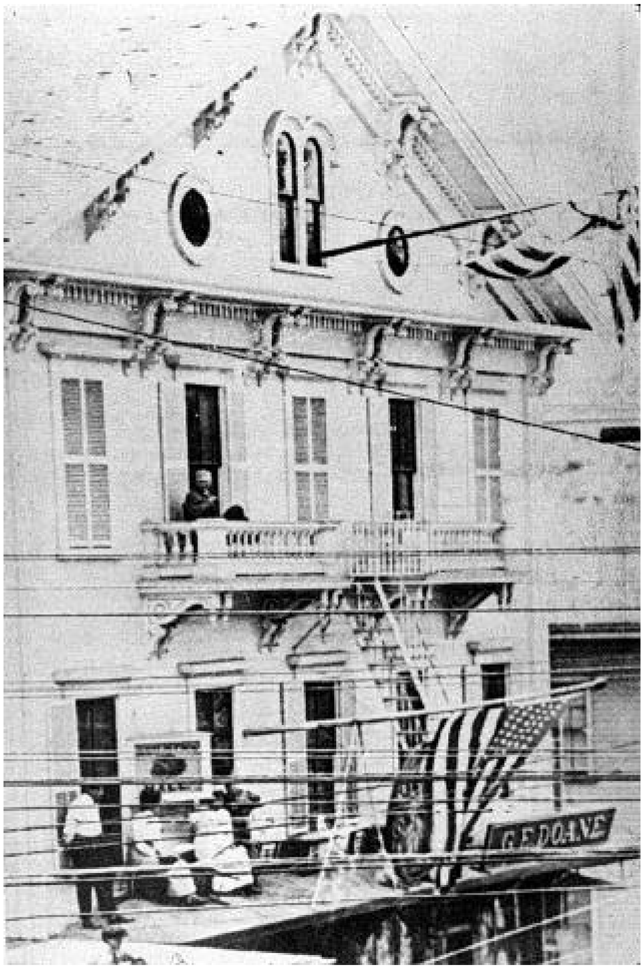
267. Parade

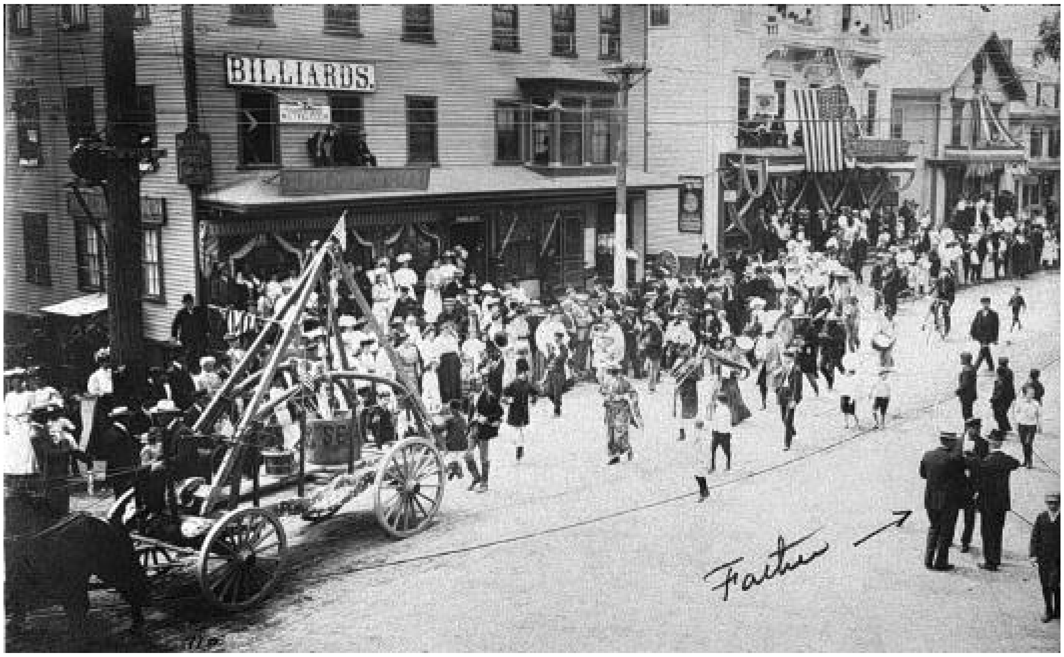
Yet another view of a 4th of July parade, showing a closer view of Middleborough's delivery wagons.



268. Doane Block 1912 Fourth of July Parade

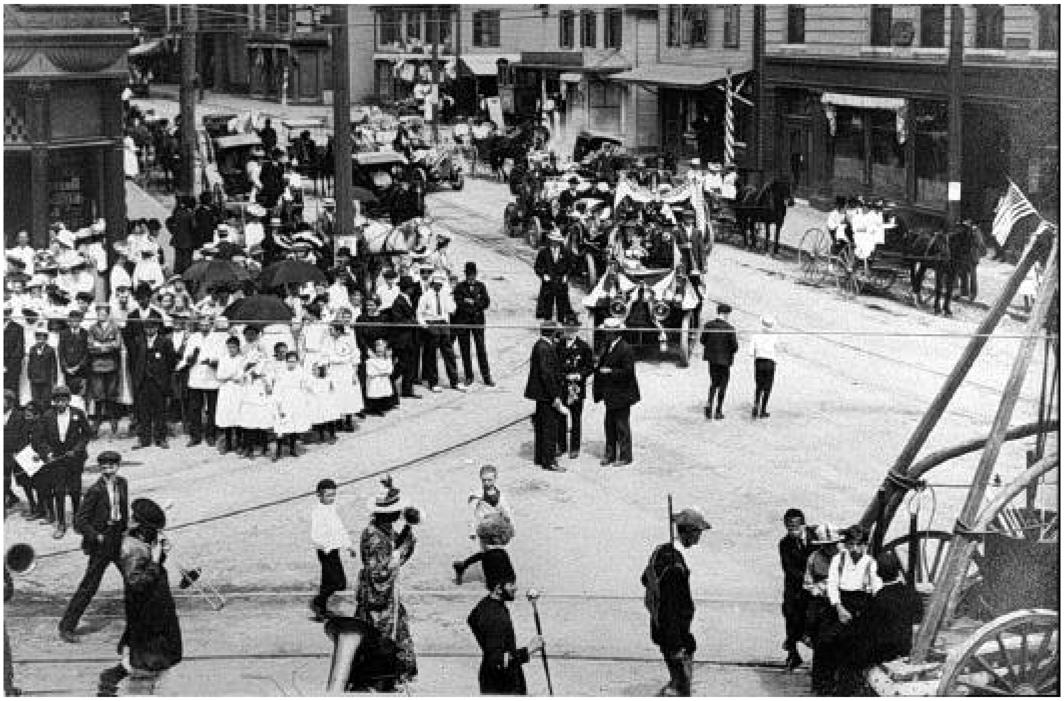
This 4th of July photo clearly shows George E. Doane's sign on his business with parade watchers seated on the roof and on the balcony outside of Redman's Hall.





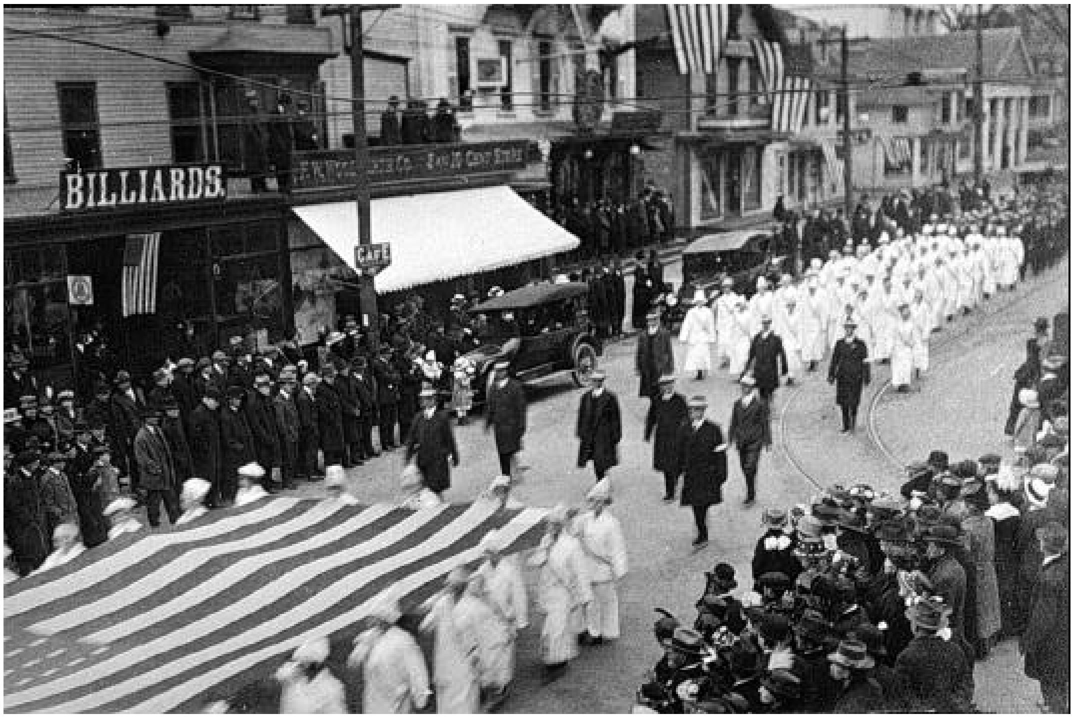
269. Parade

This view, a gift of Mrs. Winberg, shows her father on the corner (Mr. LeBaron) talking to Austin Howard and Warren Stetson. Could this mystery vehicle be one of Middleborough's first pieces of fire apparatus?



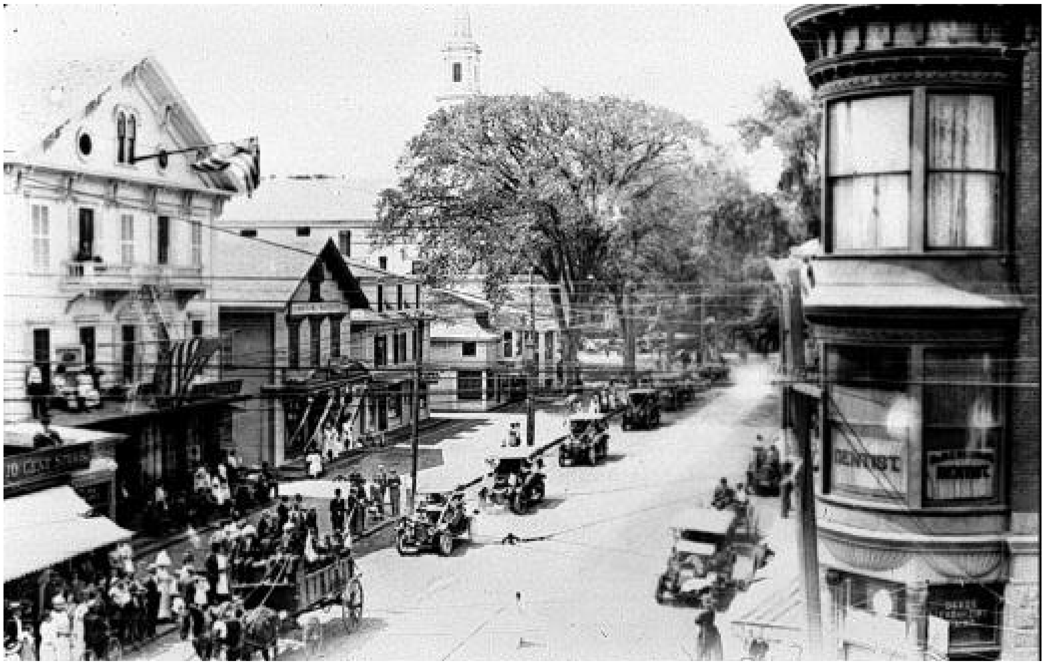
270. Parade

This photo shows the strange vehicle turning the corner of Wareham Street and the three men still talking.


BILLIARDS
CAFE

271. Parade

Probably a view of the 1919 Armistice Day Parade.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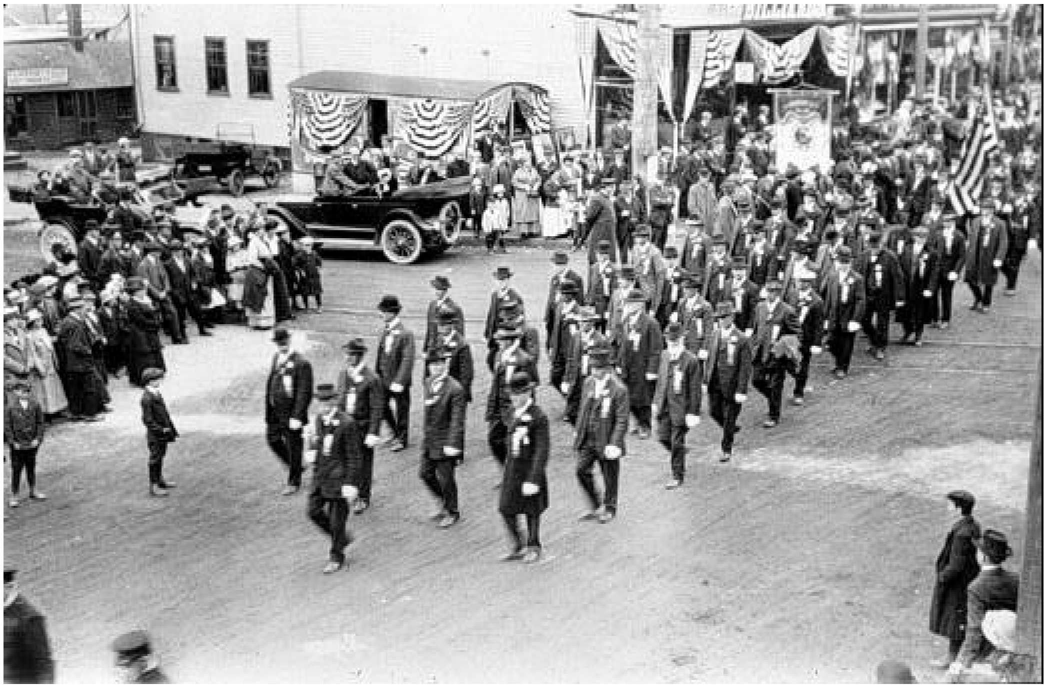
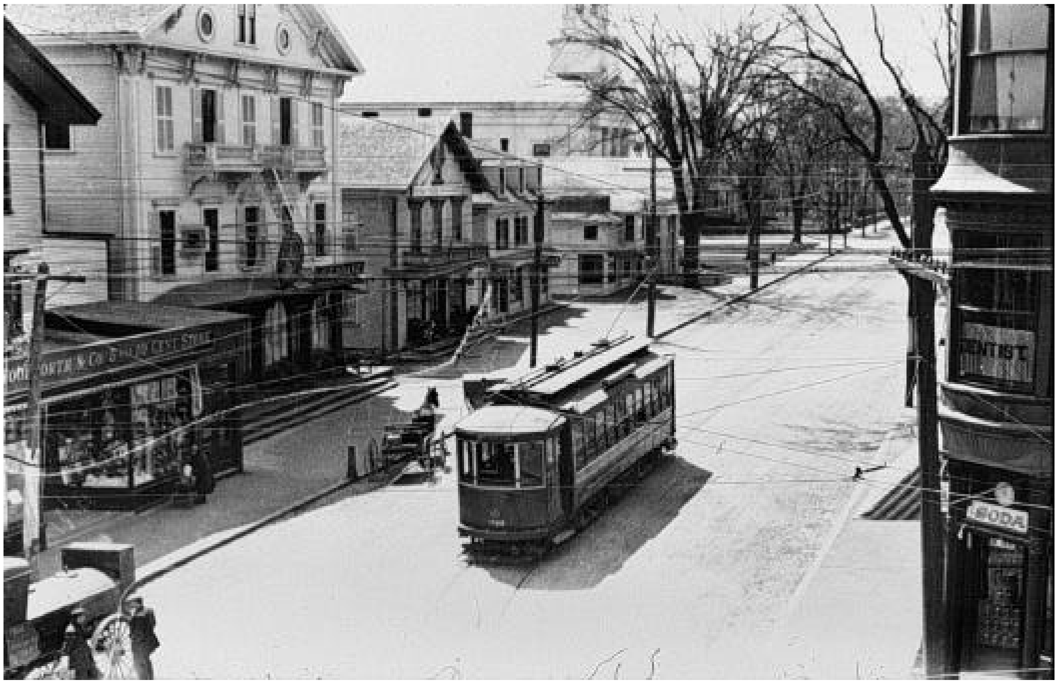
272. Parade

This is an early motorized version of a Middleborough parade.



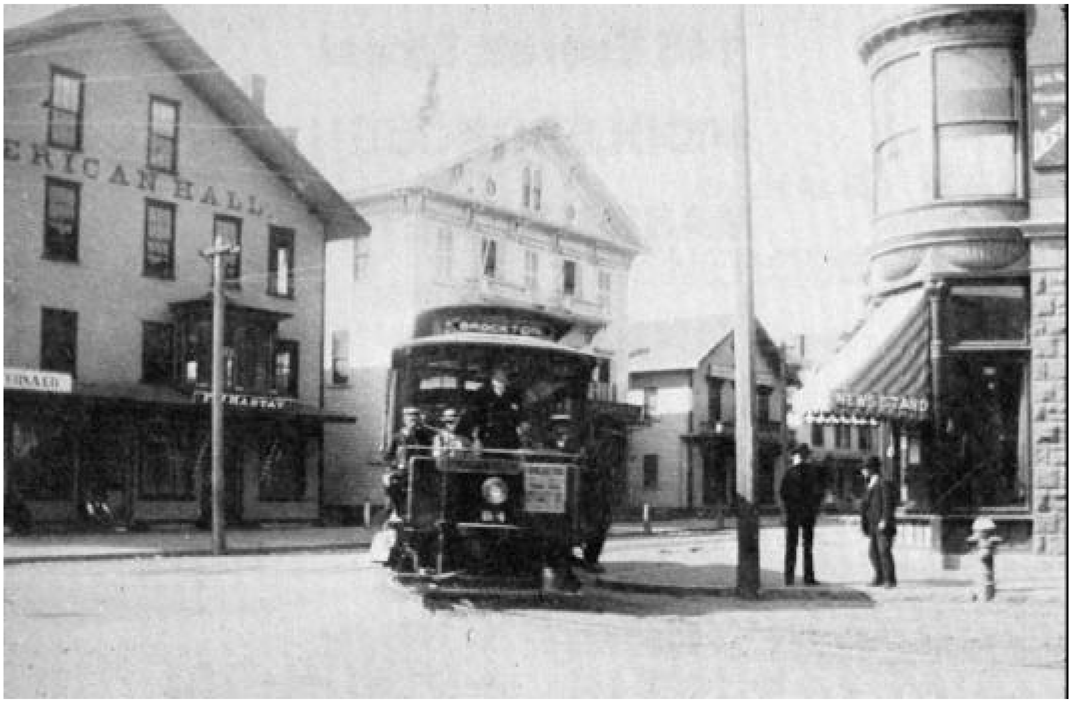
273. Parade

This parade shows some Order, (Moose, Odd Fellows, Masons?). Next to the American Block stands the wagon diner which was relocated to Wareham St. after the Alger block was built.



274. Trolley Car

This is a photo taken by Charles Warren, an amateur photographer, on a Sunday morning showing a New Bedford trolley on South Main Street. The lower left-hand corner shows a kerosene wagon making its deliveries. Behind the trolley may be seen the F.W. Woolworth 5-10 cent store.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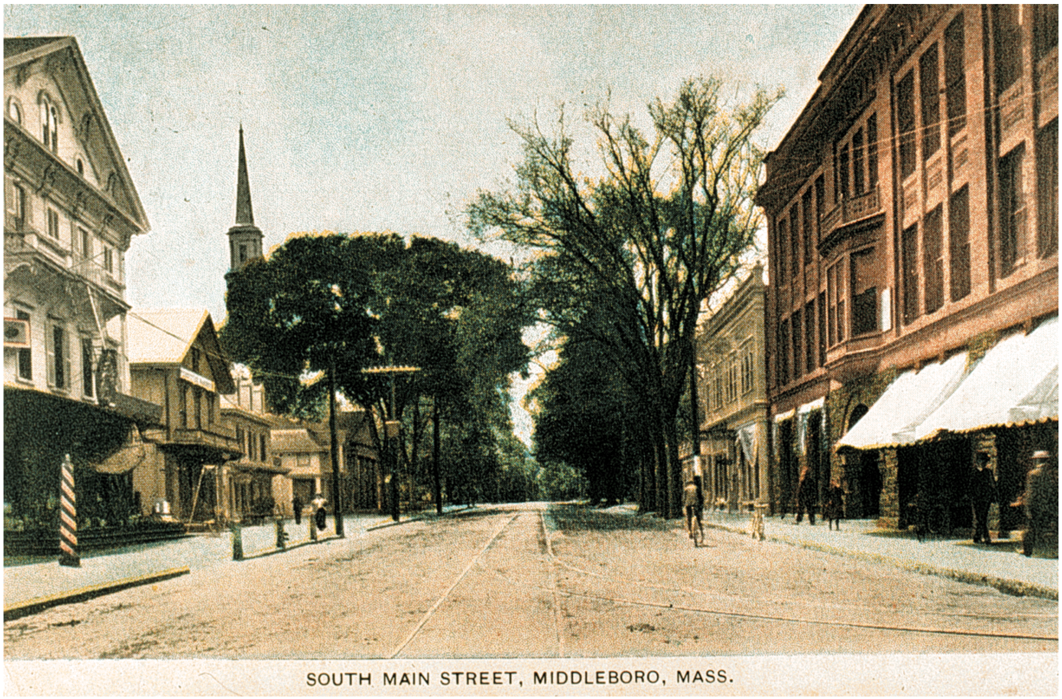
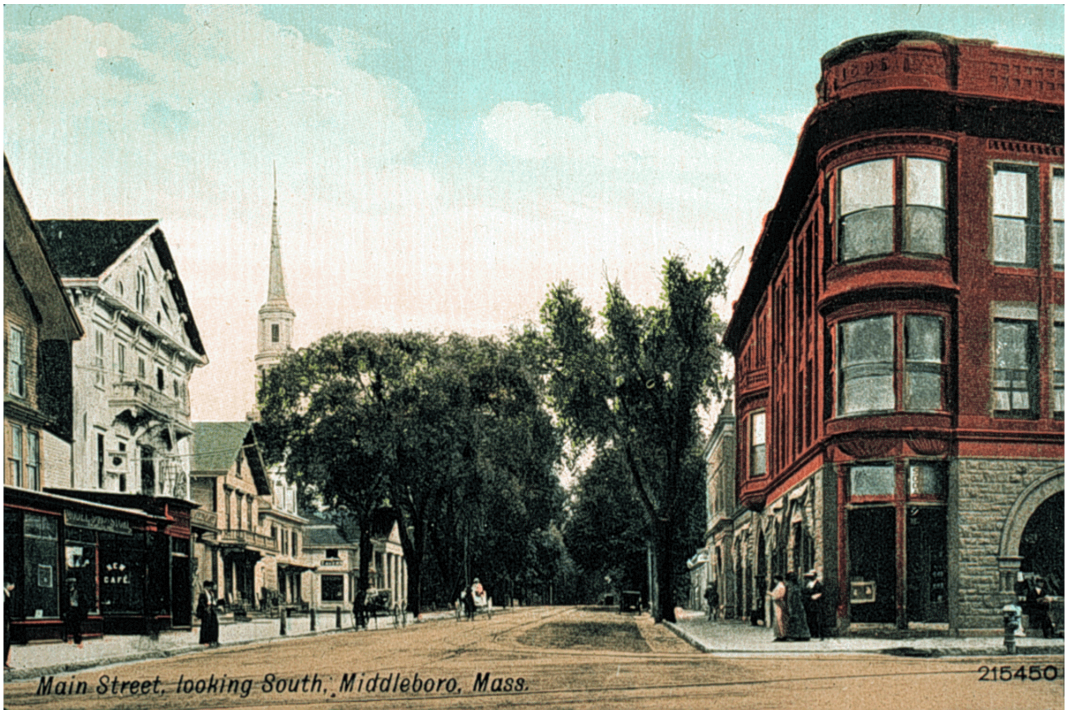
275. Trolley at Four Corners

This view shows a trolley turning the corner by the Hathaway Drug Store to go up Centre Street.


SOUTH MAIN STREET, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

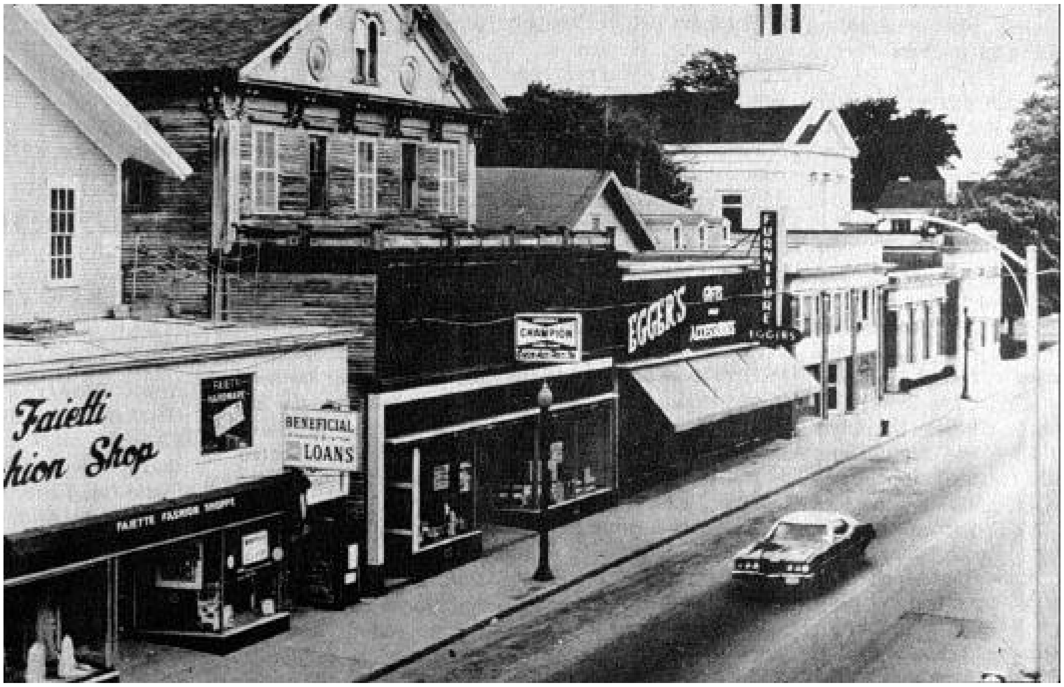
276. South Main Street, Looking South

This is an early view from the downtown Four Corners looking south, picturing old Middleborough.


Main Street, looking South, Middleboro, Mass.
215450
NEW CAFÉ

277. South Main Street, Looking South

Note building at left, the first extension of that side of the street outward toward today's sidewalk. It's the first location of the F.W. Woolworth (famous) 5 and 10. Other buildings have not been brought to the sidewalk and the Cooperative bank is still in the chapel building.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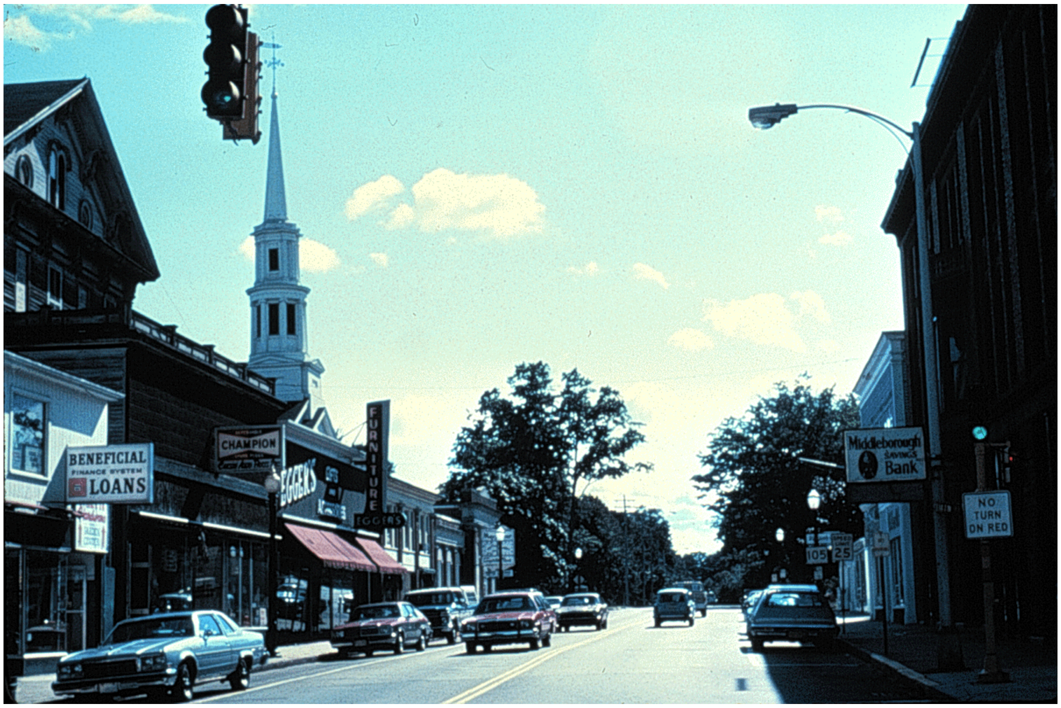
278. South Main Street, Looking South

This rather seedy view pictures the new storefront additions that had not yet been built at the time of the previous pictures.



BENEFICIAL
FINANCE SYSTEM
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CHAMPION
FURNITURE
Middleborough Savings Bank
NO TURN ON RED
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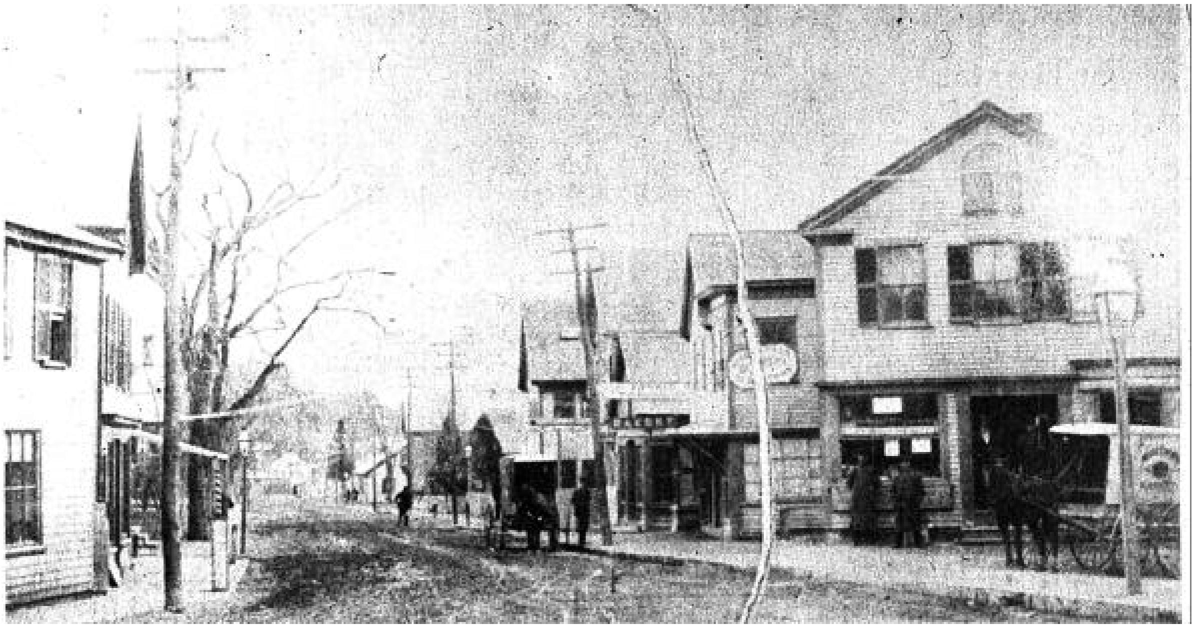
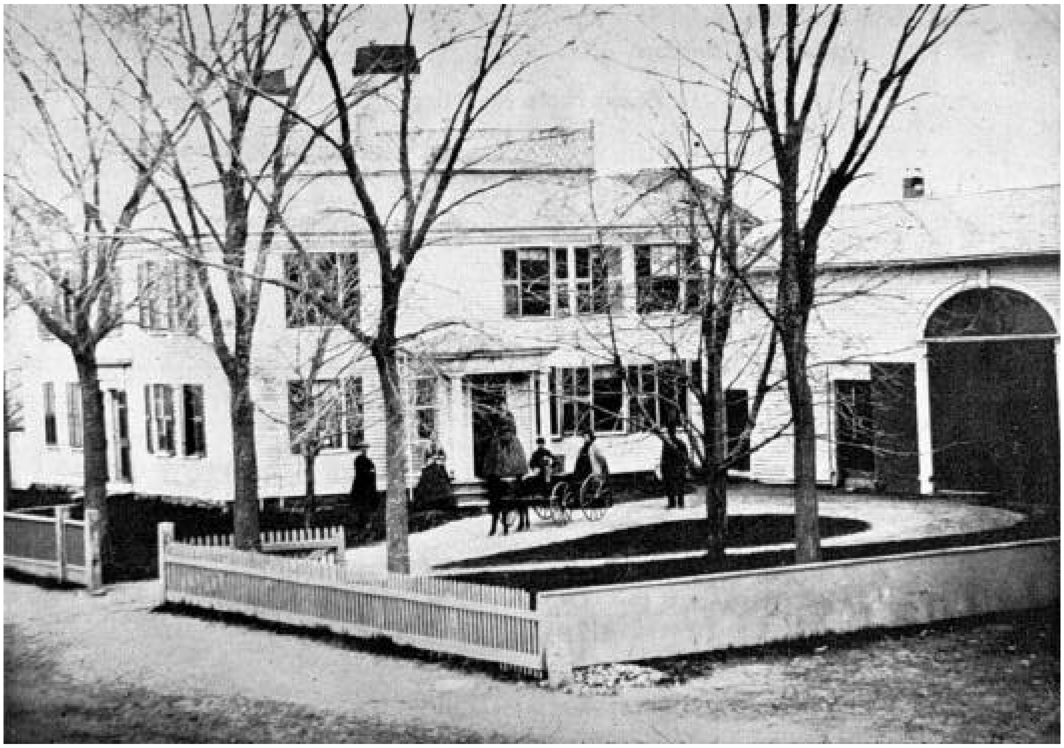
279. South Main Street, Looking South

A more recent view showing the increase in traffic (note overhead red lights) coming down So. Main Street, now route 105.



280. "Olde Middleborough" View to Four Corners

Looking east toward the Nemasket River, note the large amount of business establishments as compared to recent decades.



281. Thatcher Homestead

Major Levi Peirce built this home as a wedding gift for his daughter Elizabeth and her husband Alan C. Thatcher, and the boy in the carriage is Henry L. Thatcher who founded the H.L. Thatcher & Co. Printing business on what is now Thatcher's Row.

282. Four Generations of Thatchers

A family portrait taken around 1882 shows four generations of Thatcher men, prominent figures in early Middleborough history: (left to right) Allen Crocker Thatcher, Henry L. Thatcher, Allan R. Thatcher, Levi Peirce Thatcher. Born in 1783, the elder Thatcher was approaching 100 years old when he sat for the family portrait in a Middleborough studio.

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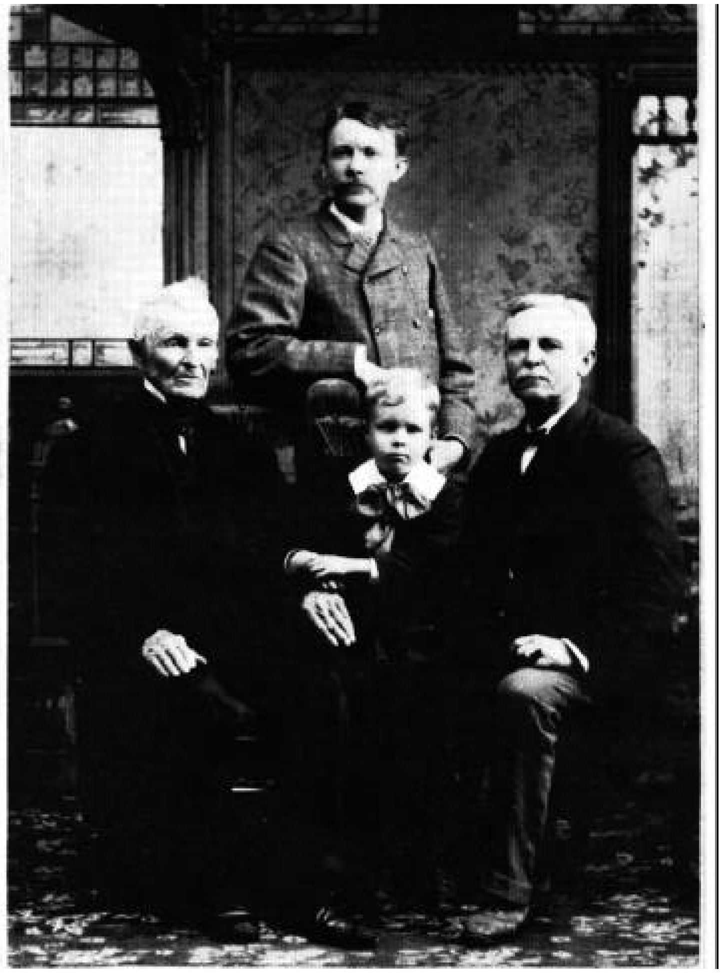
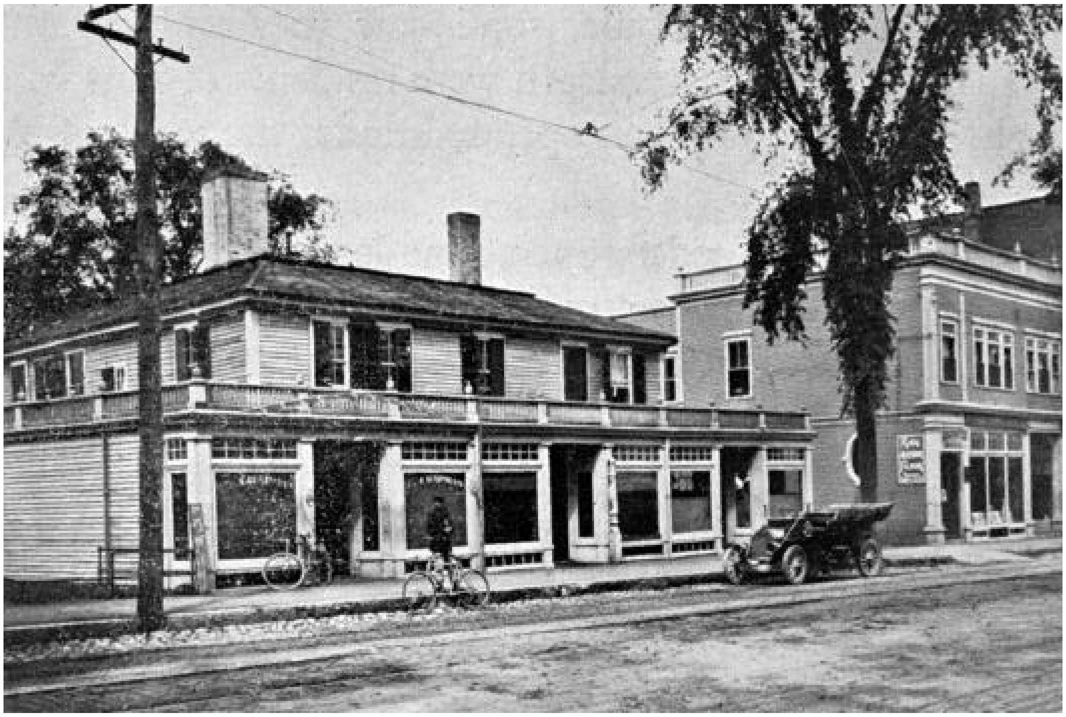
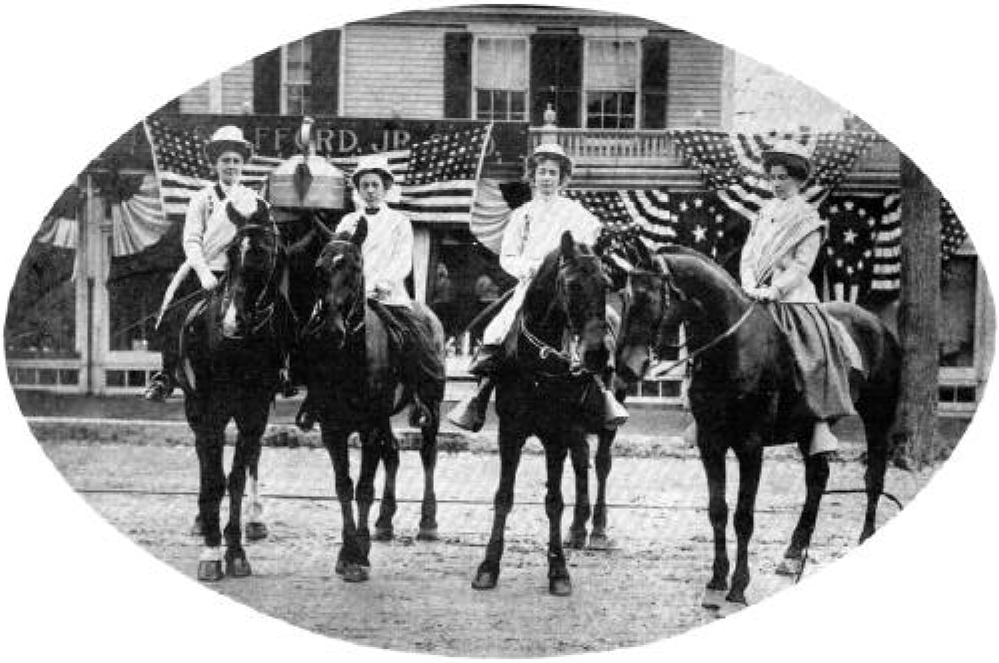




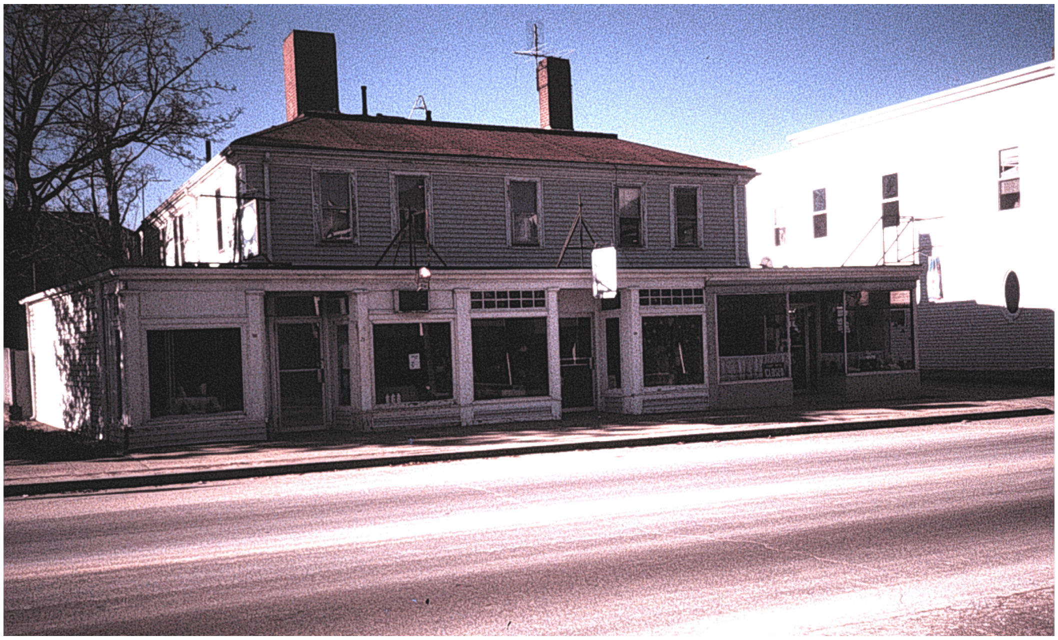
283. Thatcher Block

At about this time the greenhouses that were in the homestead were purchased by Timothy Creedon and moved to the present location of Jim Butler's floral business, still known as Creedon's. Storefronts had also been added to the front of this building.



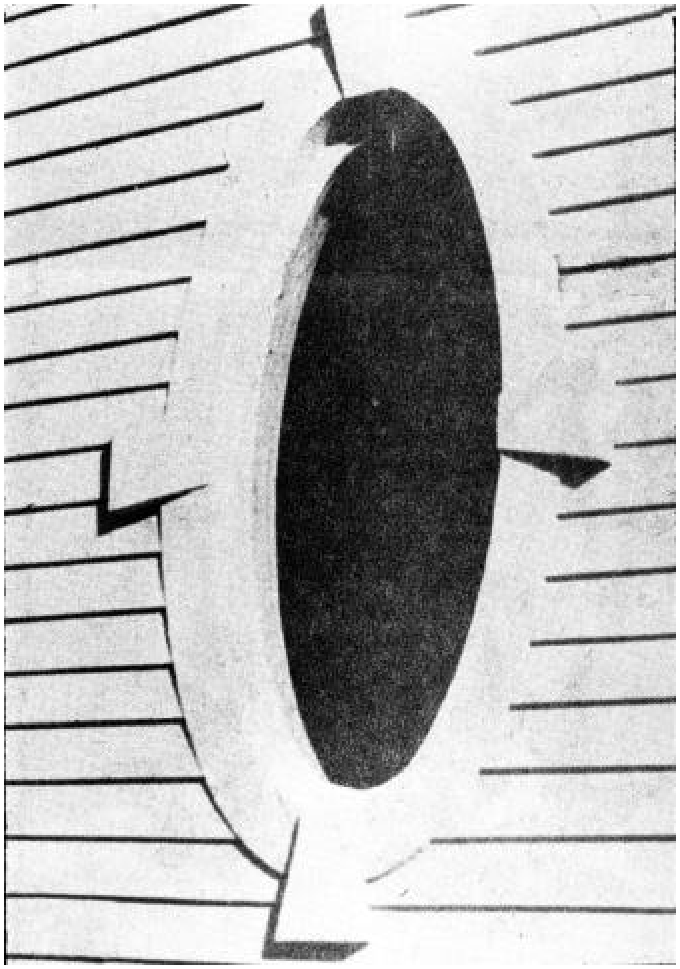
284. Fourth of July Parade

Our equestrian unit at a Fourth of July Parade in 1909 showing riders; Edith Cushing MacAffee, Madeline Smith Alger, Mertie Philbrook Romaine and Gladys Shockley Thatcher.



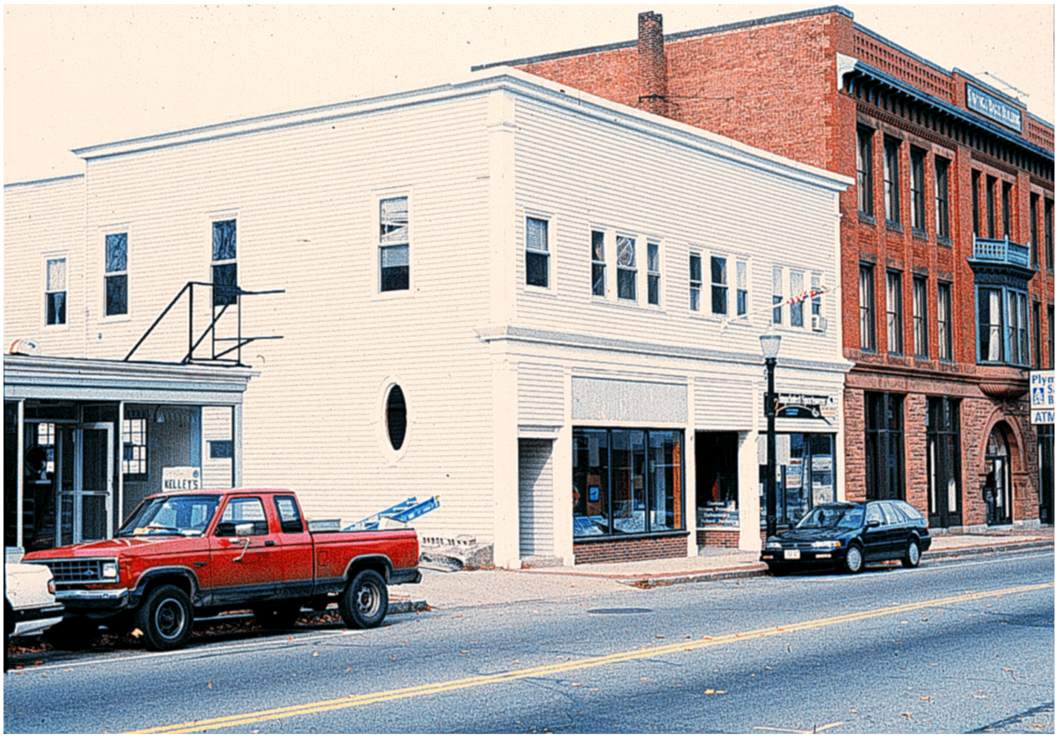
285. Thatcher Block

Today the old Thatcher Homestead survives as a business block with apartments.



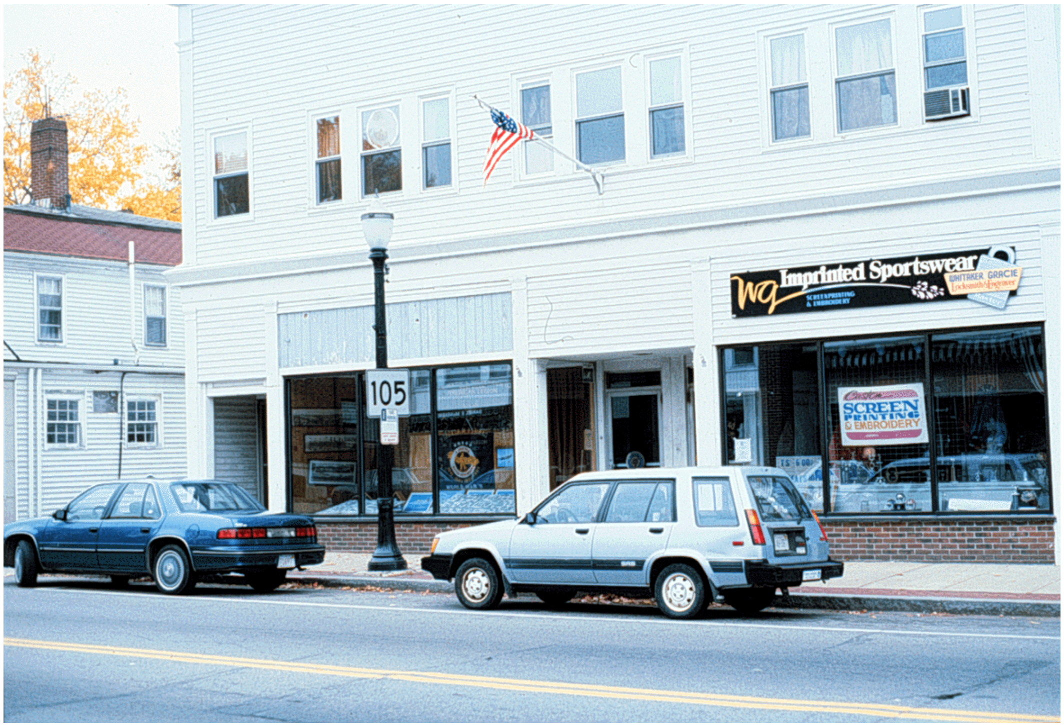
286. Homestead Block Window

The one remaining window of a pair of oval windows built into the south side of the Homestead building in 1855.



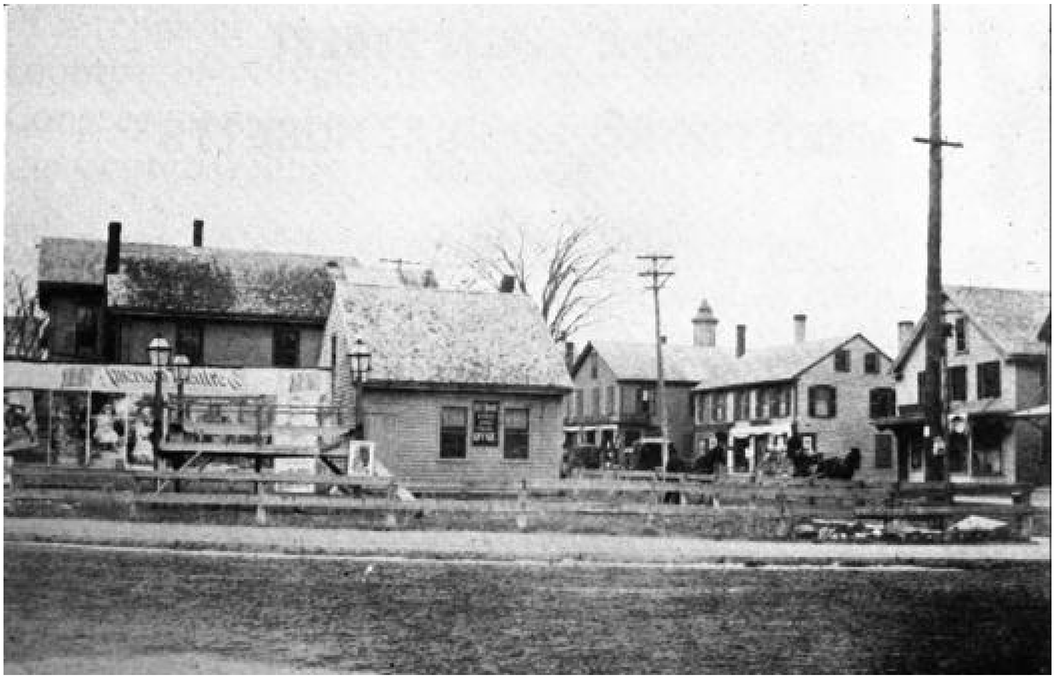
287. Homestead Block (Legion Block)

This is a contemporary view of the old Homestead building. During the depression a grocery store was located here, operated by Bay O'Toole, who, over the years hired many of Middleborough's growing young people to clerk for him.


105
Imprinted Sportswear
SCREEN PRINTING & EMBROIDERY

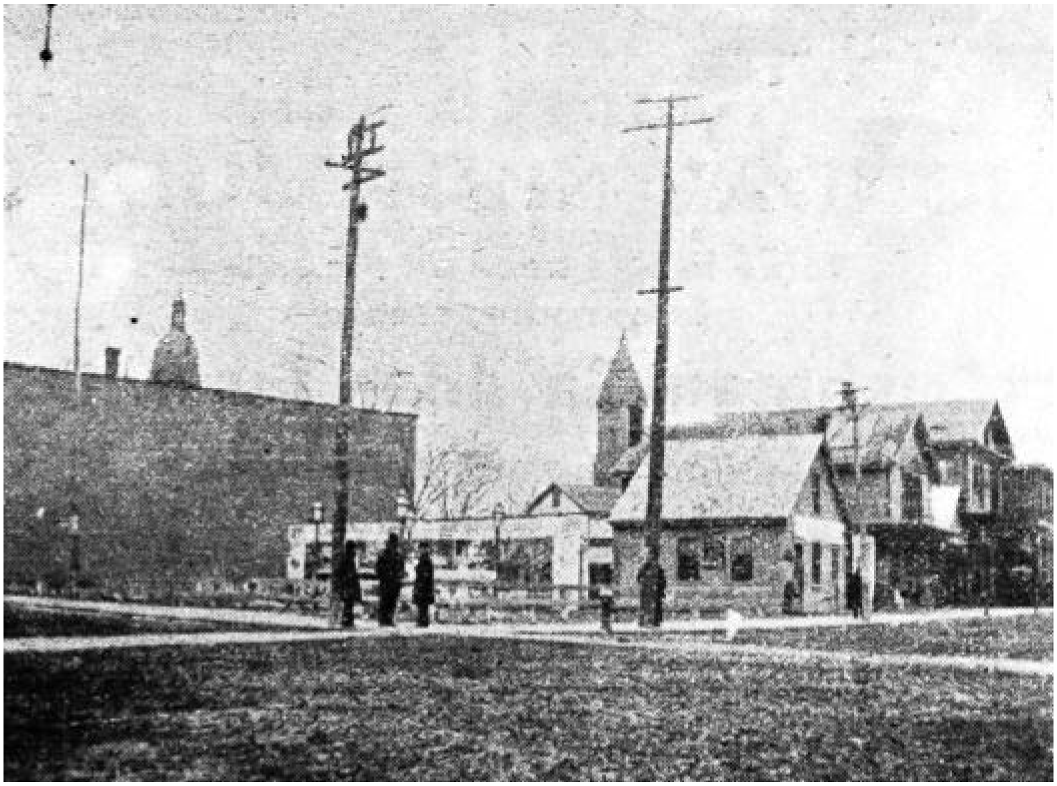
288. Homestead Block (Legion Block)

The building today is known as the Legion Block, and houses businesses on the ground floor. Legionnaires meet on the second floor.



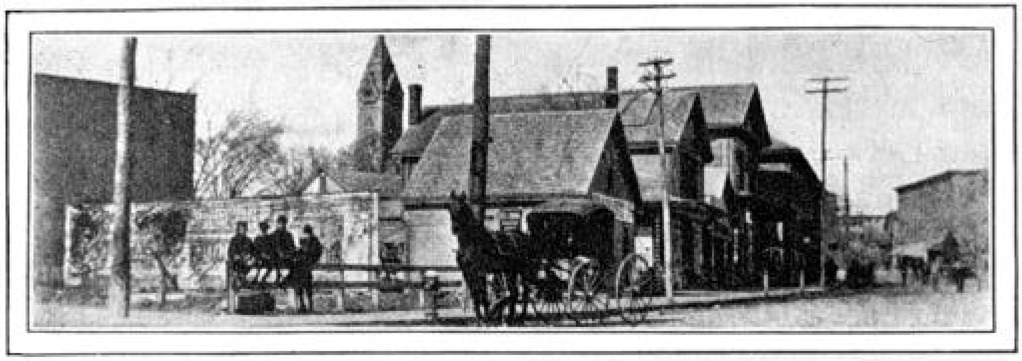
289. "The Corner Lot"

Levi Peirce and his brother Peter started their mercantile career in the little building clearly visible on this corner, thereby founding Middleborough's downtown business community. Many homes, visible during these early pictures became storefronts whose original structures are still apparent in the heart of Middleborough's downtown.



290. “An Old Corner”

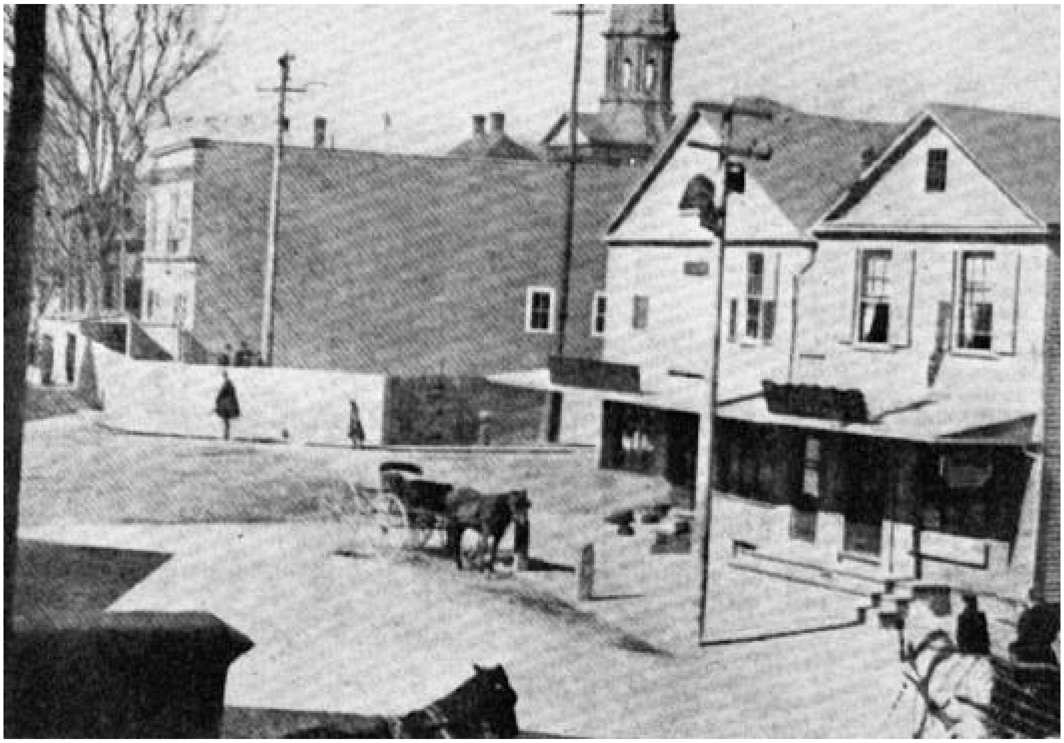
Taken from what later became Bob’s Diner corner, this photo clearly shows the Peirce Store, the peak of the H.L. Thatcher building, and the steeple of the second Baptist Church, built after the 1888 fire.



SITE OF BANK BLOCK IN 1875

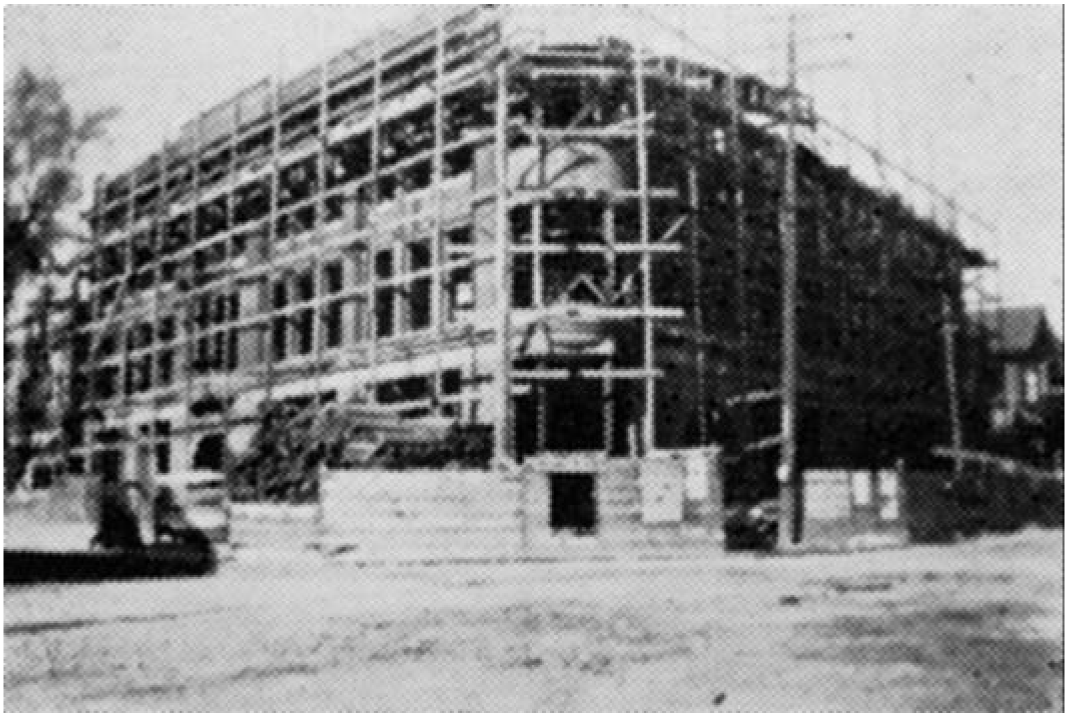
291. Site of Bank Block

The Levi Peirce building in the foreground was also used to keep town clerk monies, and thus became the site of our first “bank” robbery when thieves broke in and stole cash bonds and jewelry.



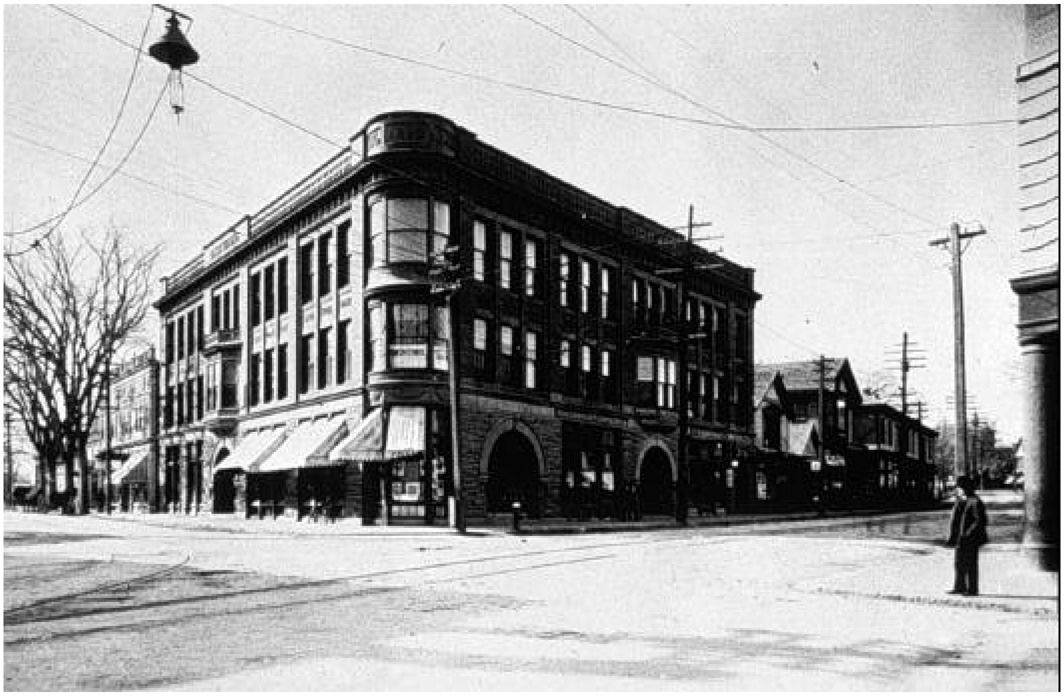
292. Bank Building Site

The buildings on the right side are the Cushman's Market and Barden's Market – the former was torn down and the latter moved to the corner of Myrtle Ave. and North Street (where it still stands as a residence) to make room for the Peirce building, built in 1900.



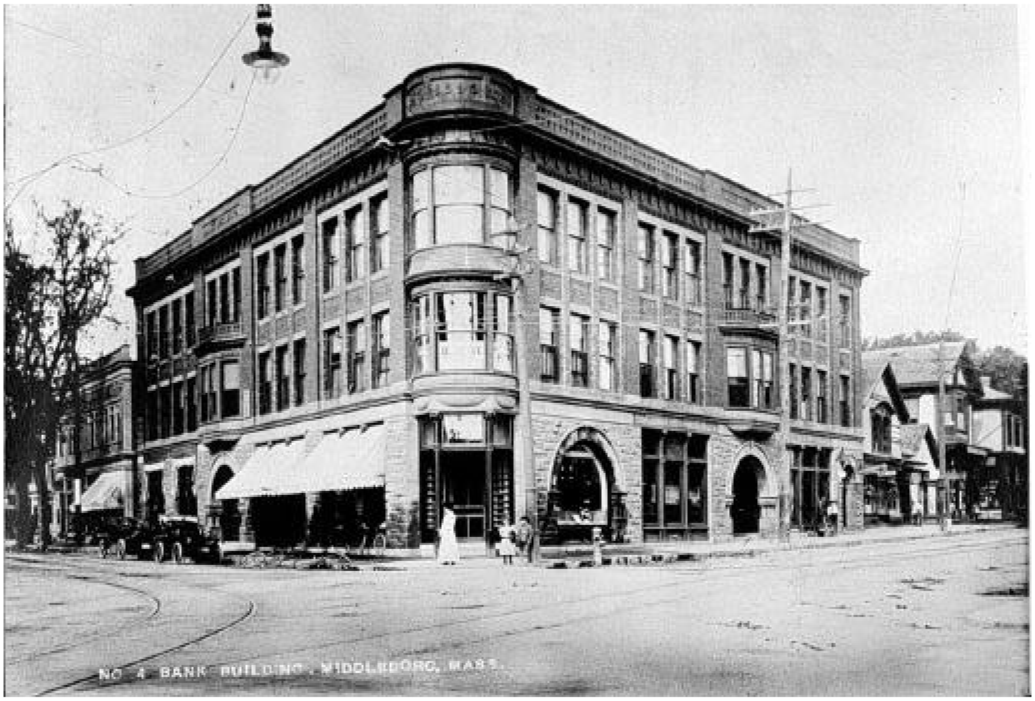
293. Erection of Bank Building

A tremendous change in the Four Corners came about in the latter 1890's with the erection of the Savings Bank, in 1895, and then, five years later, the Peirce Building across the street.



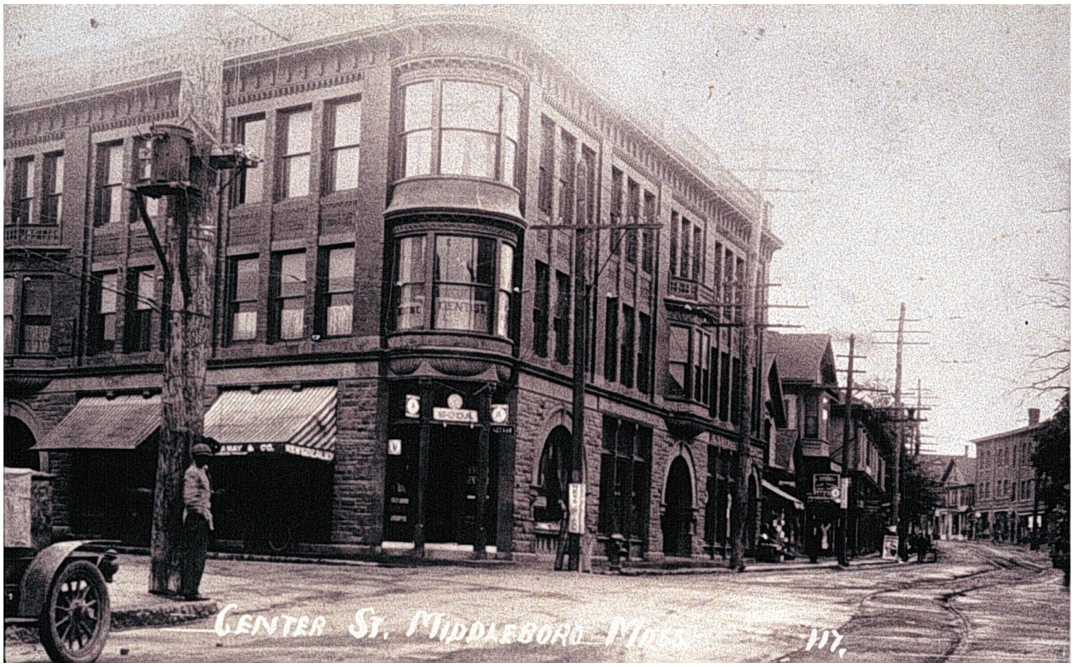
294. Bank Block

In the middle of the Four Corners is an incandescent light, a relative rarity for the times.


NO. 4 BANK BUILDING, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

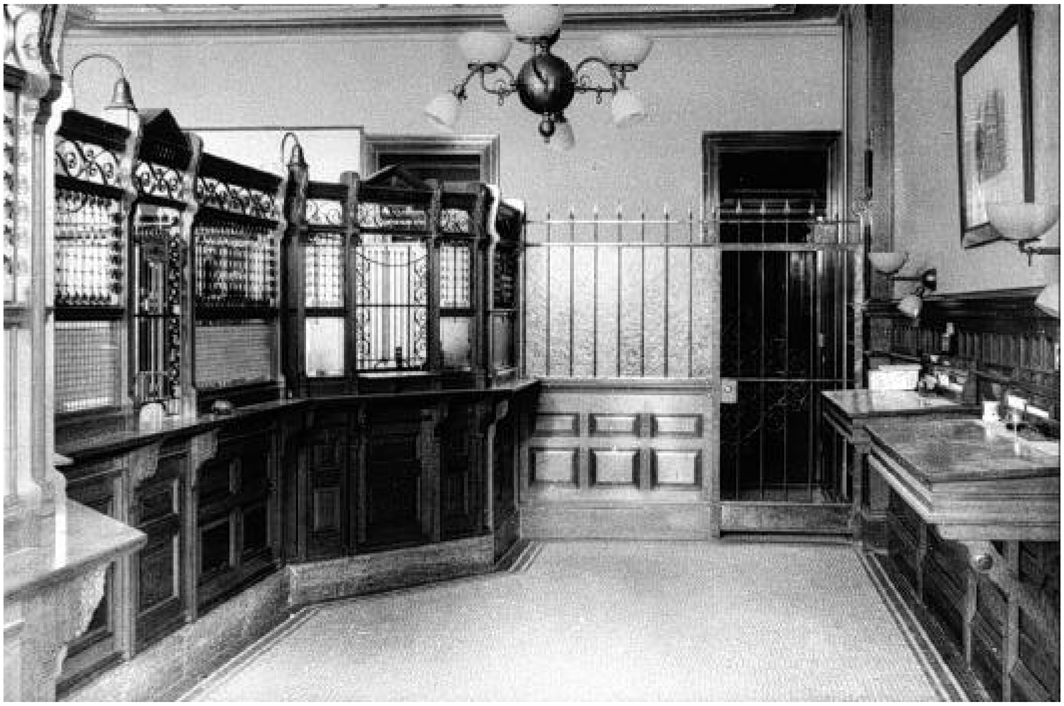
295. Bank Block

The bank building housed many professionals over the years; dentists, lawyers and fraternal organizations like the Odd Fellows. Note the trolley tracks down the Centre Street.


DENTIST
SODA
CENTER ST. MIDDLEBORO MASS.
117.

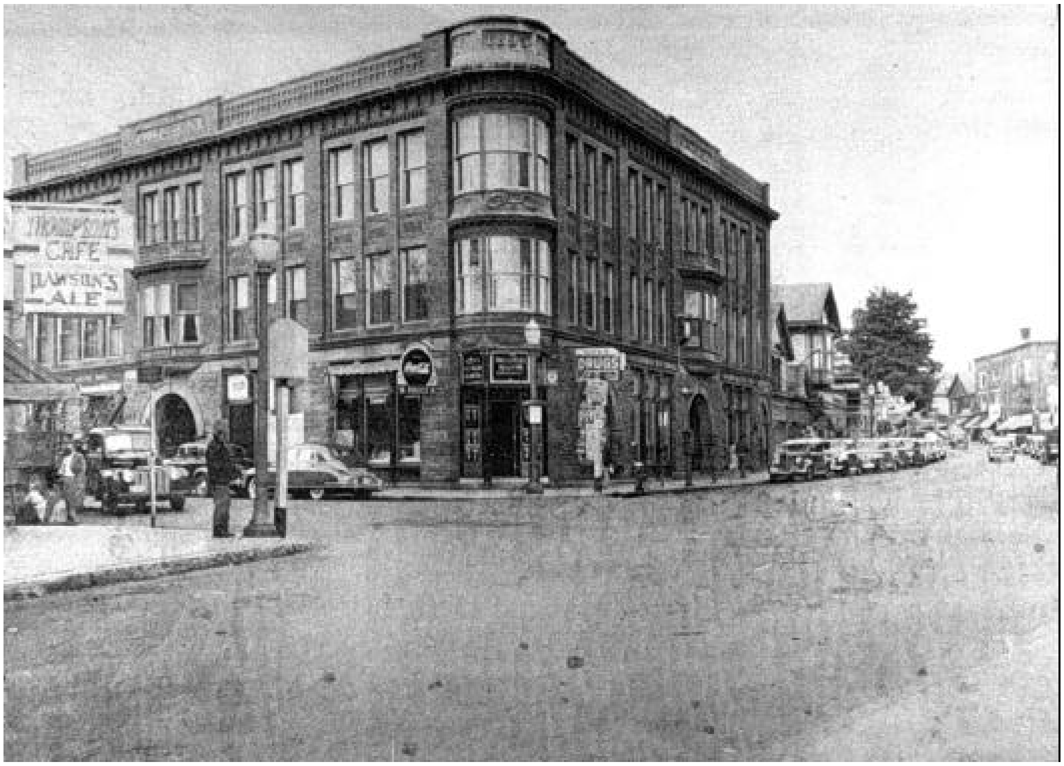
296. Bank Block

Clearly visible at the left is the front end of what is believed to be a kerosene wagon making the rounds for the many lamps in the village. Across the intersection in the bottom corner of the Bank Building is the long-lived Hathaway's Drug Store.



297. Middleborough National Bank Interior

Typical dark paneled glass enclosed cages for the tellers operating behind the metal grills. Austere and depressing, we'd say today.


THOMPSON'S
CAFE
DAWSON'S
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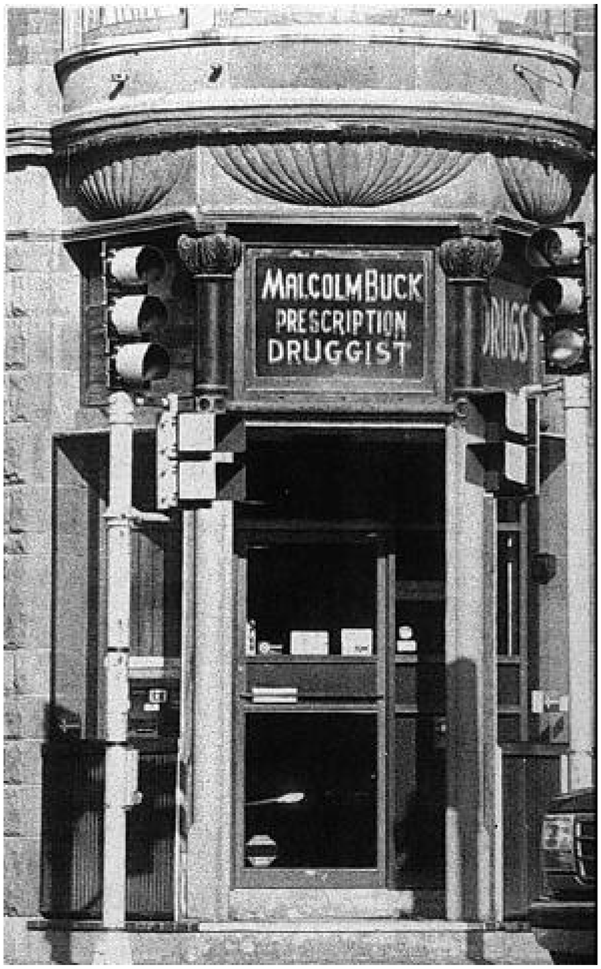
298. Bank Block

Mr. Thompson, owner of the well known Four Corner’s Thompson’s Café, first beer dispensing store after Prohibition, is shown clearly supervising a gas and electric worker just outside his place of business.

299. Bank Block Entrance

This view clearly shows the uncovering of the druggist's sign of Malcolm Buck, who operated at this corner location from the early 30's until his son moved the store across the street in the 50's. The sign was uncovered during bank renovations in the mid-nineties.


MALCOLM BUCK
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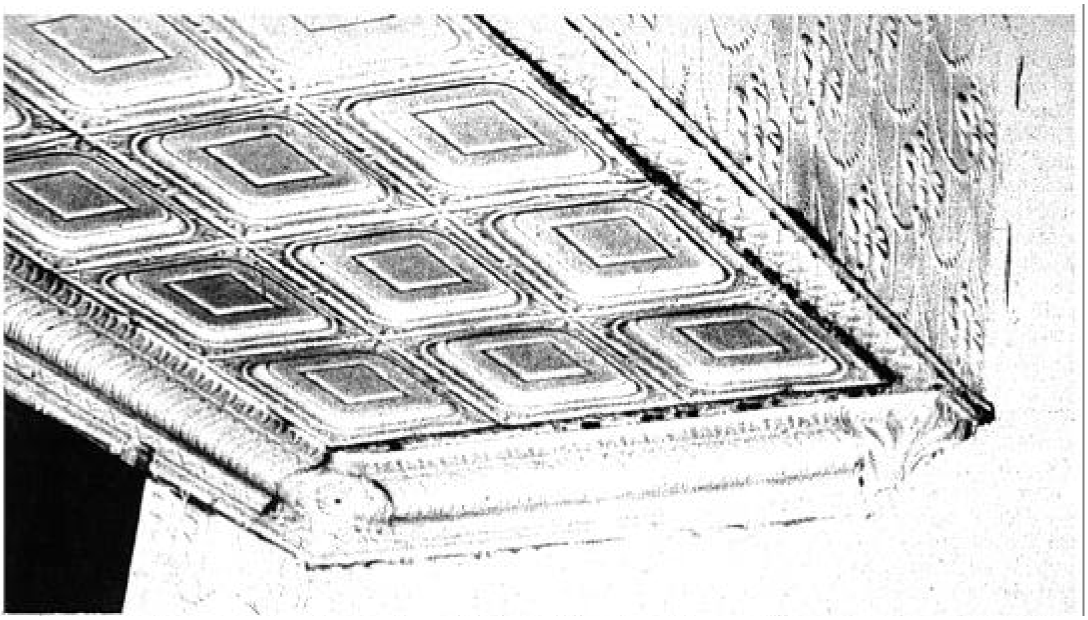
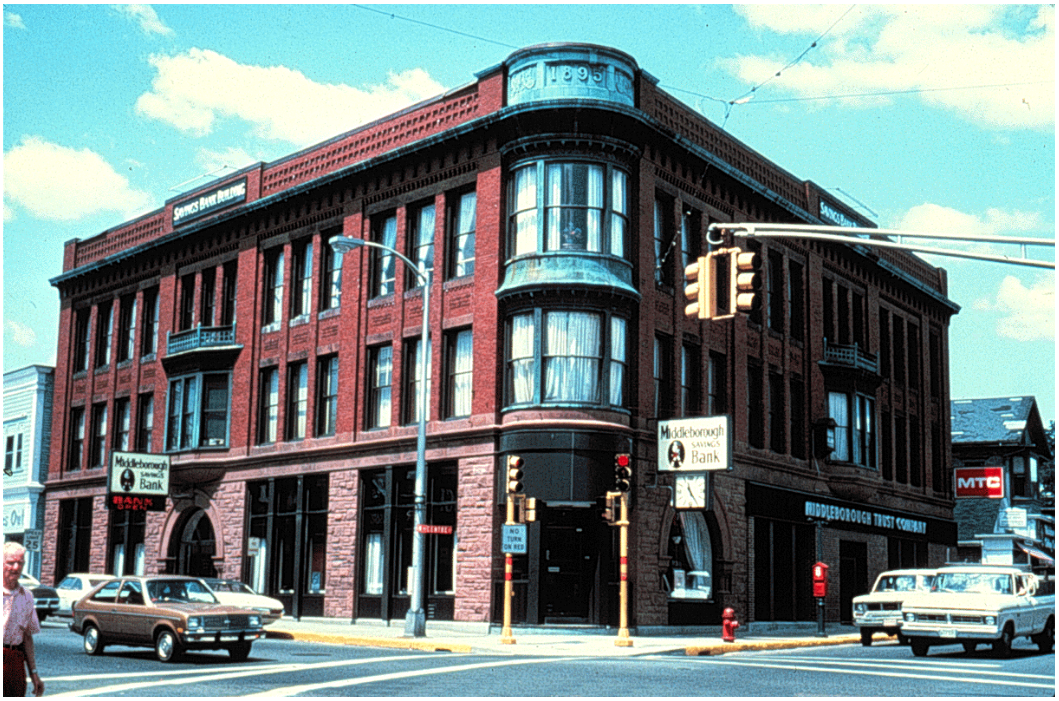


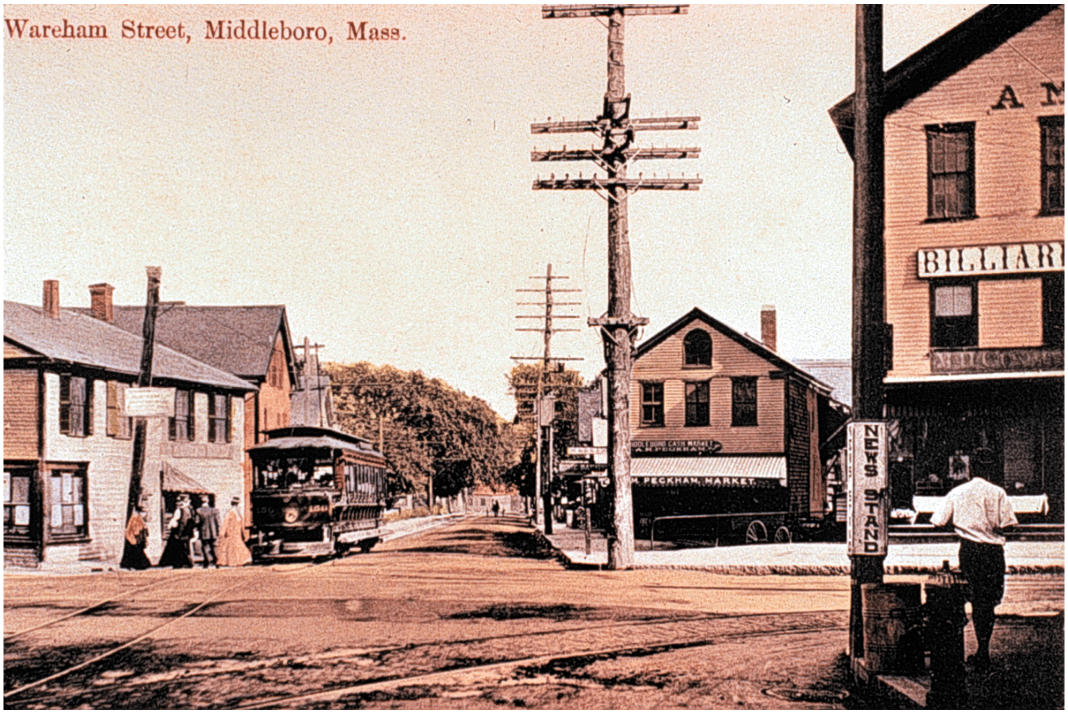
300. Bank Building Ceiling

Once a commonplace material for decorating a building interior, particularly ceilings, this representation of that styling graced the interior of the Middleborough Savings Bank, now long covered or replaced with dropped ceilings.



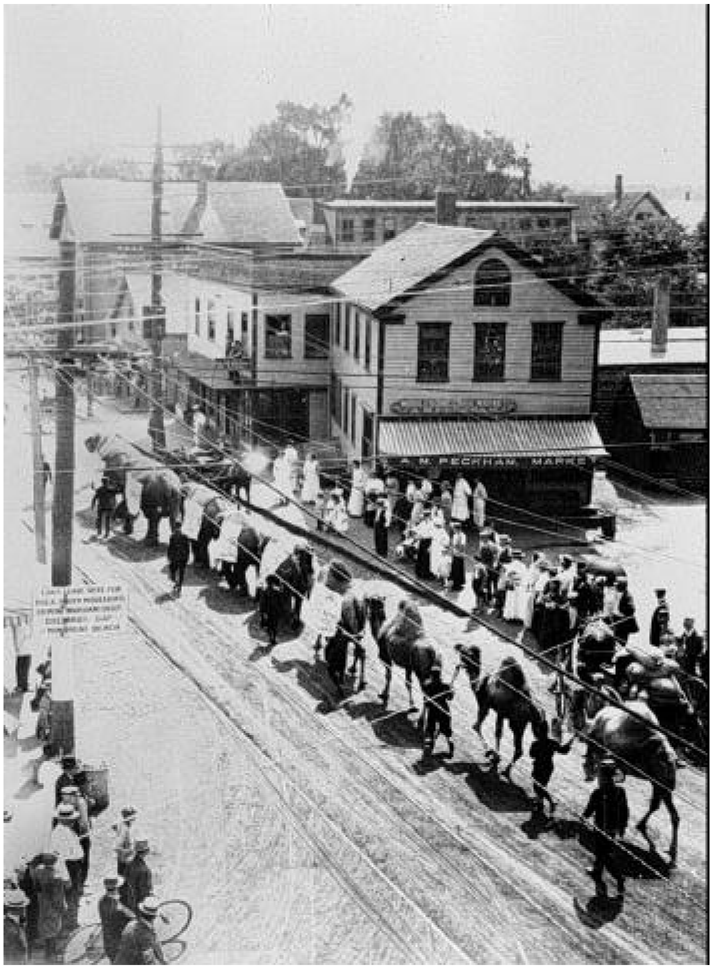
301. Bank Block

Note the overhead traffic lights at this now busy modern intersection. It replaced the raised platform upon which Chief Sisson, early in the century, and his subsequent successors stood to direct traffic.


Wareham Street, Middleboro, Mass.
NEWS STAND
BILLIAR
PECKHAM MARKET

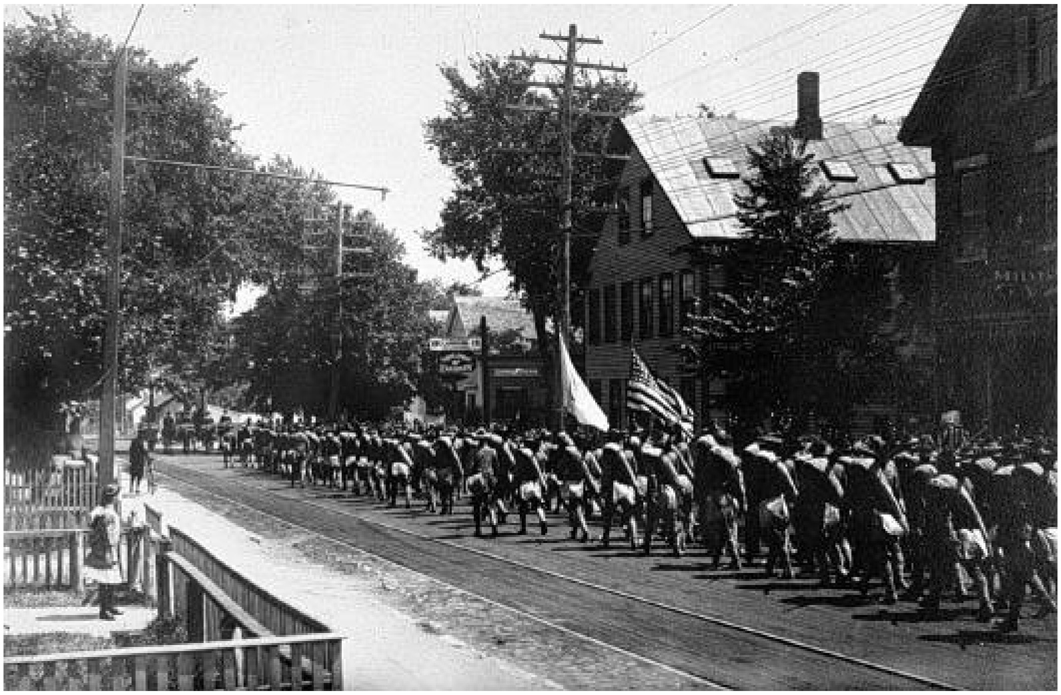
302. Wareham Street

Probably just pulling away from Thompson's Waiting Room, the streetcar is nicely framed by Peckham's Market, on the left on Wareham Street, and the American Hall, along So. Main Street. Note the newsboy by the fireplug in front of the Savings Bank.



303. Circus Parade

Looking east, one views the parade heading toward the river past Peckham's Market and two buildings before one passes the Gazette building. Above to the left is visible the upper stories of the factory that became Lloyd Perkins Plumbing business.

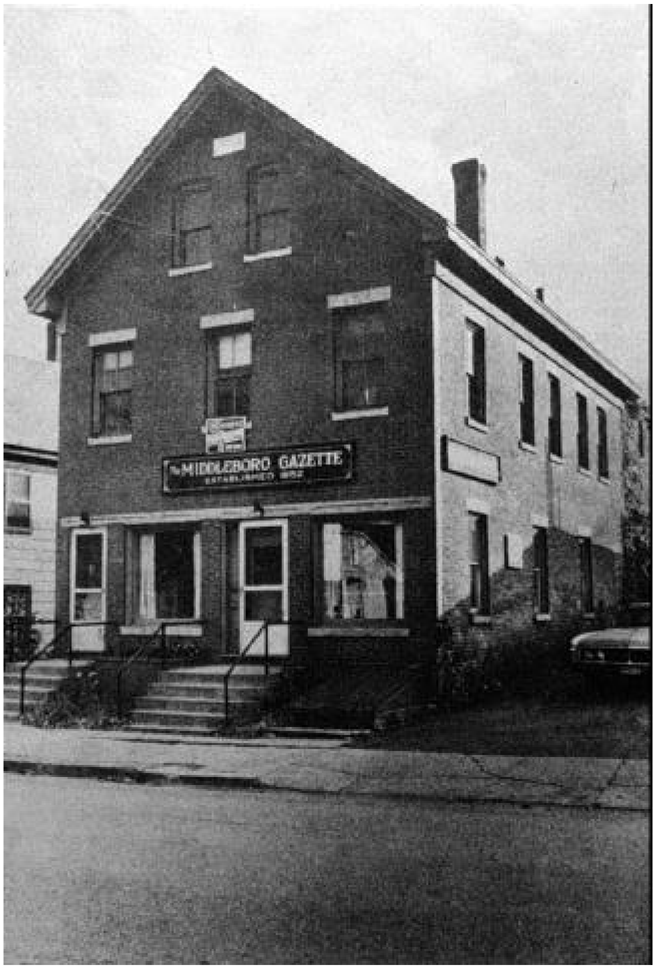


304. The Armistice Day Parade

"The Armistice Day Parade" is heading east past the factory building and the Gazette building. One clearly sees the sign of a laundry business and a Good Year vulcanizing business on the right just beyond Clifford Street and Wareham Street corner.

305. Middleborough Gazette Building

Middleborough’s beloved columnist and photographer of the 20th century, Clint Clark, must often have gazed out of the upstairs window behind which his small office was located.

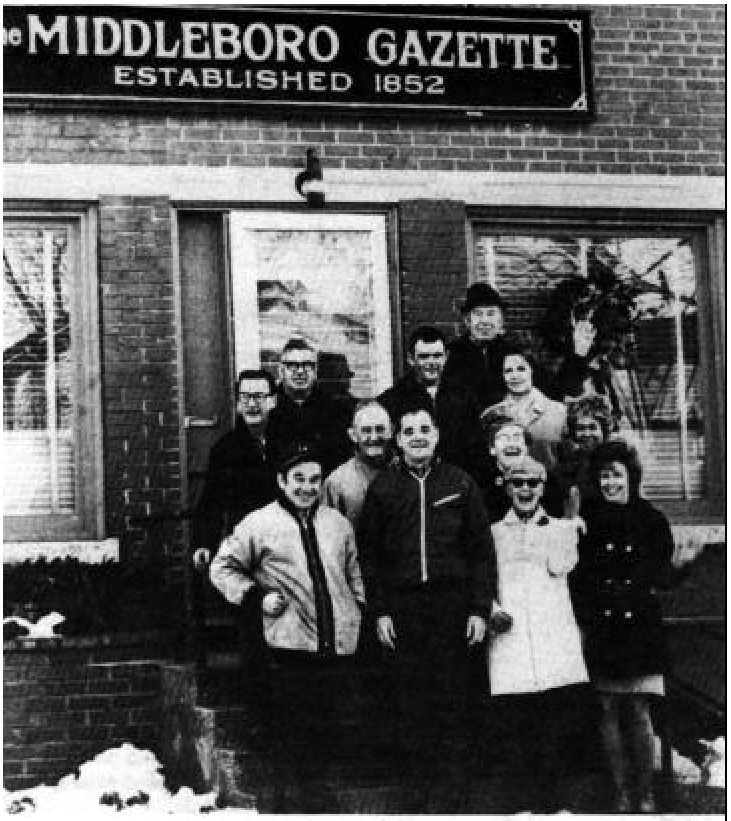

The MIDDLEBORO GAZETTE
ESTABLISHED 1852

306. Clint Clark

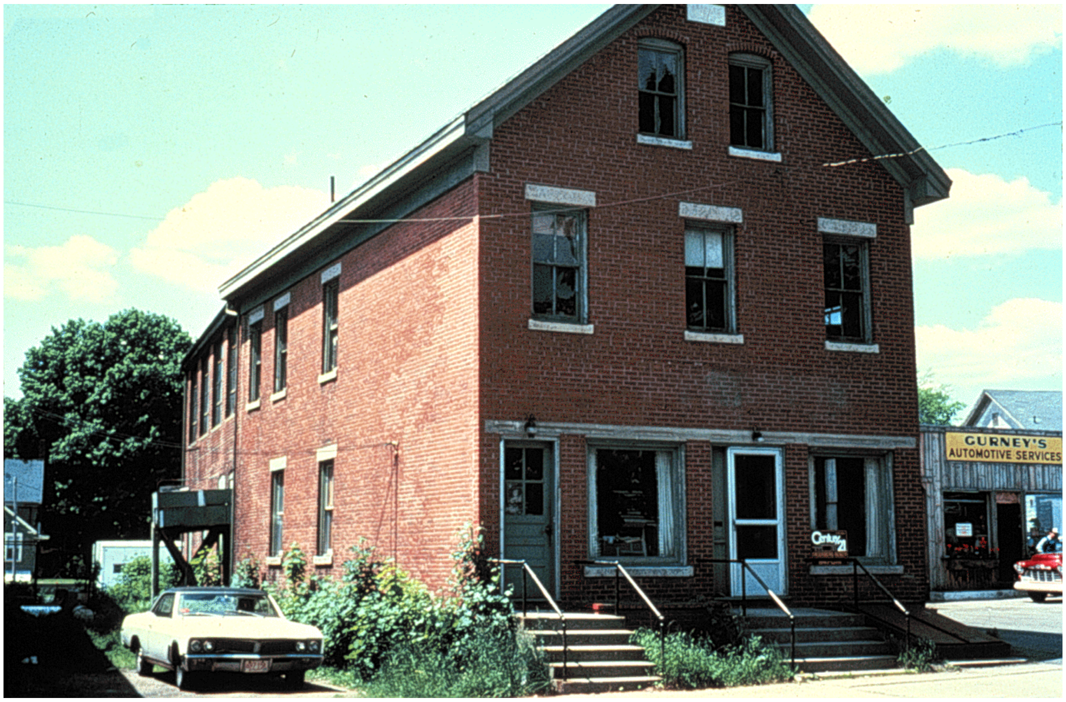
An intimate and characteristic pose of Clint Clark, journalist, columnist and historian. He was the beloved friend of generations of Middleborough citizens. A relative captured Clint in an off-guard moment.

307. Middleborough Gazette Staff

In 1970 the Gazette staff sent this photograph as its Christmas greeting. The photographer was Clint Clark, also pictured in the upper right. Clint set the camera on a timed sequence, and dashed to his spot to have his place in the photo.

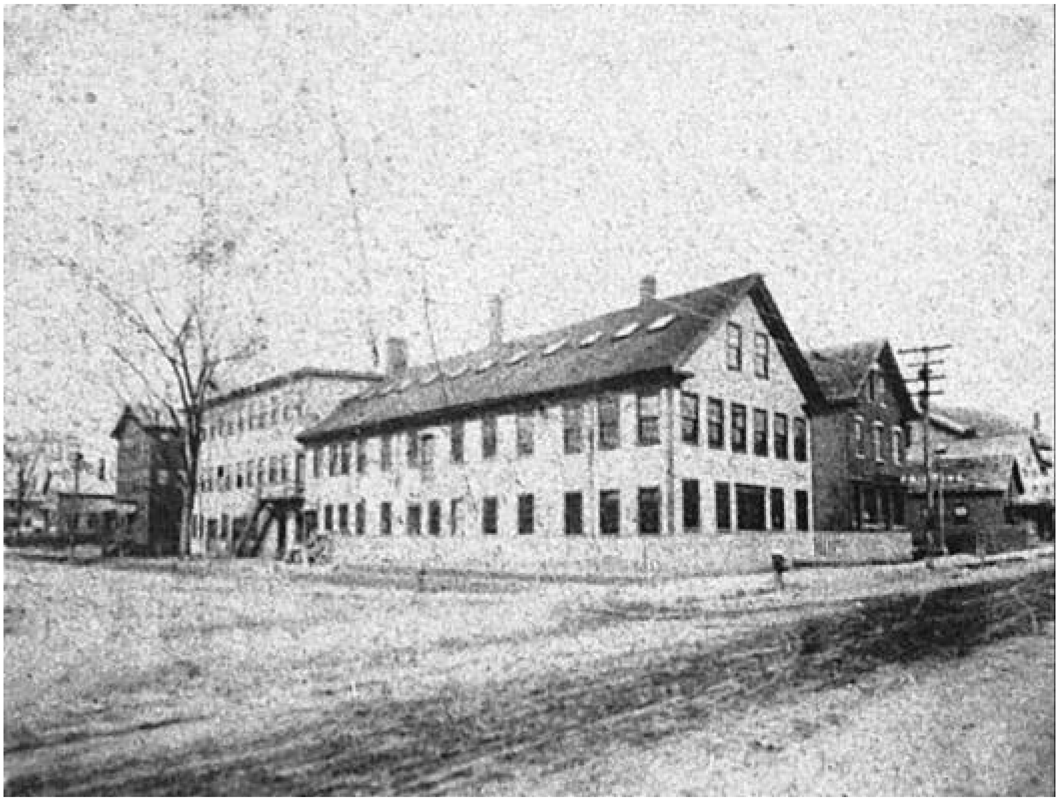


CHRISTMAS GREETINGS, 1970, from The Gazette staff; front row — "Buddy" Record, "Rennie" Wood (publisher), "Dot" Peterson and Barbara Ouelette. Second row; "Eddie" Rogers, Doris Maynard and Sally Maynard. Third row; "Manny Silva, Tom Rogers, Clint Clark and Reva Roy. (Photo by Clint Clark)



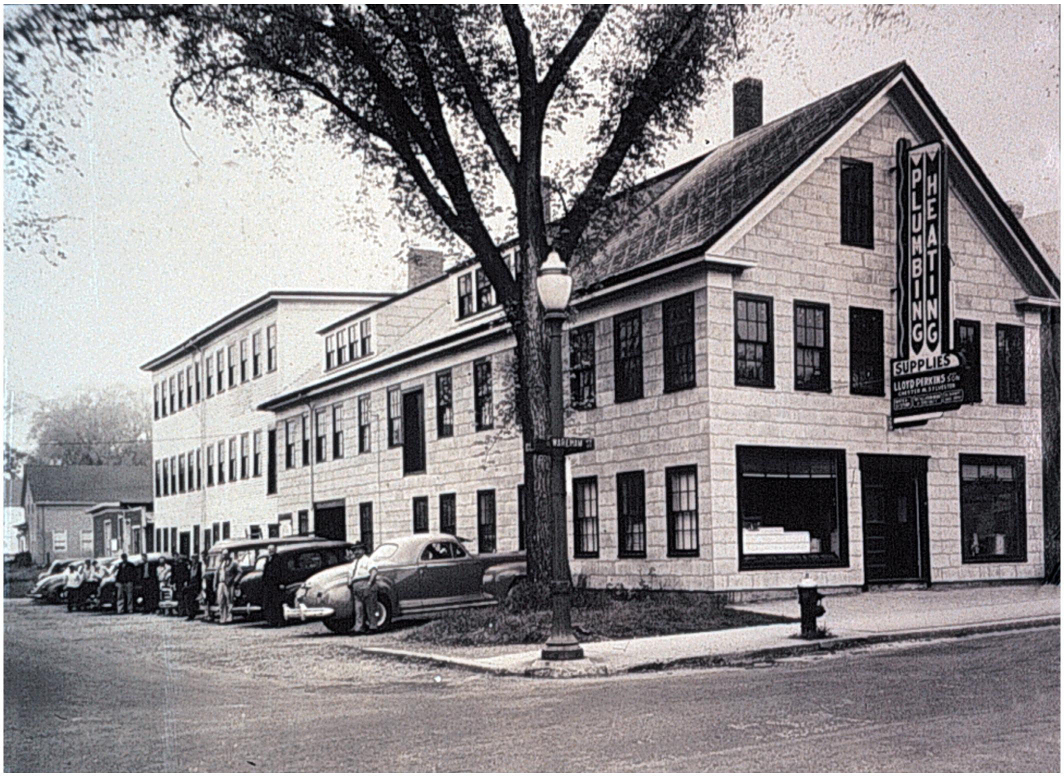
308. Former Gazette Building

Visible to the right of the well-known Gazette building is the Gurney Filling Station successor to the Standish Gas Station of earlier years. Later dismantled, the lot is now the property of the town, scheduled to become added downtown parking space.



309. Jenk's Machine Shop

Located in the large factory building, Jenk's advertised by this picture in a collage of photos of this era published by Butman Photo Studies and made available by the courtesy of the Lakeville Historical Association.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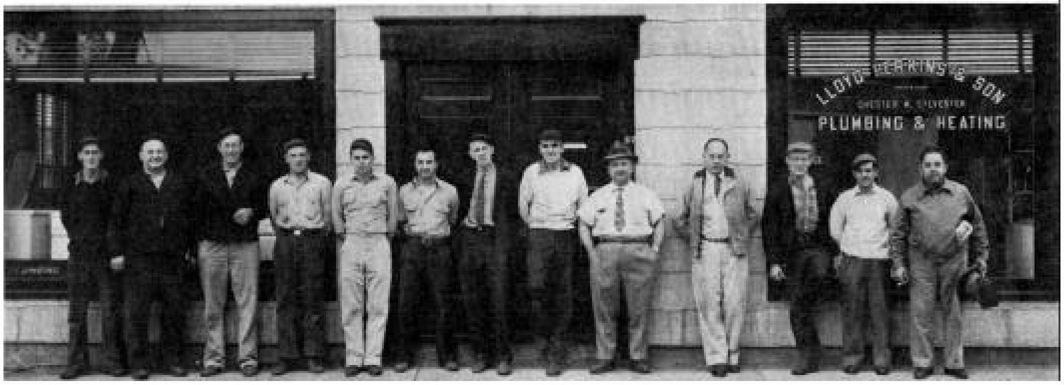
CHESTER M. SYLVESTER

310. Lloyd Perkins and Son

An avid wrestler, sports car lover, and owner of Lloyd Perkins plumbing business, Chet Sylvester is pictured beside his car in a line-up of his employees and their business trucks.

LLOYD PERKINS & SON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CHESTER H. SYLVESTER
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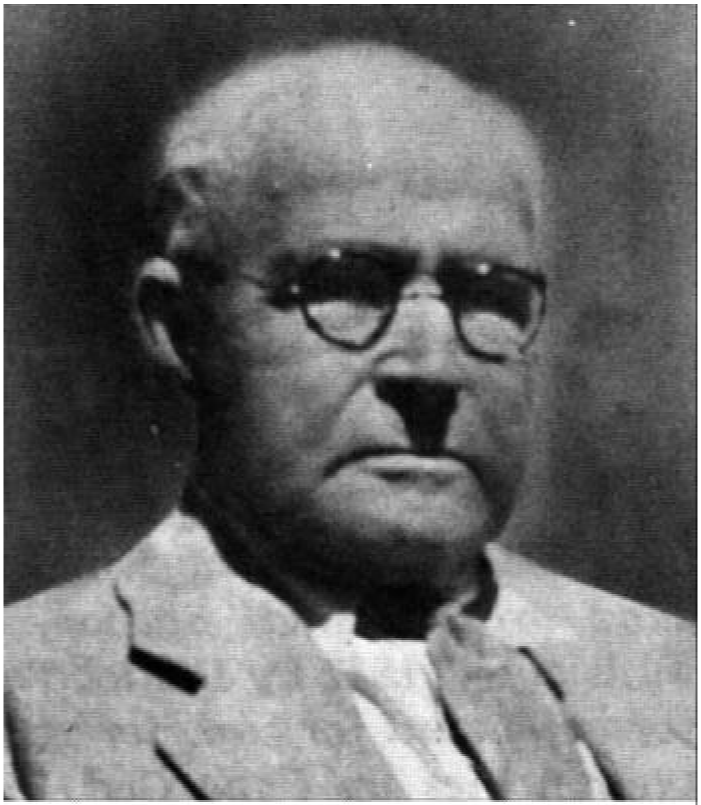
311. Lloyd Perkins and Son Staff

A staff picture taken fifty years after Chet Sylvester started work for Lloyd Perkins plumbing business. The photo was a part of the 1969 Tercentenary Book of Middleborough business concerns.

312. Lloyd Perkins

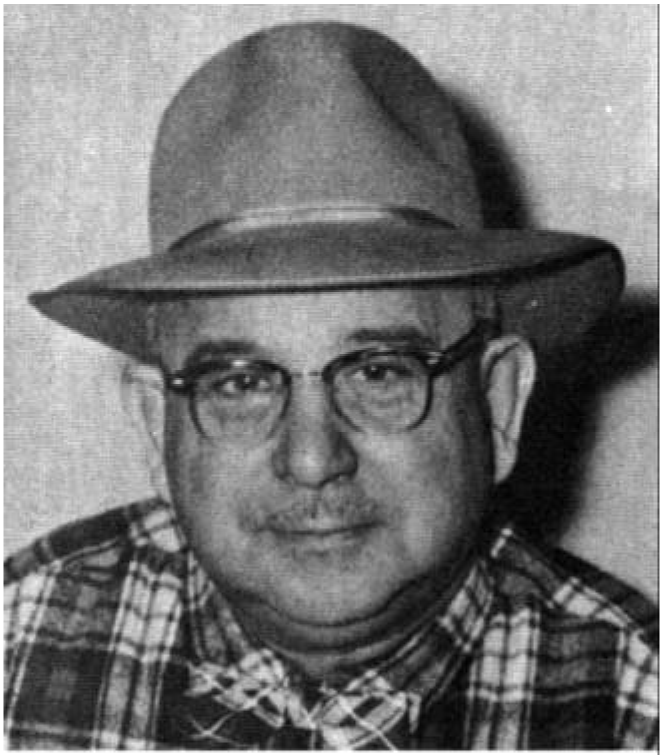
Established his business in 1880, Lloyd Perkins had Mr. William Gammons as his certified plumber for 30 to 40 years. Later Perkins expanded into the growing heating field. He died in 1938.



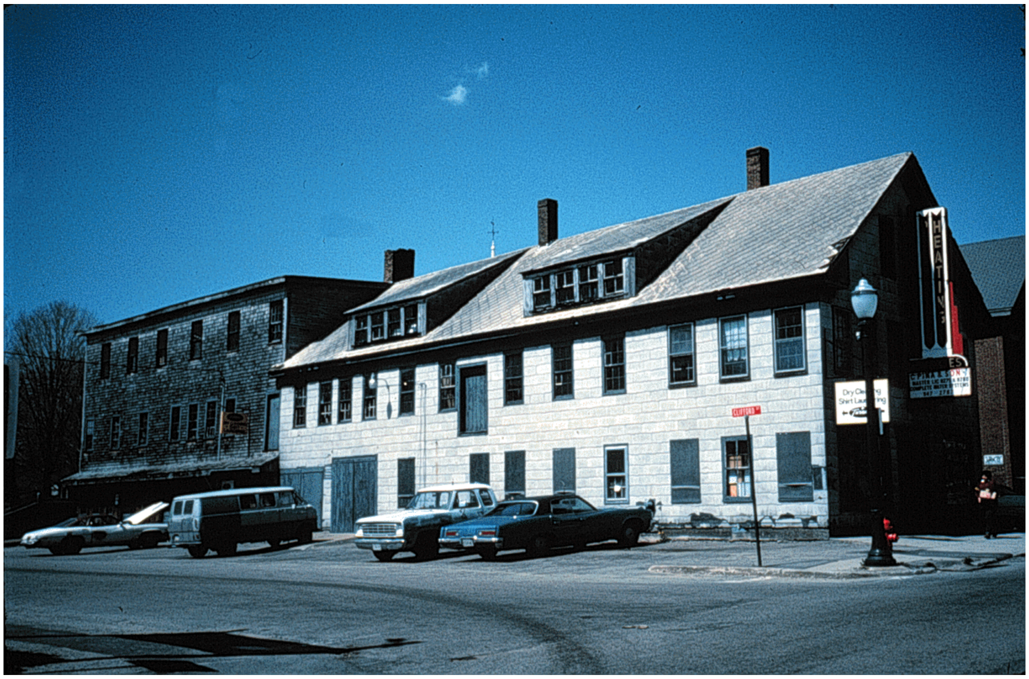
LLOYD PERKINS

313. Chester M. Sylvester

Successor to Lloyd Perkins, for whom he started work in 1919, Chet Sylvester is pictured at the time of Middleborough's 300th Anniversary, and of his 50th year in the shop.

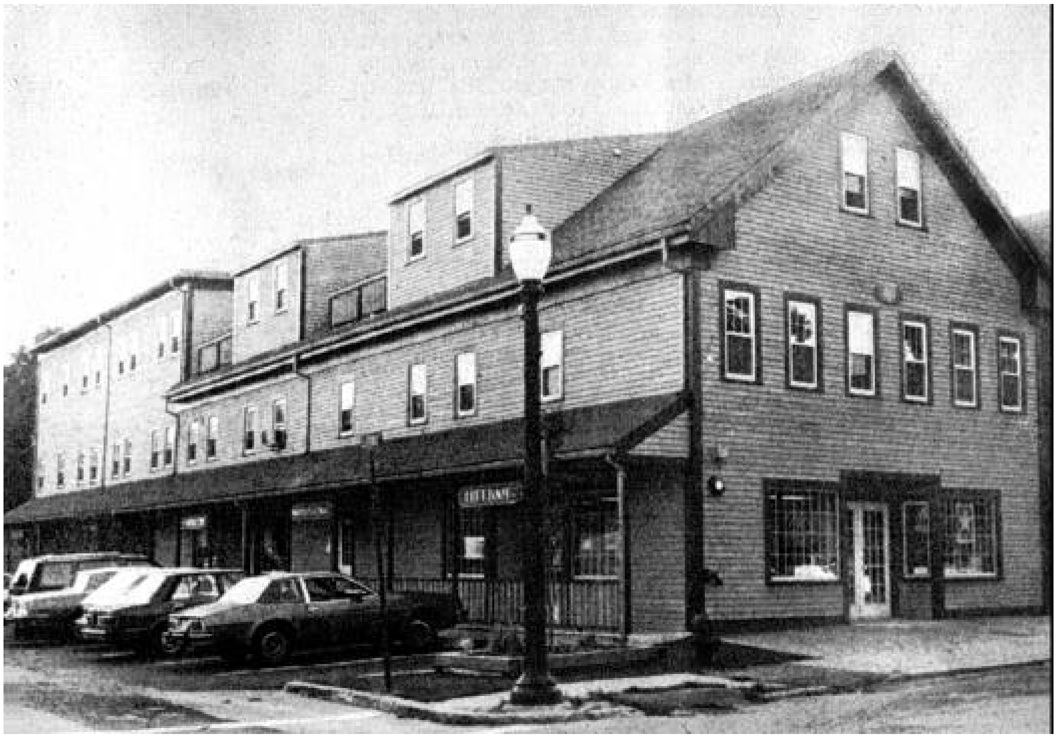


CHESTER M. SYLVESTER



314. Lloyd Perkins and Son

Taken in the mid eighties, during the years Pina and Sons were successors to Chet Sylvester in this long time plumbing business, the building was soon after renovated to become the Mello Block, with businesses along the ground floor and apartments in the upper stories.

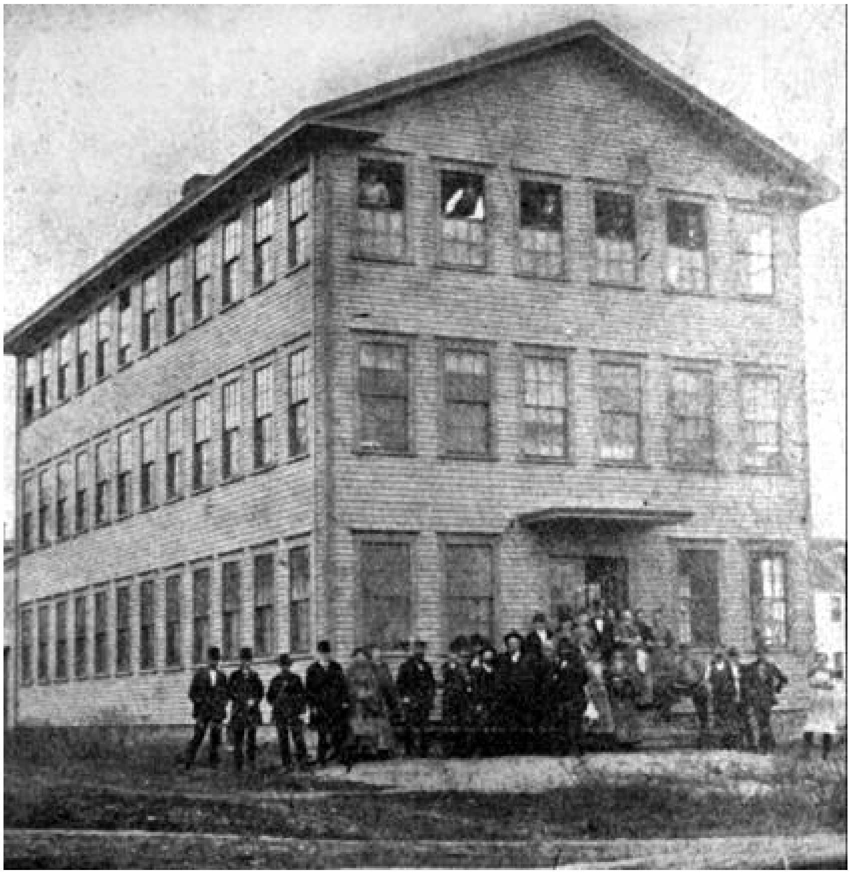


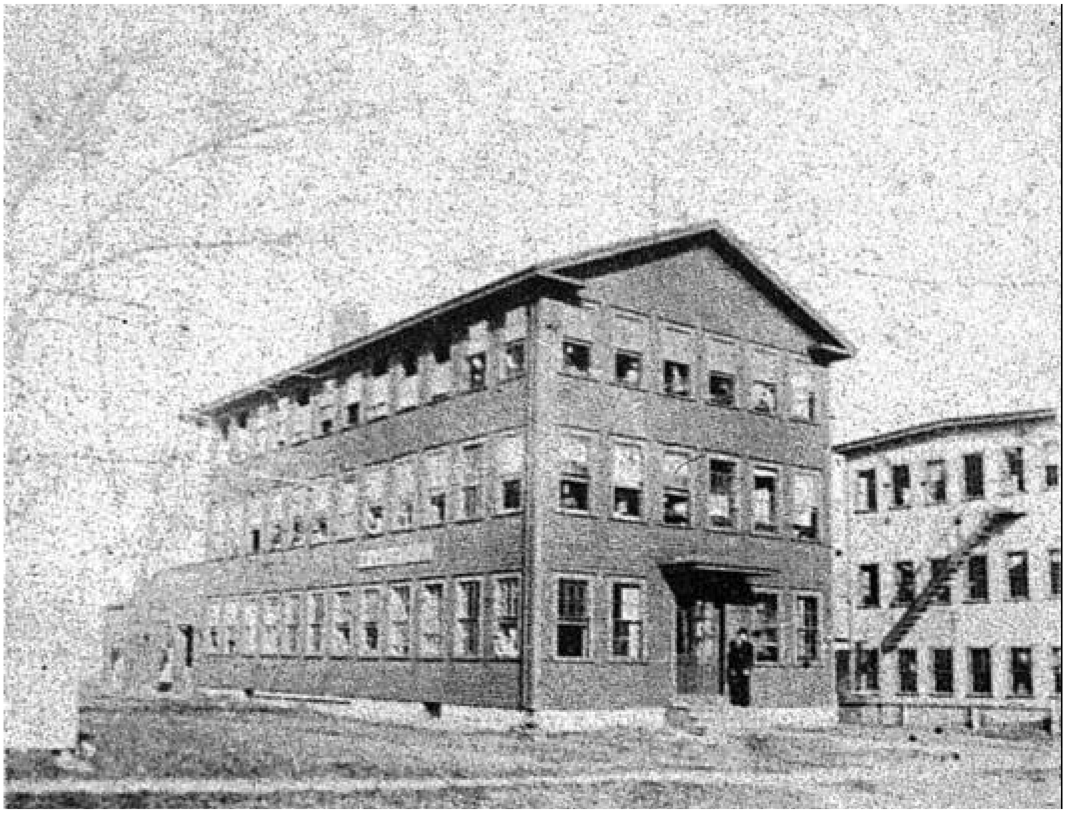
315. Mello Block Building

Middleborough’s Downtown Revitalization program, assisted by a grant from the Dukakis administration, renovated the former Lloyd Perkins building into this smart looking building now known as the Mello Block.

316. Needle Works

Organized in 1875 was the Domestic Needle Works, with its new factory building. The business was later reorganized as the Union Needle Company, but unfortunately ceased business in the early 1880's.



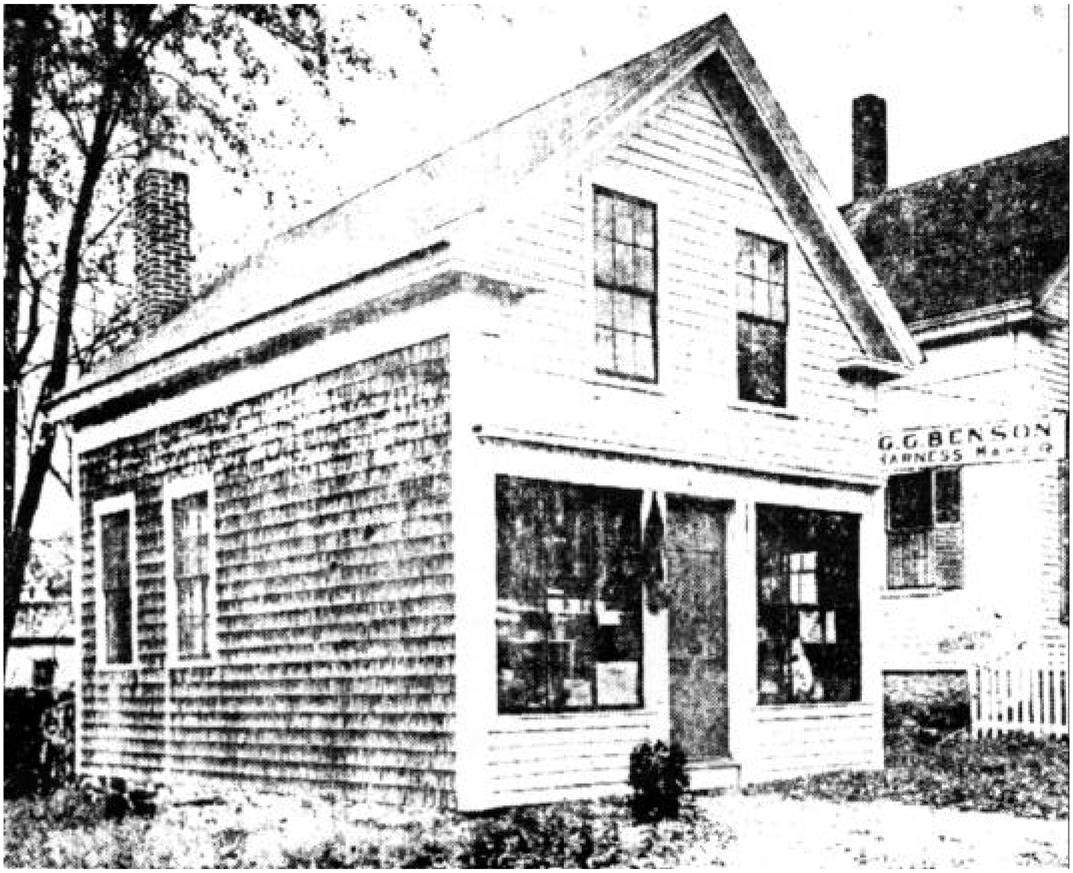


317. Schlueter Brothers

A manufacturing building in the late 1800's, this building was later completely destroyed by fire. It was located on Clifford Street next to the Lloyd Perkins building and made needles from 1875 until the Schlueter Brothers started a jewelry case business in the 1890's.

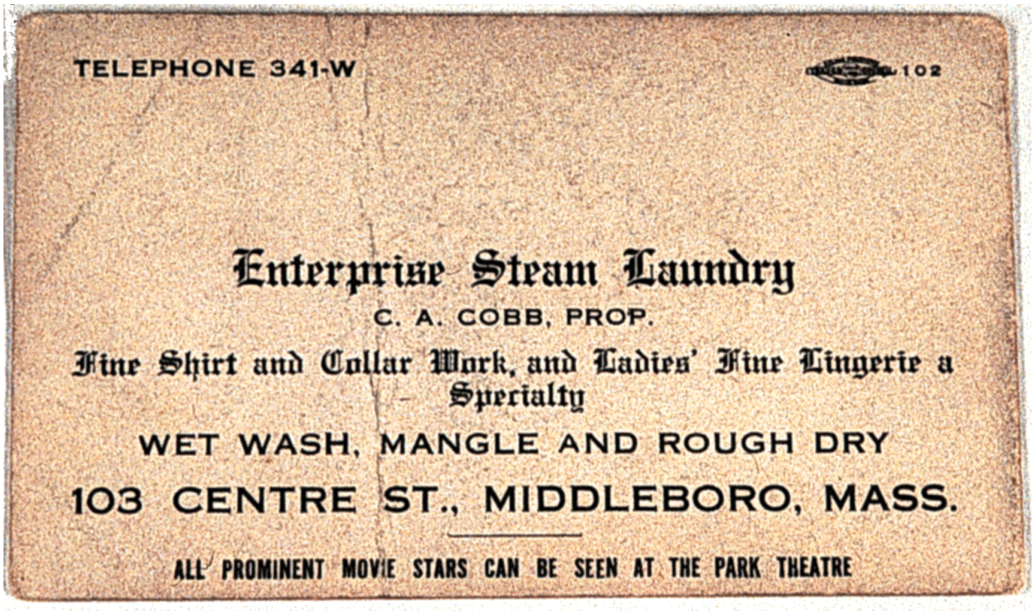
318. George E. Benson

Spanning years and generations this courtly gentleman ran his harness business from well before the advent of the automobile until advanced years forced his retirement by the middle of the 20th century.



319. Benson's Harness Shop

This prosperous harness shop dating from the late 1800's also specialized in repairing ladies leather handbags as harness making declined. The building was removed to Lakeville and destroyed by fire in 1996.



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Fine Shirt and Collar Work, and Ladies' Fine Lingerie a Specialty

WET WASH, MANGLE AND ROUGH DRY

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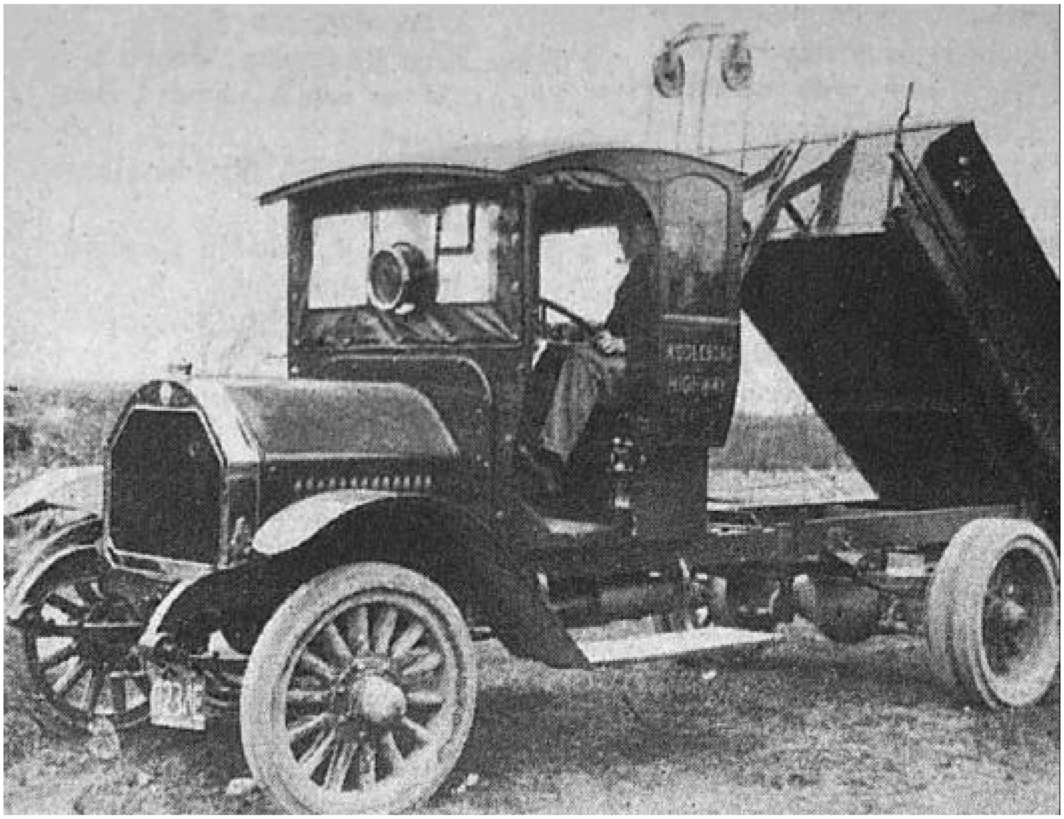
ALL PROMINENT MOVIE STARS CAN BE SEEN AT THE PARK THEATRE

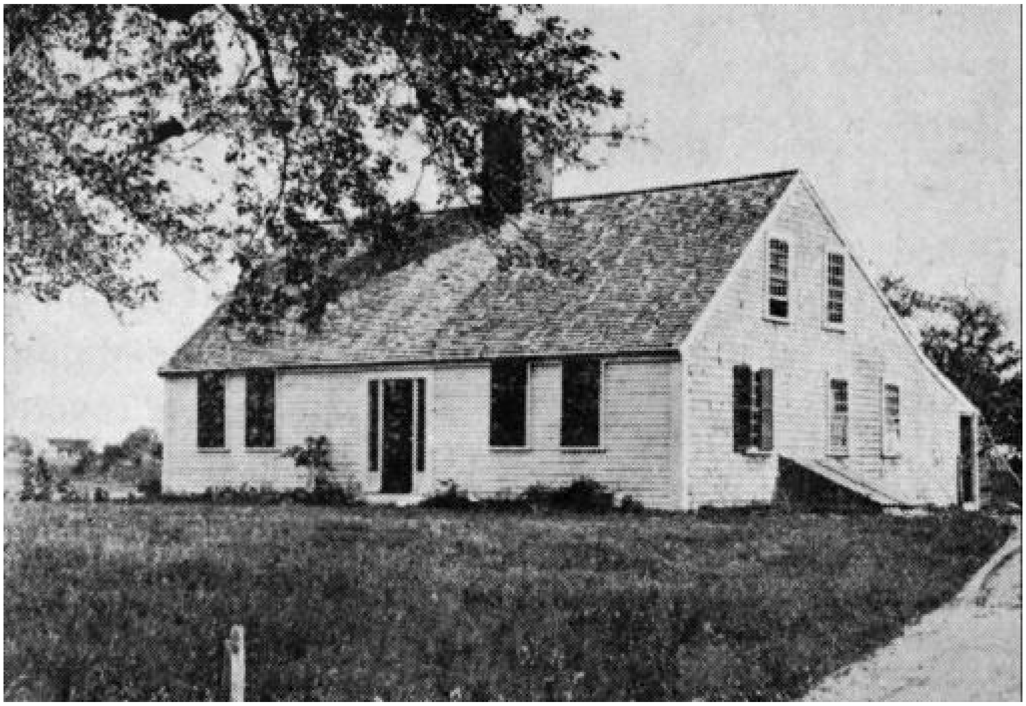
320. Enterprise Steam Laundry

A business card of a cleaning business is the early part of the 20th century. Another well-known laundry was the Middleborough laundry, operated by a Mr. Clark and later, his son-in-law, Roger MacAuley. That business was located by the river on Wareham Street.



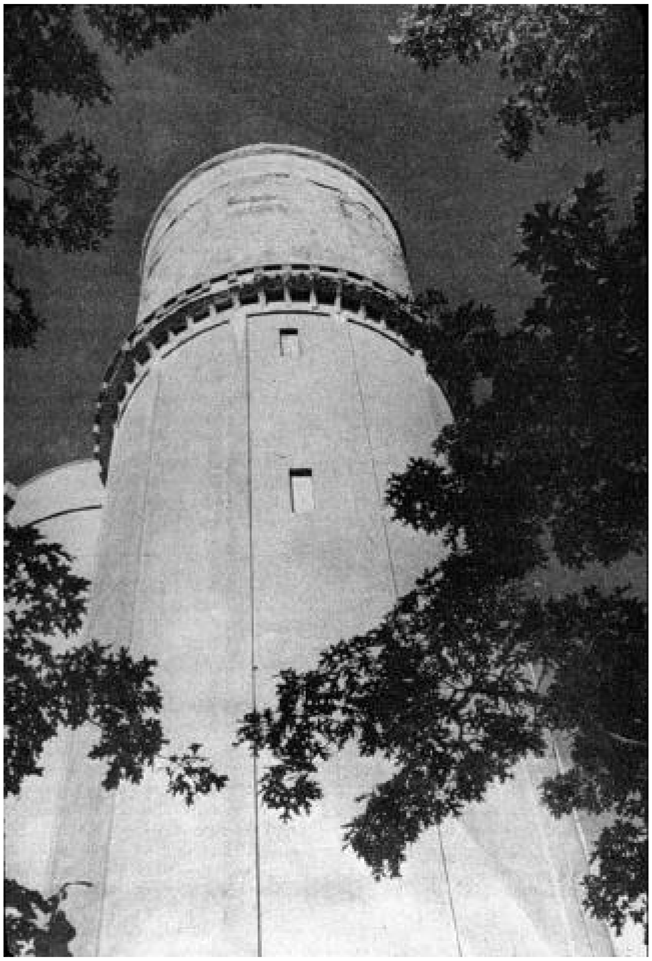
321. Heavy Equipment

A proud piece of Middleborough’s growing highway truck fleet, this vehicle is pictured against a faintly visible Central Baptist church clock tower.



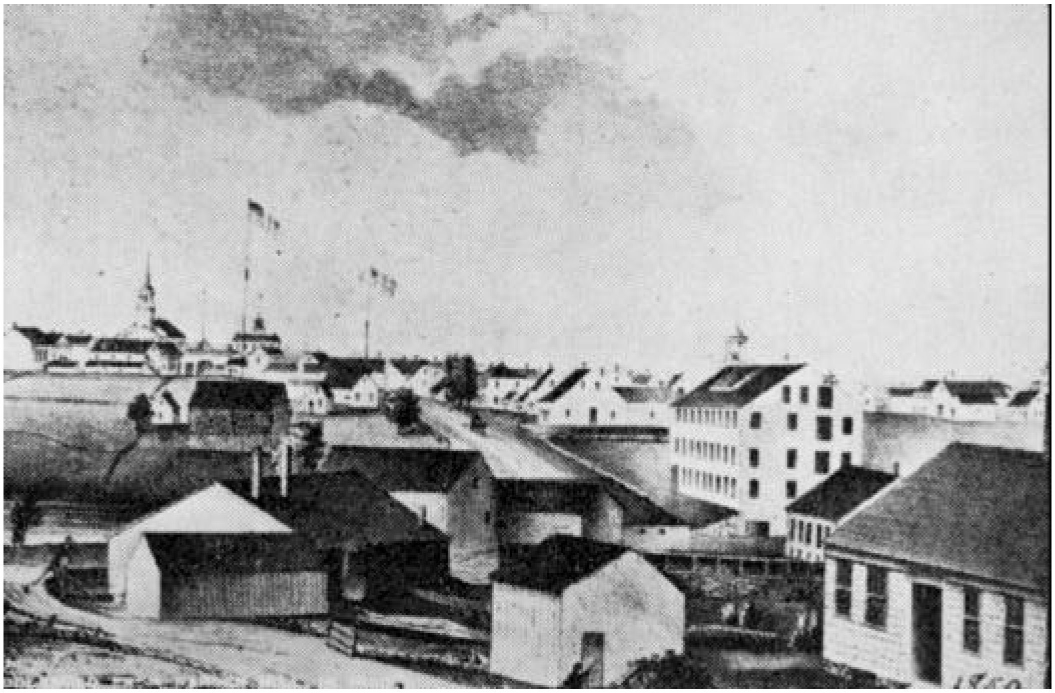
322. “Old Barden House”

This ancestral home of the historic William Barden family traces to at least 1684 when he came to Middleborough. He was a member of the first Church at the Green and was a landholder by virtue of one of the early purchases from Native Americans.



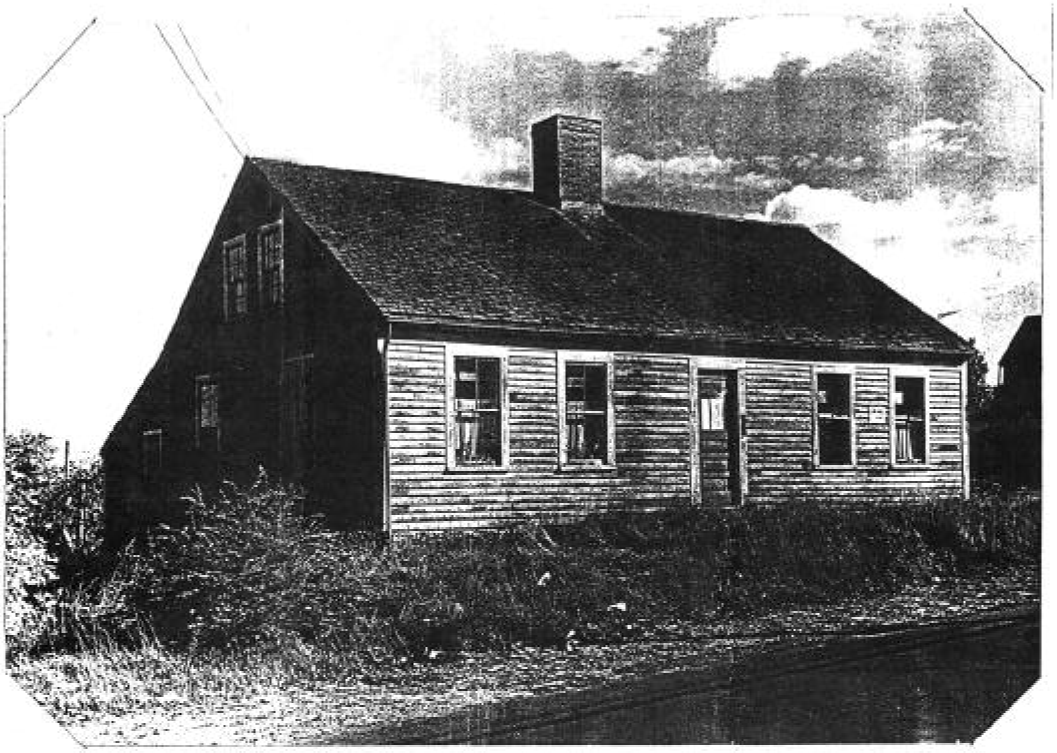
323. Cement Water Tower

The tower in the foreground was built in 1915 (and unused after the 1980's) and at the time was the largest of its type in the United States, holding over a half million gallons of water. Visible to the left is one of two additional towers built nearby in the latter decades of the 20th century. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.



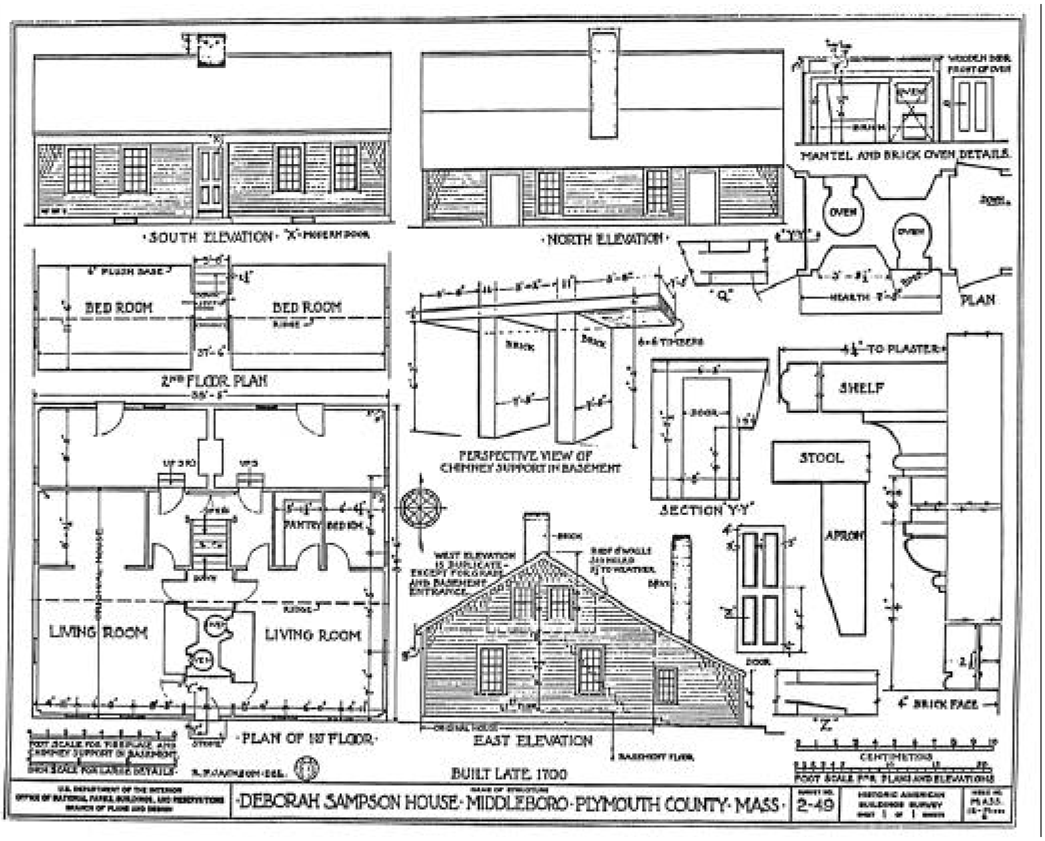
324. View of Old Middleborough

This lovely old etching is taken from a point on Barden Hill looking west. One sees the cotton mill to the right, a portion of an old mill house, and a panorama of buildings highlighted by the spire of the First Baptist Church and the cupola of the Peirce Academy.



325. Deborah Sampson House

Taken in 1937, this old structure, the “Deborah Sampson Home” is honored by the Library of Congress as an ancient dwelling place of our forebears.



SOUTH ELEVATION
"X"-MODERN DOOR
NORTH ELEVATION
MANTEL AND BRICK OVEN DETAILS
OVEN
OVEN
HEARTH
PLAN
BED ROOM
BED ROOM
2ND FLOOR PLAN
PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF CHIMNEY SUPPORT IN BASEMENT
BRICK
BRICK
6×6 TIMBERS
SECTION "Y-Y"
DOOR
SHELF
STOOL
APRON
TO PLASTER
PANTRY
BED RM.
LIVING ROOM
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RIDGE
WEST ELEVATION IS DUPLICATE EXCEPT FOR GRADE AND BASEMENT ENTRANCE
EAST ELEVATION
BUILT LATE 1700
PLAN OF 1ST FLOOR
"Z"
4" BRICK FACE
CENTIMETERS
FOOT SCALE FOR PLANS AND ELEVATIONS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF NATIONAL PARKS, BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS
BRANCH OF PLANS AND DESIGN
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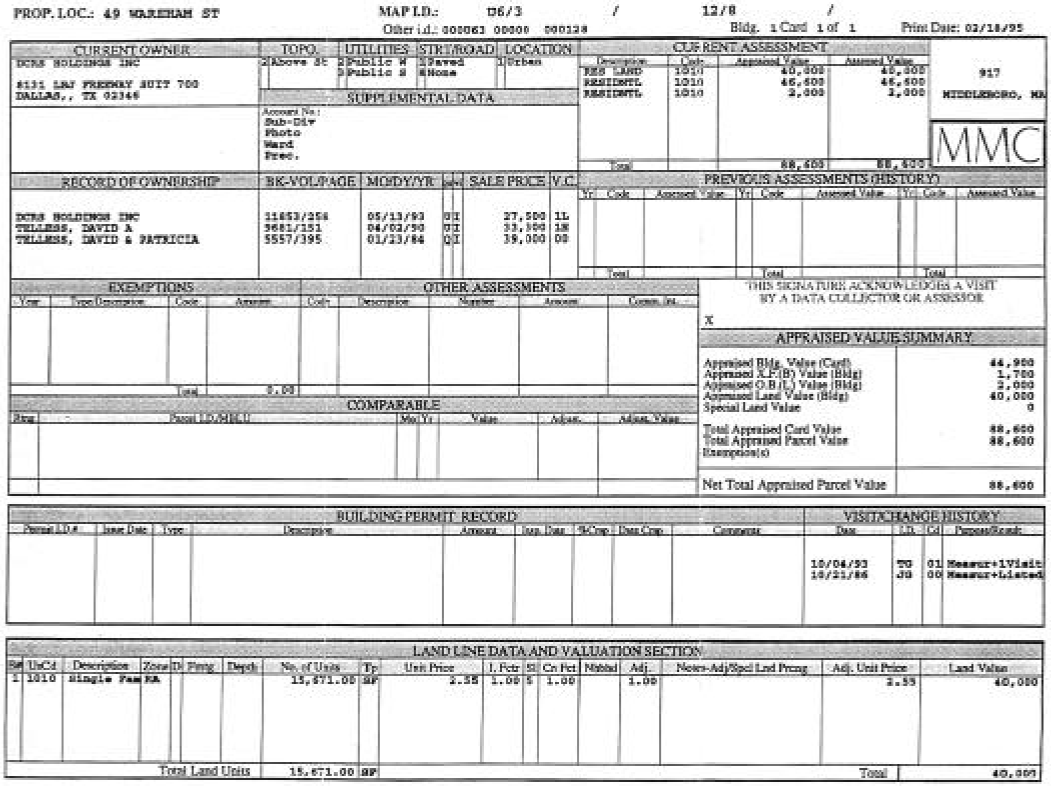
HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
MASS.

326. Deborah Sampson House

A detailed building plan of the historic "Deborah Sampson Home". Note the double brick ovens with their substantial brick sub-support.



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MAP I.D.: U6/3 / 12/8 /

Other i.d.: 000063 00000 000128

Bldg. 1 Card 1 of 1

Print Date: 02/18/95

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MIDDLEBORO, MA

MMC

CURRENT OWNER

DCRS HOLDINGS INC

8131 LBJ FREEWAY SUIT 700
DALLAS,, TX 02346

TOPO.	UTILITIES	STRT/ROAD	LOCATION
2 Above St	2 Public W 3 Public S	1 Paved 8 None	1 Urban

SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

Account No.:
Sub-Div
Photo
Ward
Prec.

CURRENT ASSESSMENT

Description	Code	Appraised Value	Assessed Value
RES LAND	1010	40,000	40,000
RESIDNTL	1010	46,600	46,600
RESIDNTL	1010	2,000	2,000
Total		88,600	88,600

RECORD OF OWNERSHIP

RECORD OF OWNERSHIP	BK-VOL/PAGE	MO/DY/YR			SALE PRICE	V.C.
DCRS HOLDINGS INC	11853/256	05/13/93	U	I	27,500	1L
TELLESS, DAVID A	9681/151	04/02/90	U	I	33,300	1N
TELLESS, DAVID & PATRICIA	5557/395	01/23/84	Q	I	39,000	00

PREVIOUS ASSESSMENTS (HISTORY)

EXEMPTIONS

Total 0.00

OTHER ASSESSMENTS

THIS SIGNATURE ACKNOWLEDGES A VISIT BY A DATA COLLECTOR OR ASSESSOR

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APPRAISED VALUE SUMMARY

Appraised Bldg. Value (Card)	44,900
Appraised X.F.(B) Value (Bldg)	1,700
Appraised O.B.(L) Value (Bldg)	2,000
Appraised Land Value (Bldg)	40,000
Special Land Value	0
Total Appraised Card Value	88,600
Total Appraised Parcel Value	88,600
Exemption(s)	
Net Total Appraised Parcel Value	88,600

COMPARABLE

BUILDING PERMIT RECORD

VISIT/CHANGE HISTORY

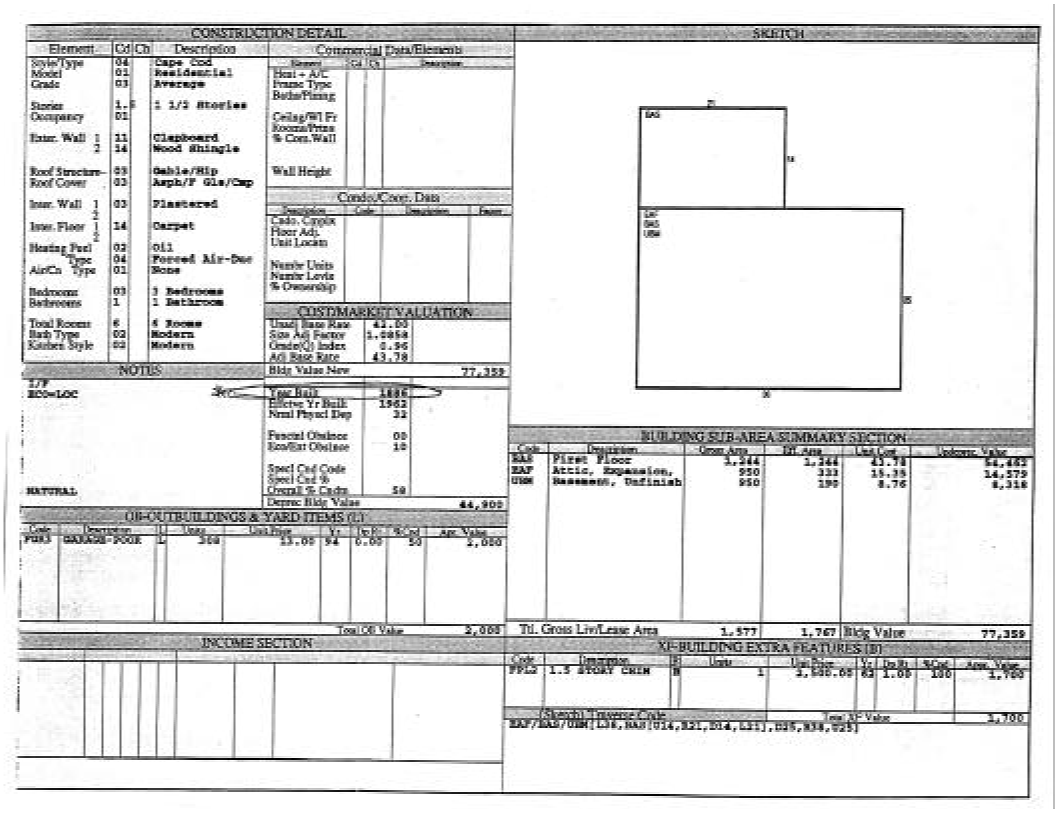
Date	I.D.	Cd	Purpose/Result
10/04/93	TG	01	Measur+1Visit
10/21/86	JG	00	Measur+Listed

LAND LINE DATA AND VALUATION SECTION

B#	UsCd	Description	Zone	D	Frntg	Depth	No. of Units	Tp	Unit Price	I. Fctr	S	Cn Fct	Nbhd	Adj.	Notes-Adj/Spcl Lnd Prcng	Adj. Unit Price	Land Value
1	1010	Single Fam	RA				15,671.00	SF	2.55	1.00	5	1.00		1.00		2.55	40,000
		Total Land Units					15,671.00	SF								Total	40,000

327. Deborah Sampson House

This is a copy of the assessor's evaluation chart of the Sampson home.



CONSTRUCTION DETAIL			
Element	Cd	Ch	Description
Style/Type	04		Cape Cod
Model	01		Residential
Grade	03		Average
Stories	1.5		1 1/2 Stories
Occupancy	01		
Exter. Wall 1	11		Clapboard
2	14		Wood Shingle
Roof Structure	03		Gable/Hip
Roof Cover	03		Asph/F Gls/Cmp
Inter. Wall 1	03		Plastered
Inter. Floor 1	14		Carpet
Heating Fuel	02		Oil
Heating Type	04		Forced Air-Duc
AC Type	01		None
Bedrooms	03		3 Bedrooms
Bathrooms	1		1 Bathroom
Total Rooms	6		6 Rooms
Bath Type	02		Modern
Kitchen Style	02		Modern

Commercial Data/Elements

Element	Cd	Ch	Description
Heat + A/C			
Frame Type			
Baths/Plmbg			
Ceilng/Wl Fr			
Rooms/Prtns			
% Com. Wall			
Wall Height			

Condo/Coop. Data

Description	Code	Description	Factor
Cndo. Cmplx			
Floor Adj.			
Unit Locatn			
Numbr Units			
Numbr Levls			
% Ownership			

COST/MARKET VALUATION

Unadj Base Rate	42.00
Size Adj Factor	1.0854
Grade(Q) Index	0.96
Adj Base Rate	43.78
Bldg Value New	77,359
Year Built	1886
Effctve Yr Built	1962
Nrml Physcl Dep	32
Functnl Obslnce	00
Eco/Ext Obslnce	10
Specl Cnd Code	
Specl Cnd %	
Overall % Cndtn	58
Deprec Bldg Value	44,900

NOTES

1/F
ECO=LOC
See
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OB-OUTBUILDINGS & YARD ITEMS (L)

Code	Description	L	Units	Unit Price	Yr	Dp Rt	%Cnd	Apr. Value
FGR1	GARAGE-POOR	L	308	13.00	94	0.00	50	2,000
							Total OB Value	2,000

INCOME SECTION

SKETCH

BUILDING SUB-AREA SUMMARY SECTION

Code	Description	Gross Area	Eff. Area	Unit Cost	Undeprec. Value
BAS	First Floor	1,244	1,244	43.78	54,462
EAF	Attic, Expansion,	950	333	15.35	14,579
UBM	Basement, Unfinish	950	190	8.76	8,318
Ttl. Gross Liv/Lease Area		1,577	1,767	Bldg Value	77,359

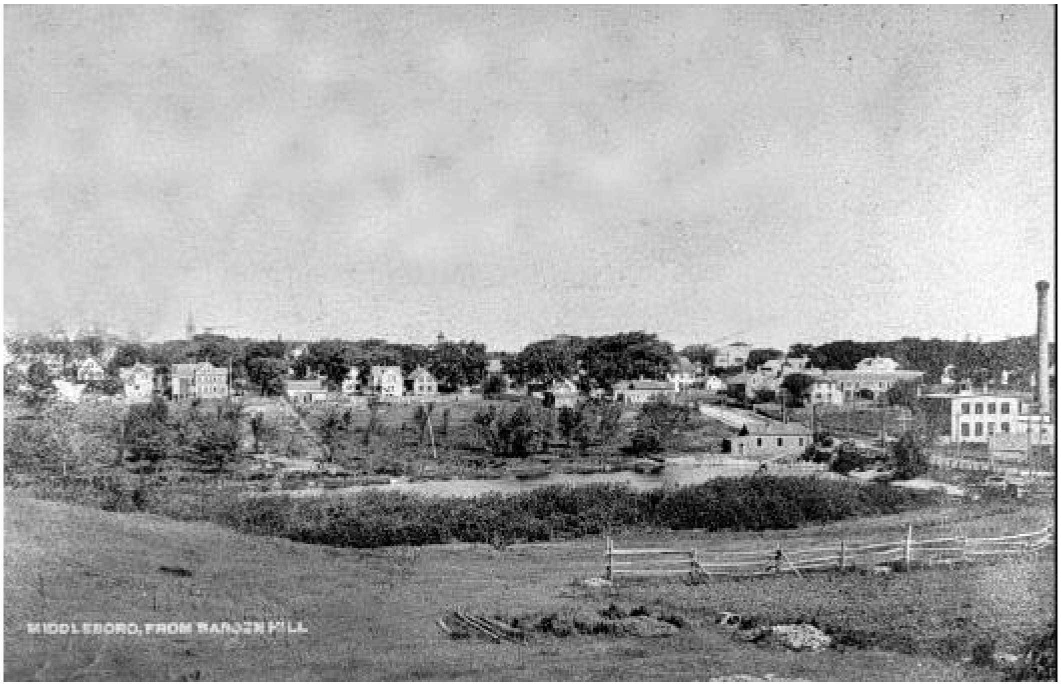
XF-BUILDING EXTRA FEATURES (B)

Code	Description	B	Units	Unit Price	Yr	Dp Rt	%Cnd	Apr. Value
FPL2	1.5 STORY CHIM	B	1	1,700.00	82	1.00	100	1,700
							Total XF Value	1,700

(Sketch) Traverse Code
EAF/BAS/UBM[L38,BAS[U14,R21,D14,L21],D25,R38,U25]

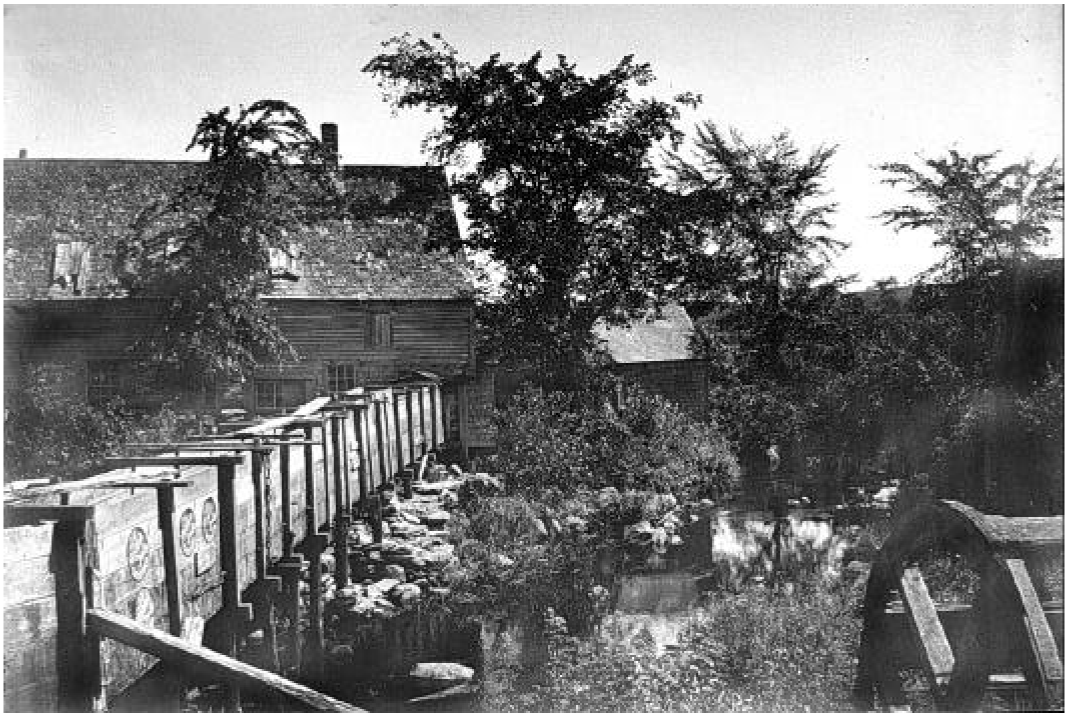
328. Deborah Sampson House

This is a copy of the assessor's construction detail of the Deborah Sampson Home, and also a sketch of the home size.


MIDDLEBORO, FROM BARDEN HILL

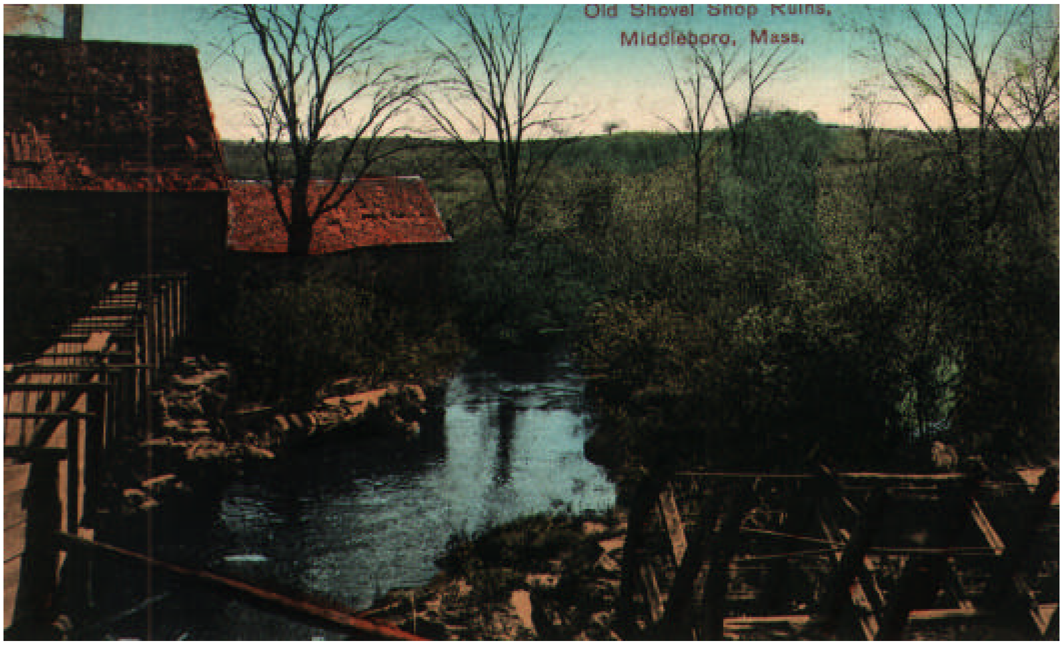
329. Middleborough from Barden Hill

A scenic view of Middleborough Center looking from Barden Hill. Electric power plant is visible at right.



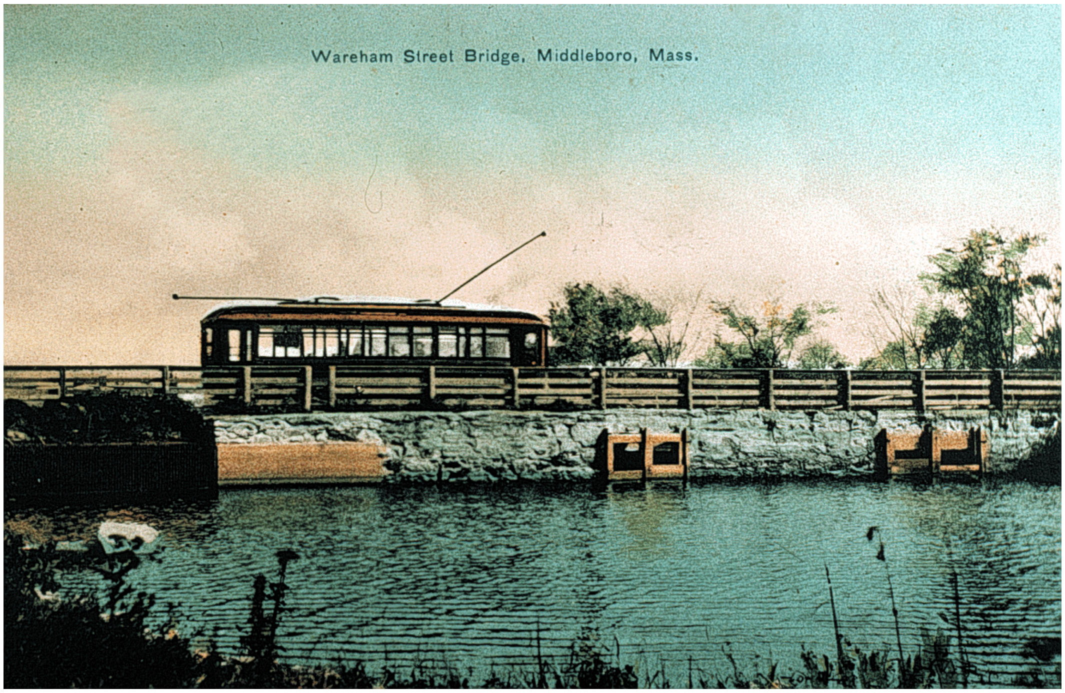
330. Old Shovel Shop Ruins

This is an amateur photographer's view of the old shovel works on Wareham Street near the power plant. Note the old water wheel at right.


Old Shovel Shop Ruins,
Middleboro, Mass.

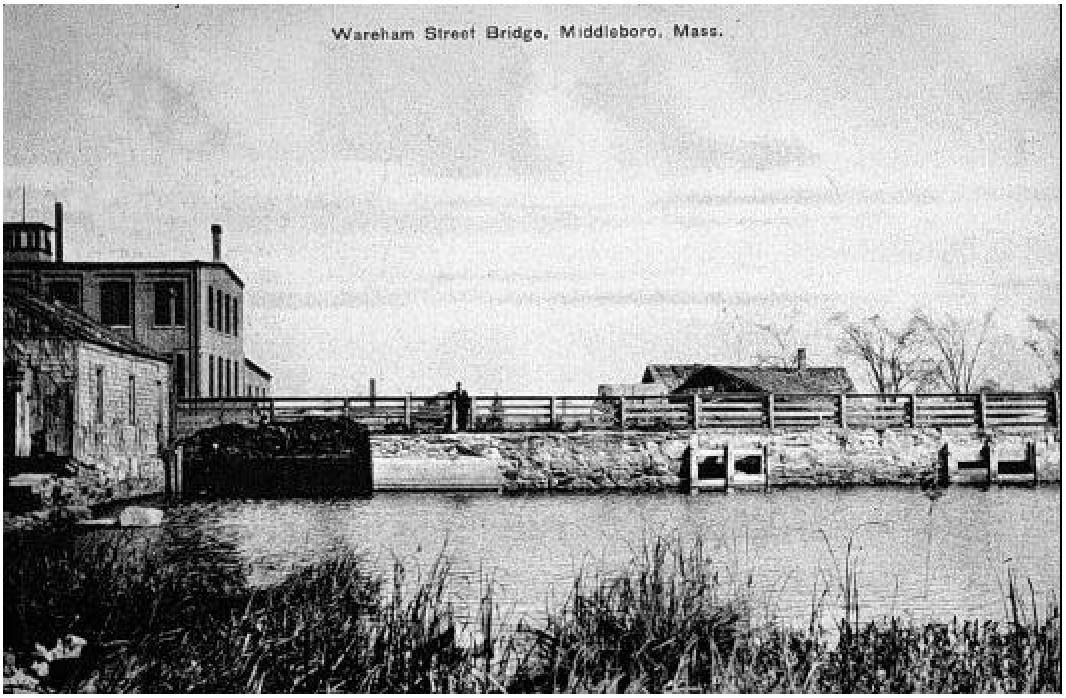
331. Old Shovel Shop Ruins

This is a later view of the old shovel works, showing it in a very deplorable condition. Note the rotting water wheel.


Wareham Street Bridge, Middleboro, Mass.

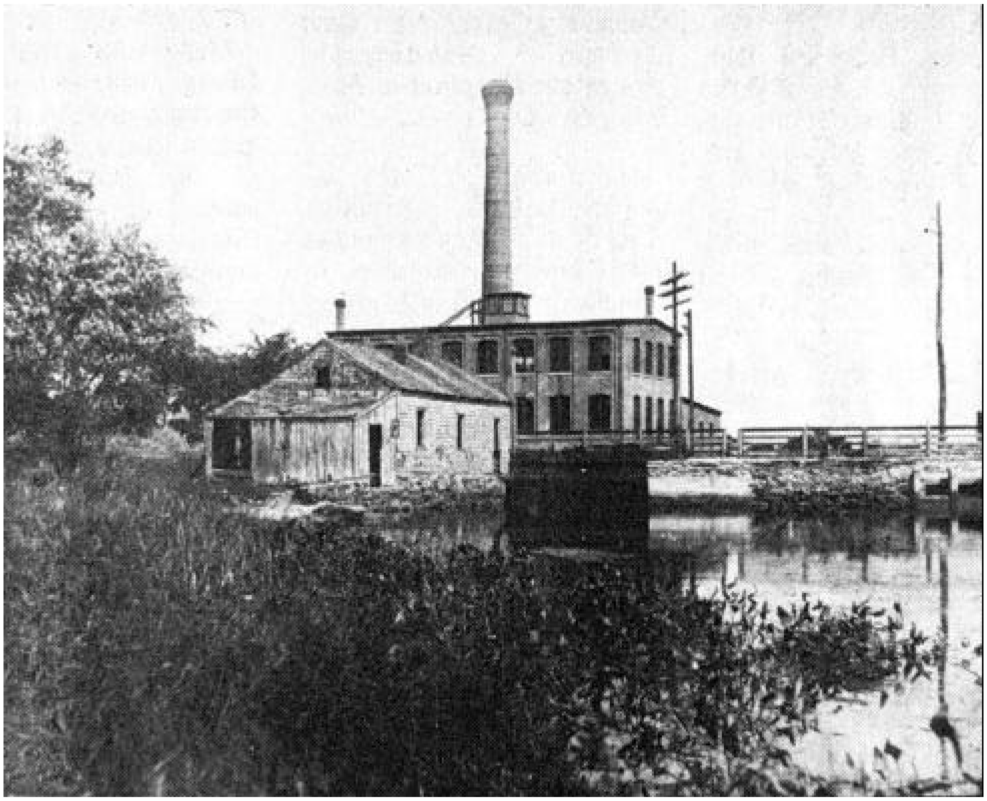
332. Wareham Street Bridge

This postcard view shows a trolley car crossing the Wareham Street Bridge.


Wareham Street Bridge, Middleboro, Mass.

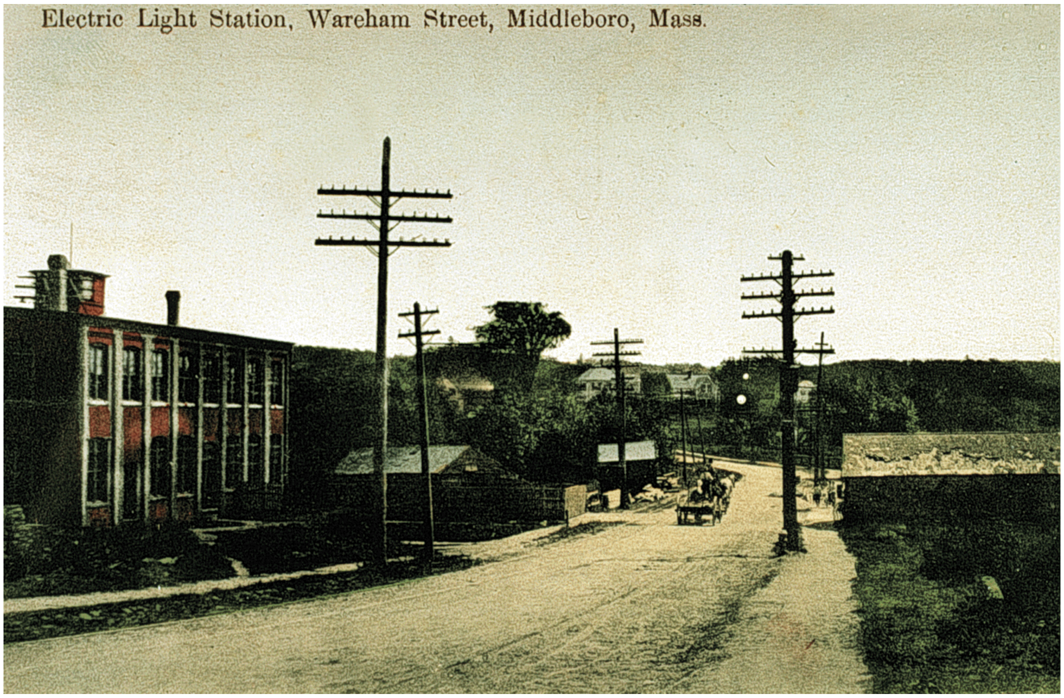
333. Wareham Street Bridge

This beautiful view shows the old "Ocean House" from which the boys of that era used to jump out the windows. The power plant and shovel works are also visible.



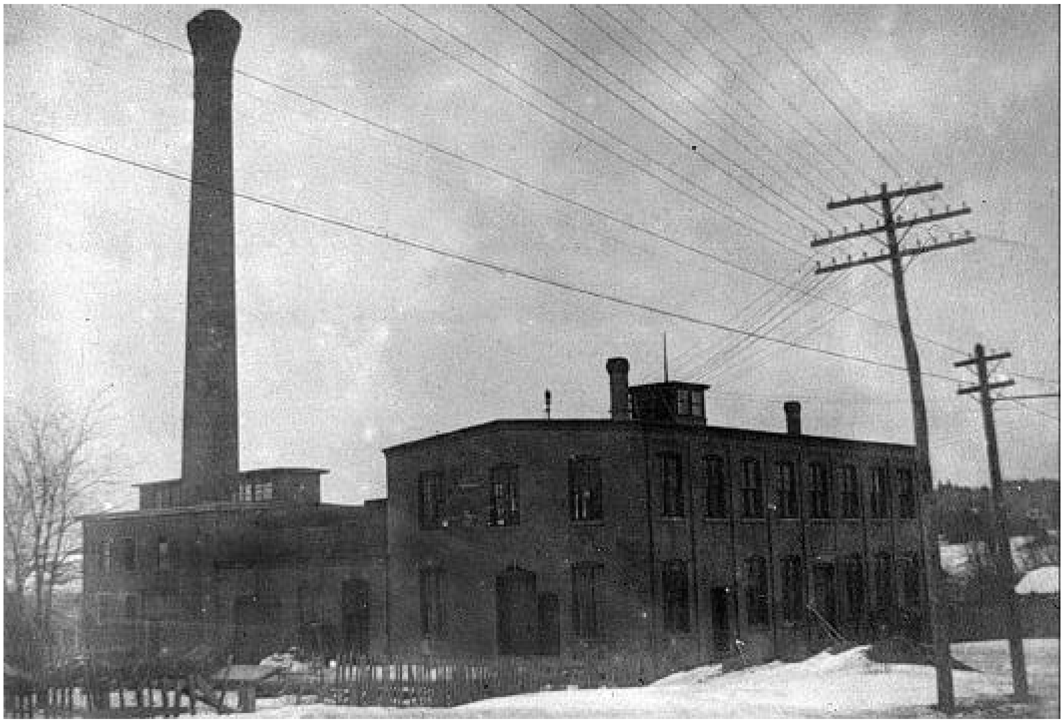
334. Electric Power Station

This is a view showing the Electric Power Station and the “Old Ocean House” in front.


Electric Light Station, Wareham Street, Middleboro, Mass.

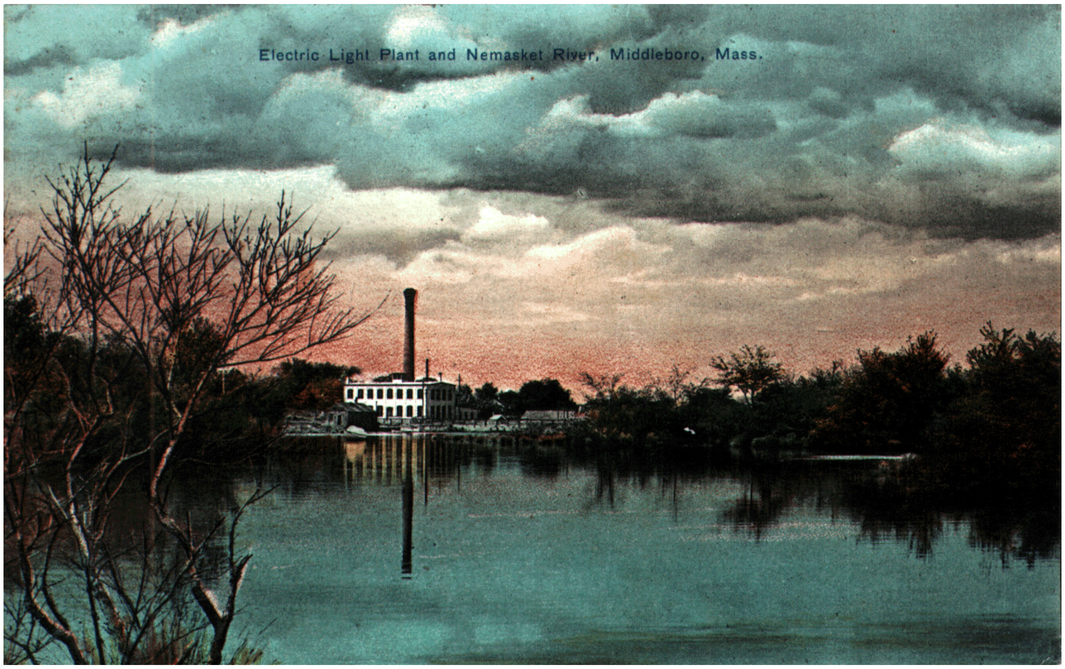
335. Electric Light Station

A view of Wareham Street looking past Electric Light station. Note roof cupola is gone. Shovel works is shown at right of power plant; “Ocean House” is across the street. Note the farmer’s wagon on bridge and numerous telephone poles.



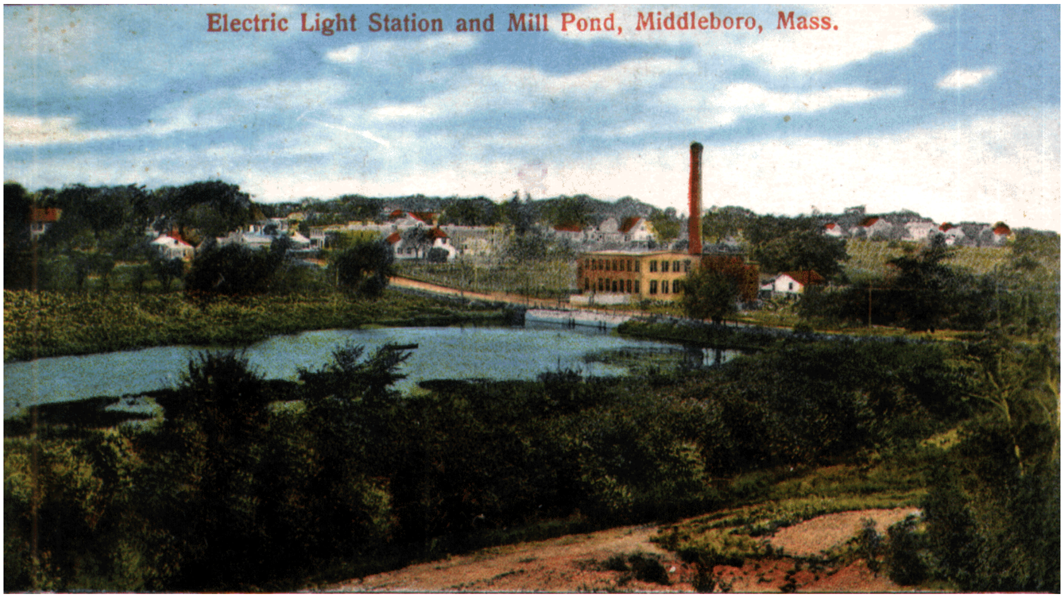
336. Electric Light Station

Another view of the power plant showing tall smokestack and cupola, both of which are missing today.


Electric Light Plant and Nemasket River, Middleboro, Mass.

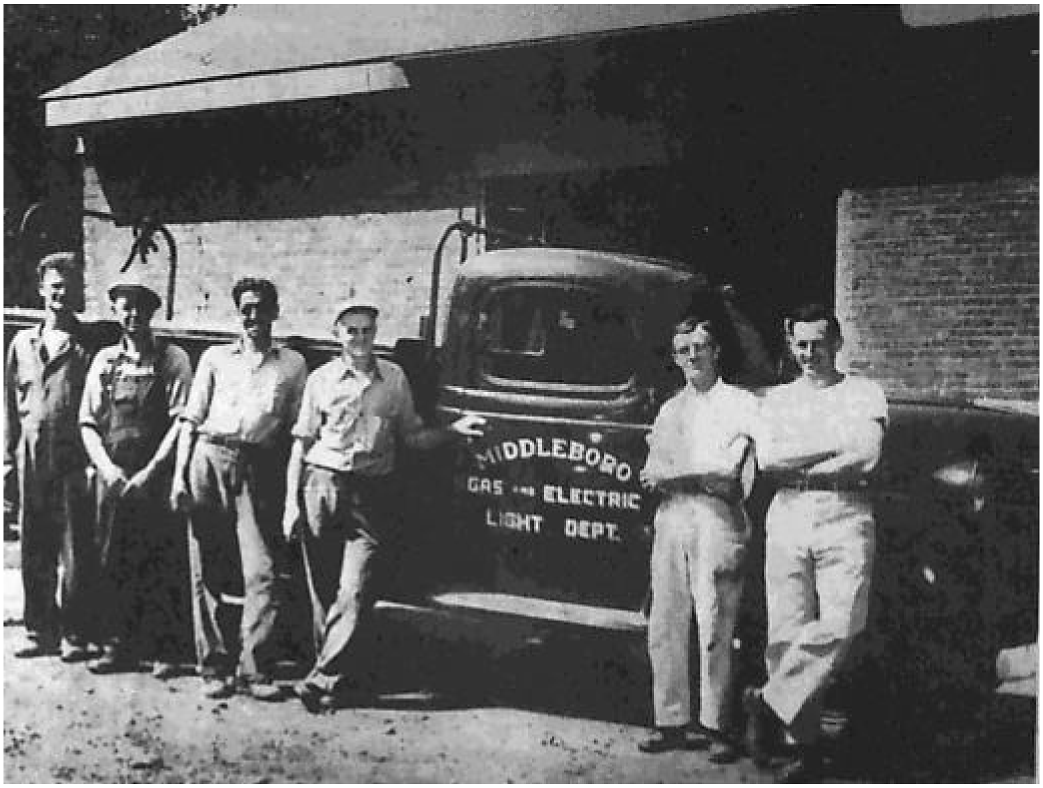
337. Electric Light Plant and Nemasket River

A river view showing power plant with massive smokestack, “Ocean House”, and shovel works.


Electric Light Station and Mill Pond, Middleboro, Mass.

338. Electric Light Station and Mill Pond

This view of the light plant from Barden Hills shows a very tranquil scene, so different from today.


MIDDLEBORO
GAS AND ELECTRIC
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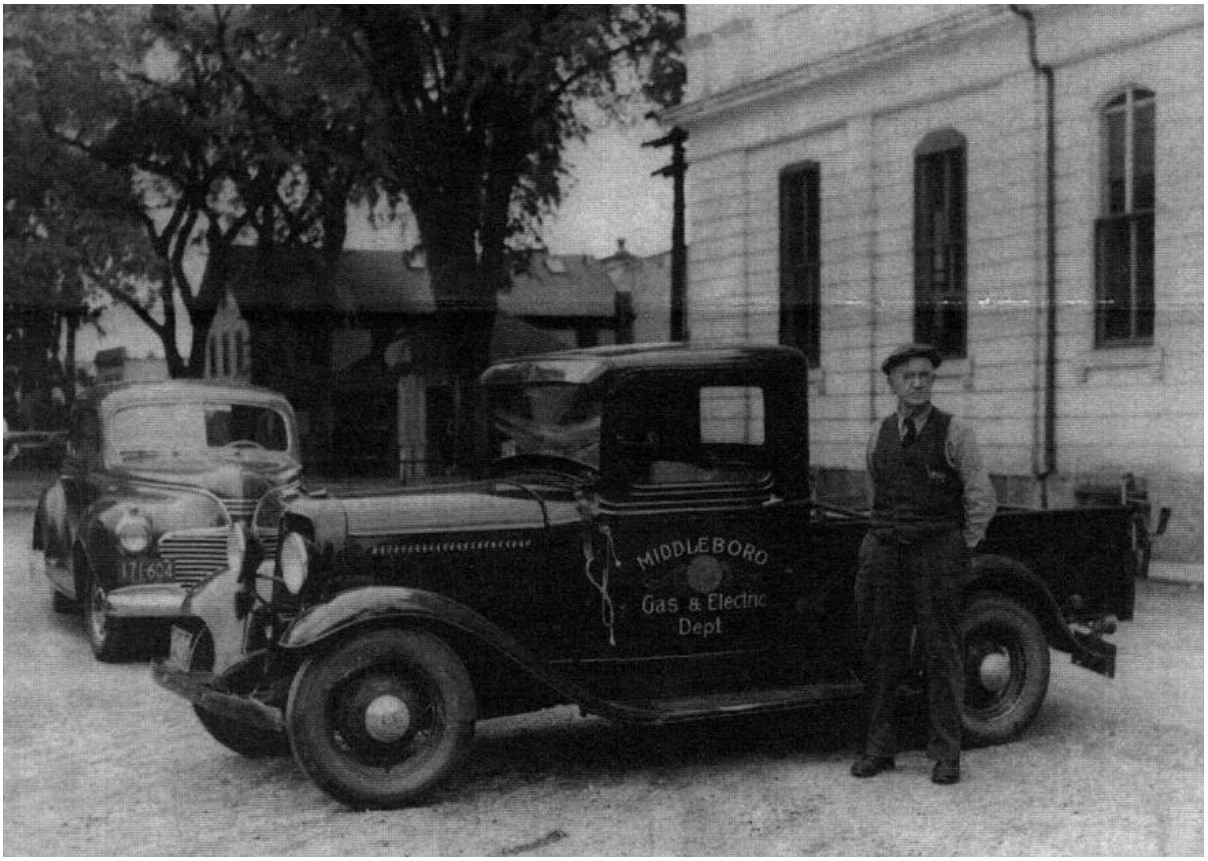
339. Gas Plant Workers

Gas plant on Vine Street in 1948: (from left to right) unidentified, Mr. Briggs, John Cordiero, Joseph J. Brown, (Gas Superintendent), Mr. Thayer, Mr. Malenfant.

Quoted from the Gas & Electric's Messenger Edition



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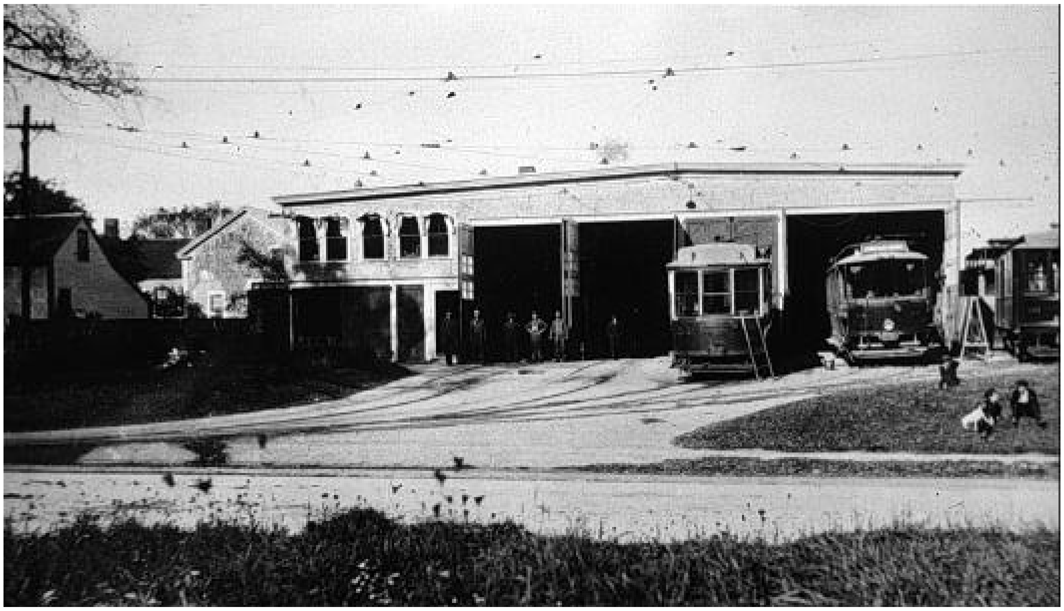
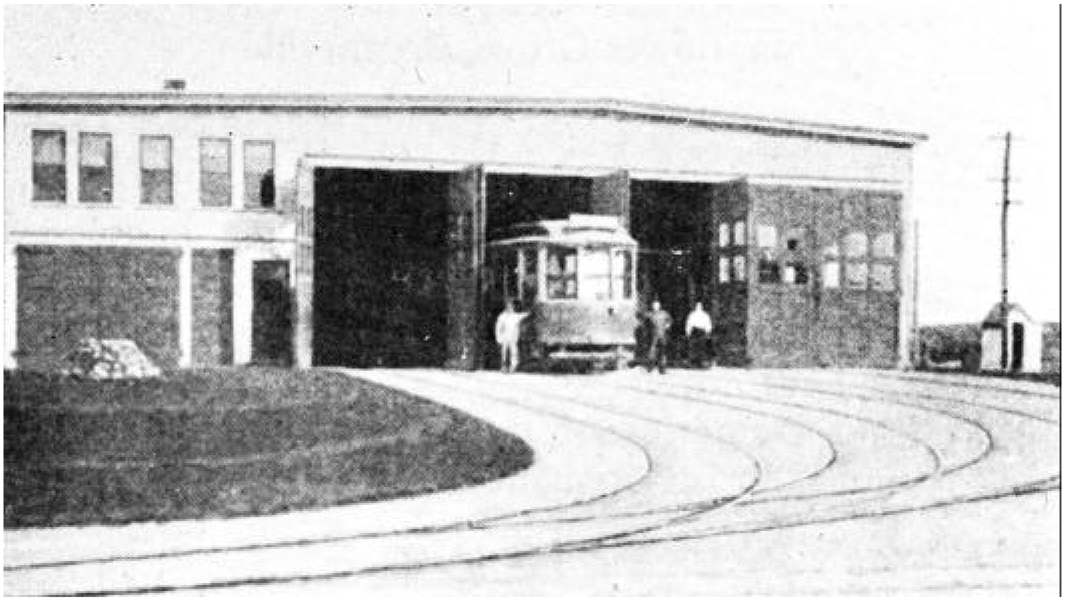
340. Mr. Wilbur and Company Truck

“Mr. Wilbur in front of the company truck, 1942.”



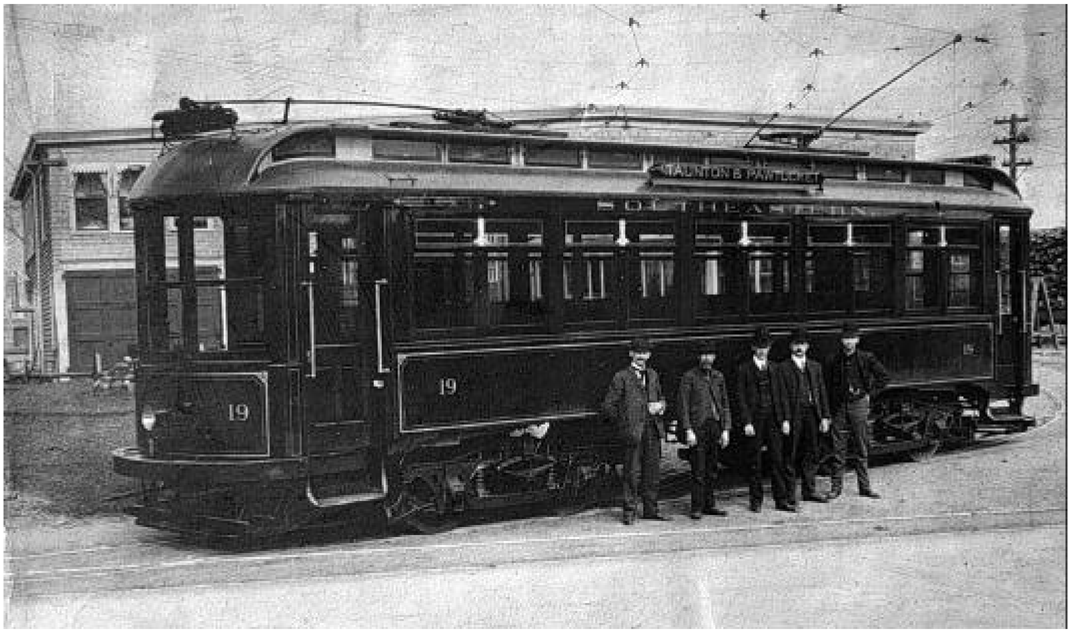
341. Middleborough, Wareham and Buzzards Bay Car Barn

This picture depicts a very busy trolley barn around 1900.



342. Middleborough, Wareham and Buzzards Bay Car Barn

Possibly a later view of the trolley car barn showing men proudly standing on either side of the car in the open doorway. Note the trolley tracks coming out the doors.


TAUNTON & PAWTUCKET
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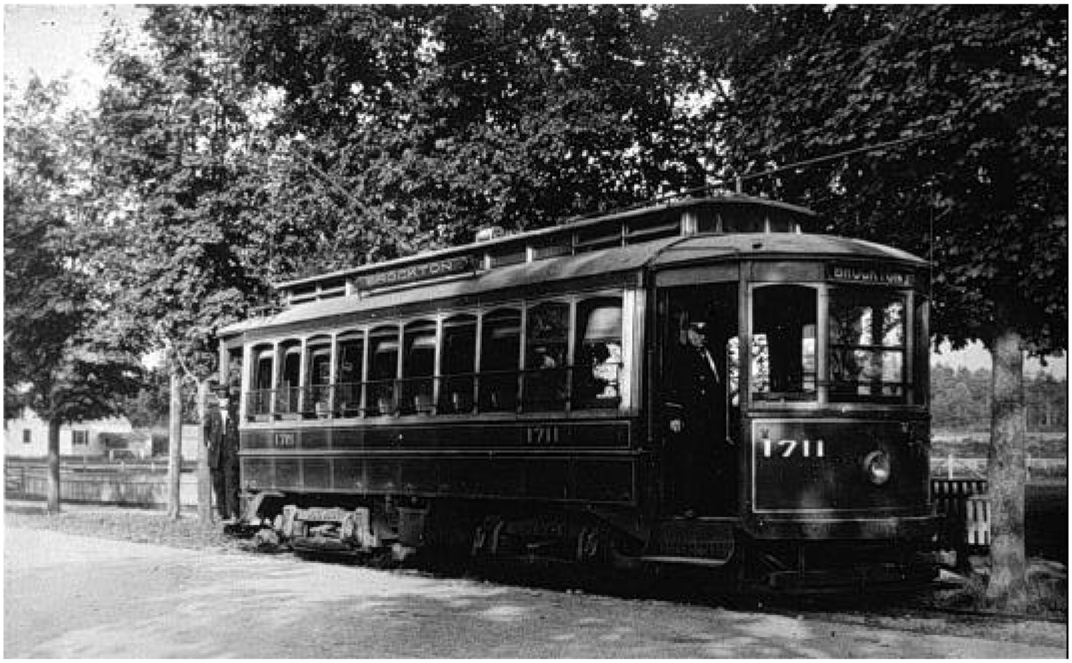
343. Taunton and Pawtucket Street Railway at Car Barn

This is one of the cars (number 19) with its crew standing proudly in front.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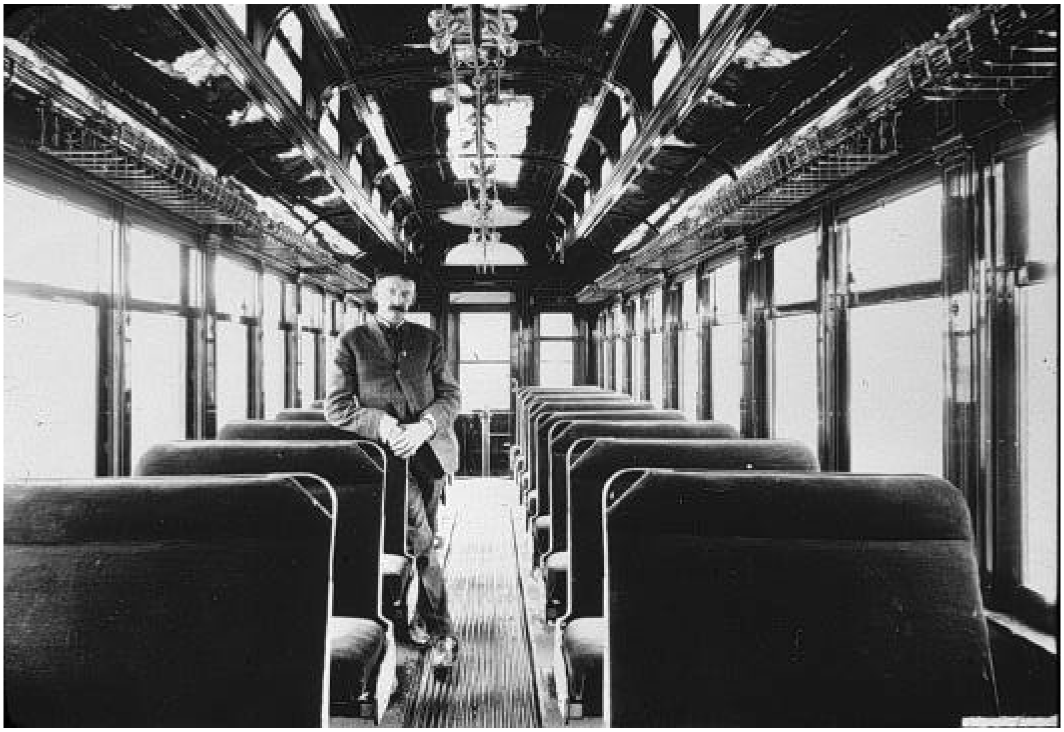
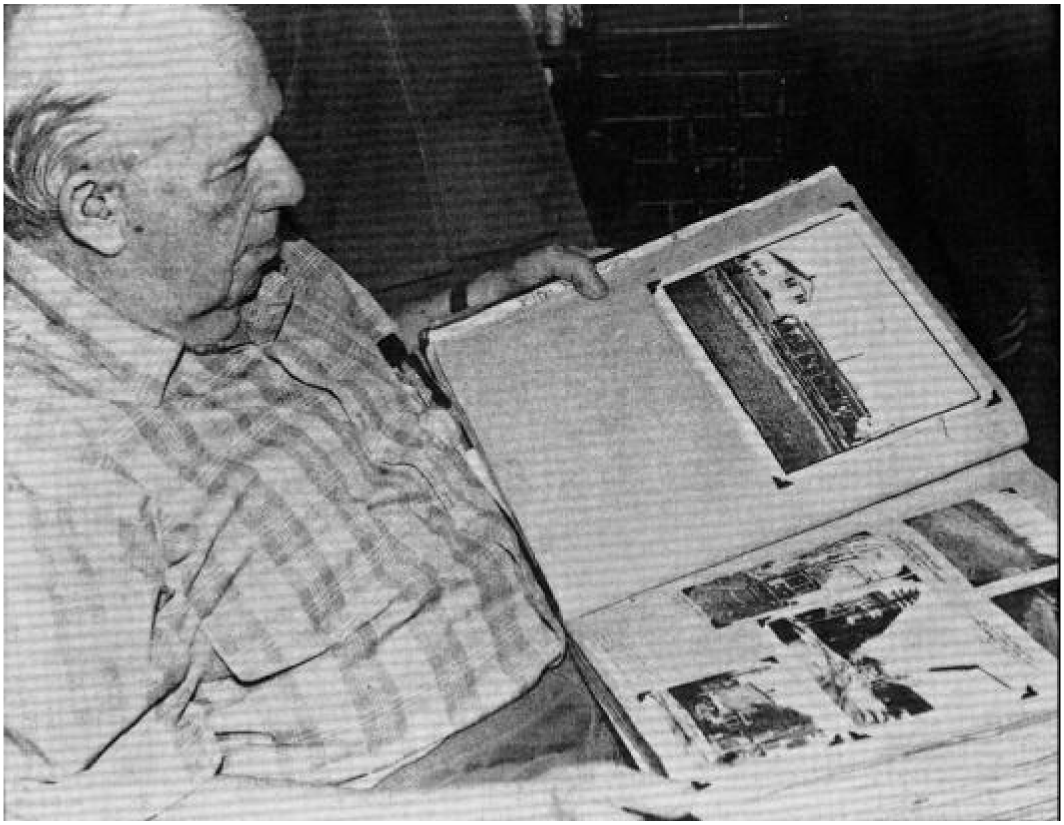
344. Bay State Street Railway No. 1711, South Main Street

A view of one of the trolleys traveling down South Main Street.



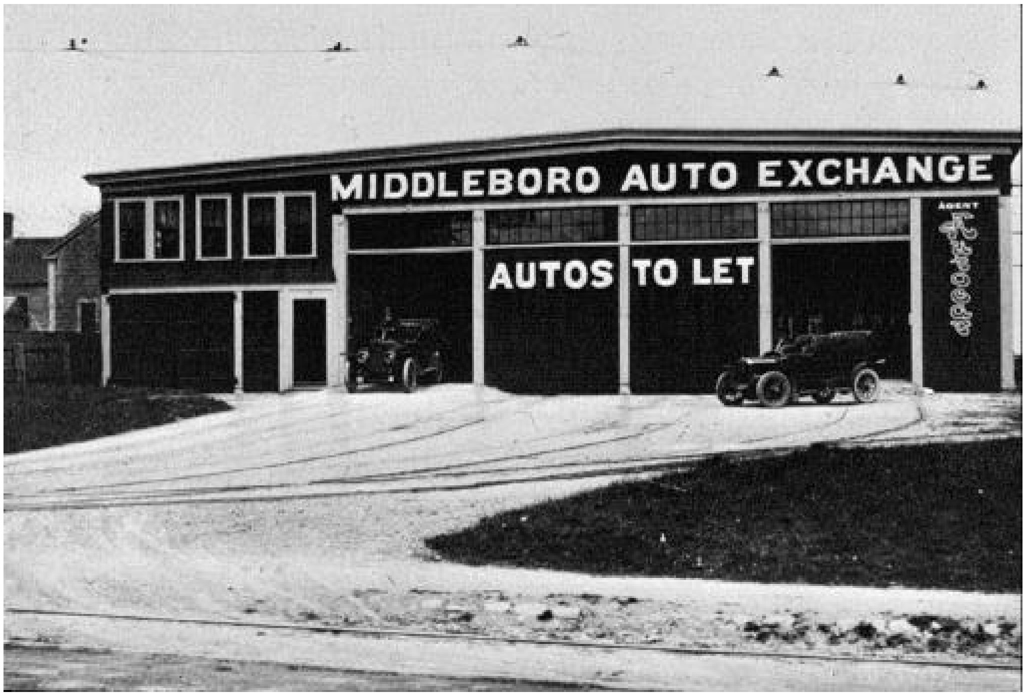
345. At Car Barn Taunton & Pawtucket Street Railway
Interior No. 19

This interior view of Car Number 19 shows a conductor posing in a very ornate car.



346. John David Rockwell

John D. Rockwell is one of the top intellectuals, when it comes to his hobby on the railroad and the trolley lines in this area. This photo shows John looking at one of his many scrapbooks.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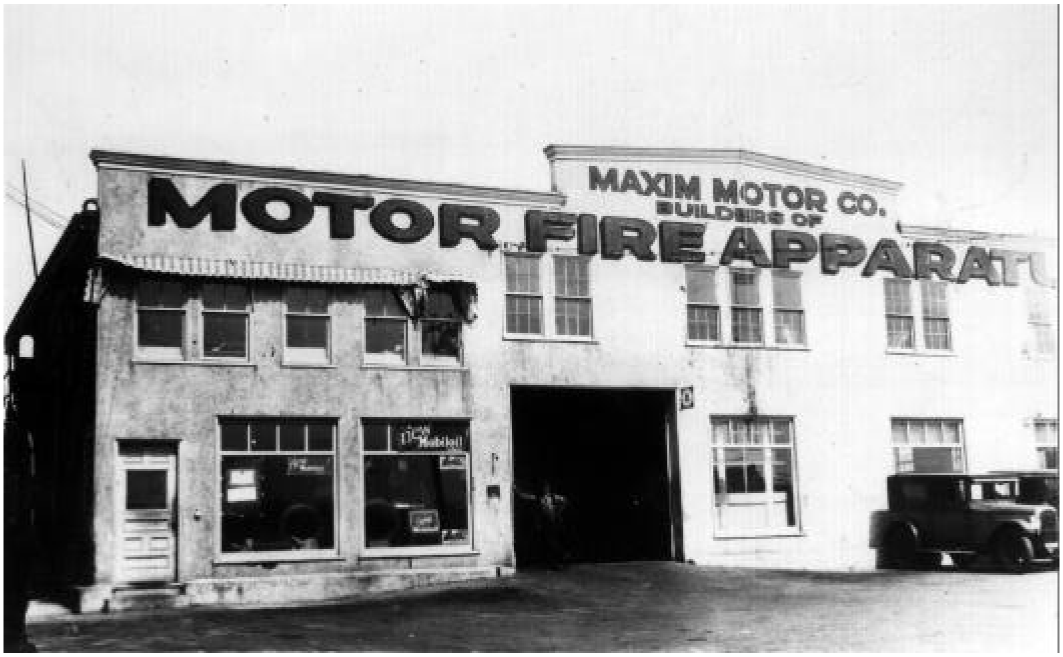
347. Middleborough Auto Exchange

C. W. Maxim started his automobile business in the old car barn and did a very brisk business.


MAXIM MOTOR CO.
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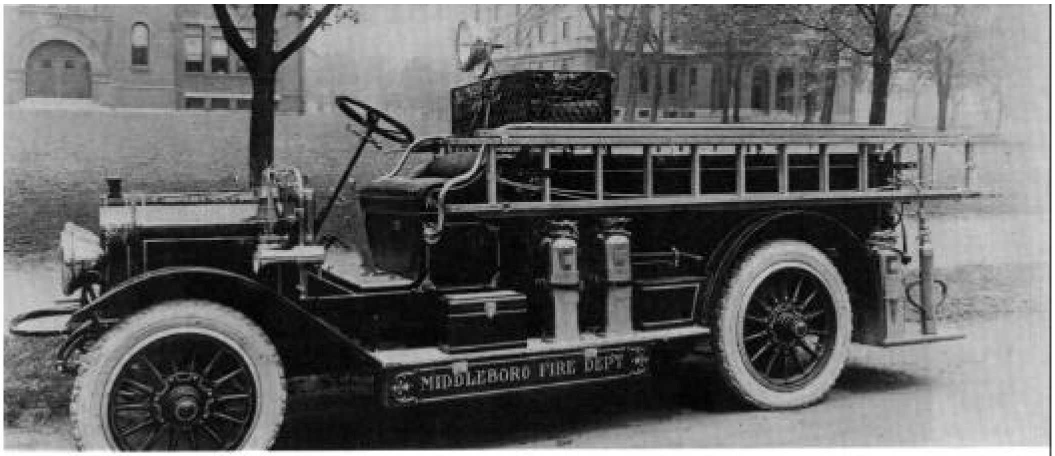
348. Maxim Motor Company

This view taken by a worker shows some of the old cars to the right and the awnings above the office windows at the upper left.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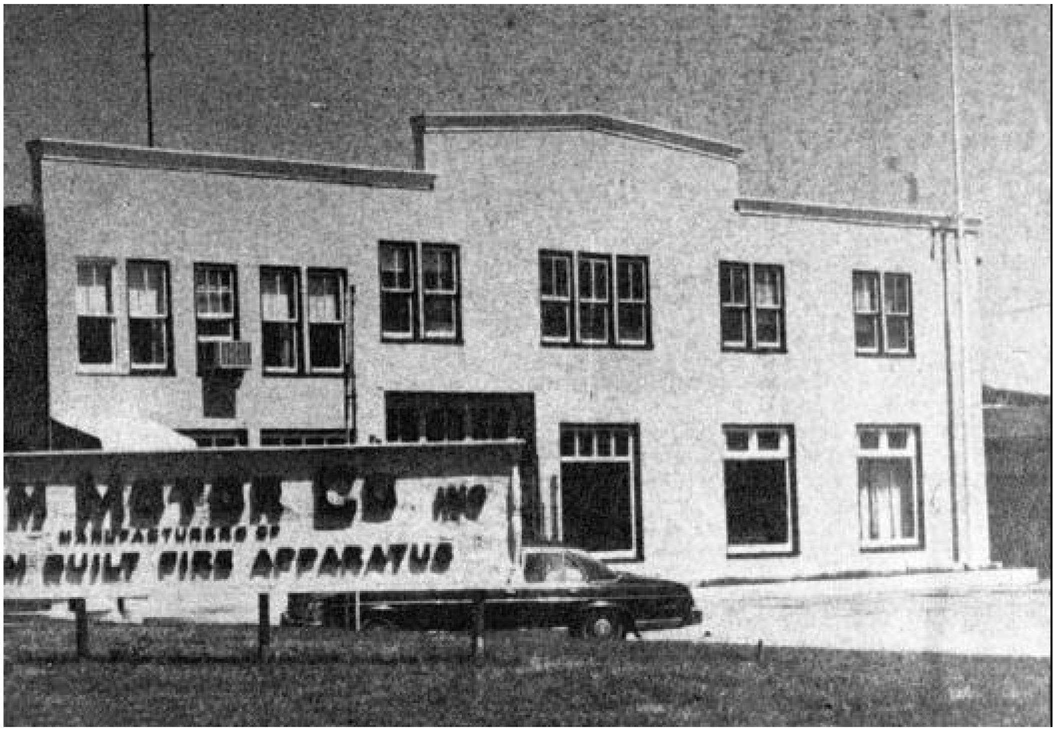
349. Middleborough Fire Department Engine

This photo shows one of the early Maxim engines parked in front of the high school and town hall.

Home of
MAXIM
Maxim Motor Div.
MANUFACTURERS OF
CUSTOM BUILT FIRE APPARATUS

350. Maxim Motor Division

This is a photo of the Maxim sign that stood for so many years in front of the Maxim plant.

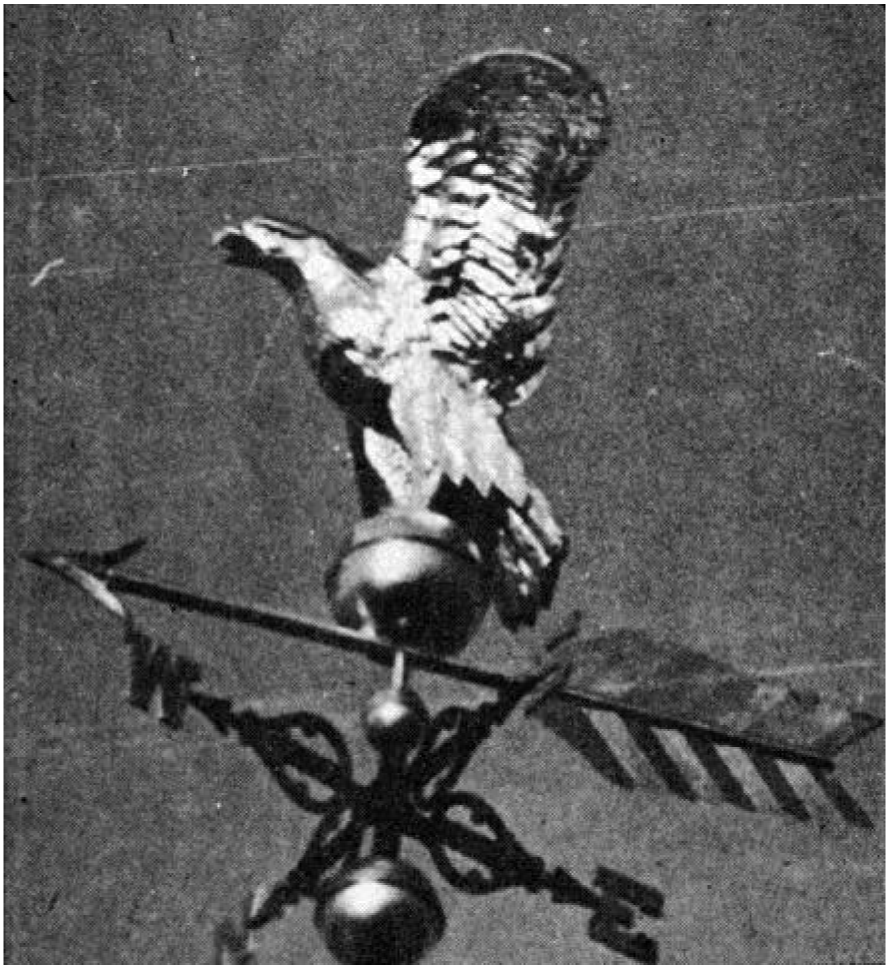

M MOTOR CO INC
MANUFACTURERS OF
M BUILT FIRE APPARATUS

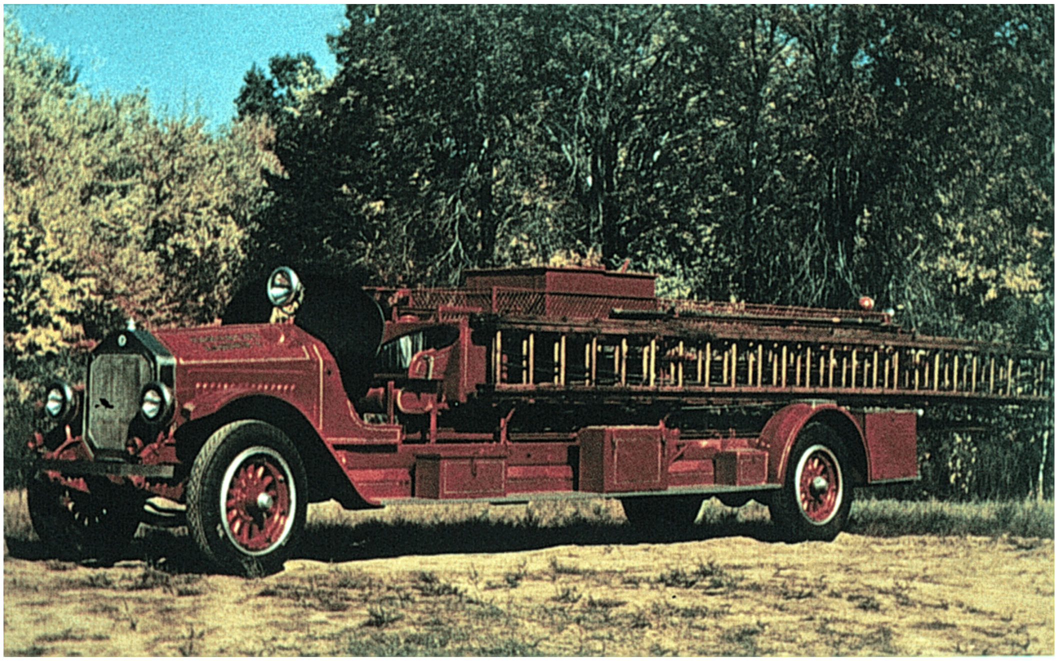
351. Maxim Motor Company, Inc.

This shows an all too familiar view of our generation; unfortunately Maxim Motors shut down at this location.

352. Maxim Flag Pole Eagle

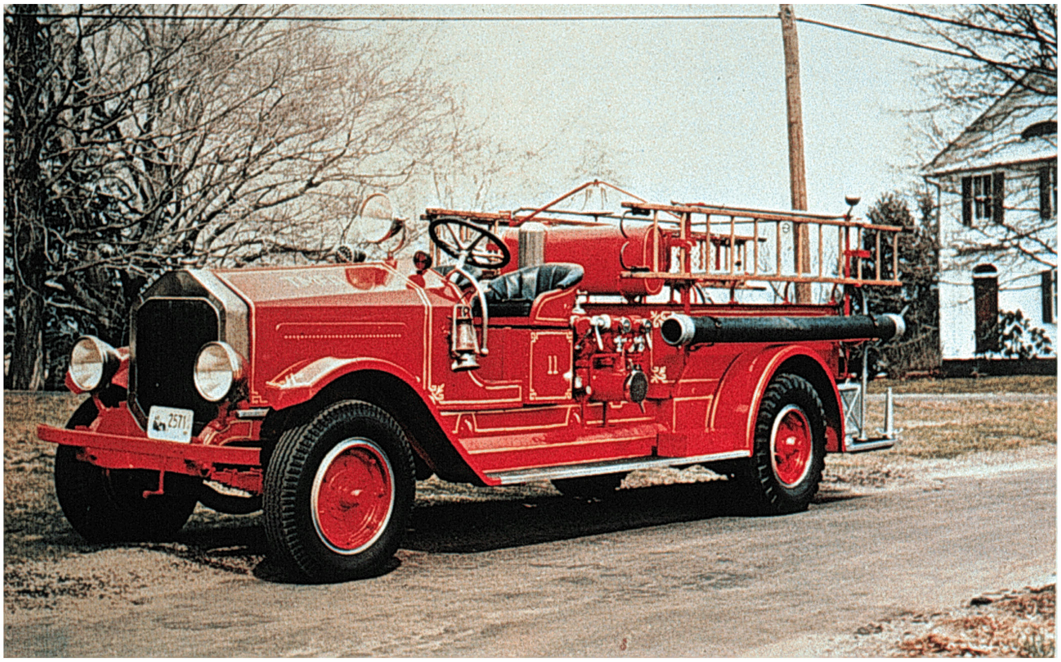
A view of the eagle atop the Maxim Motors flag pole, which soon disappeared after the demise of the business.





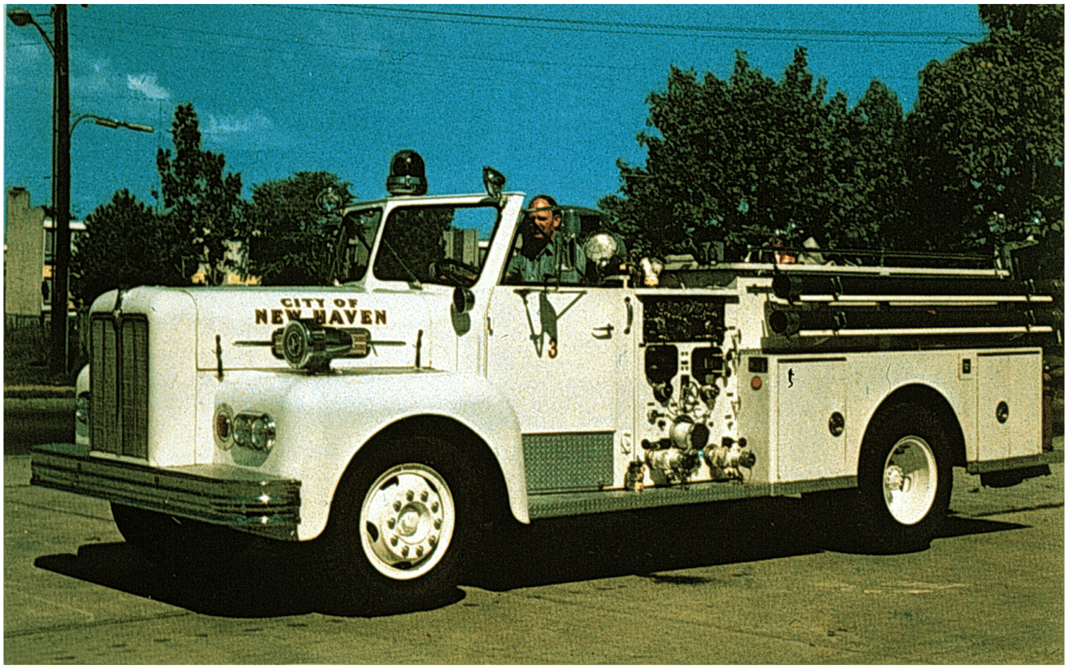
353. 1926 Maxim Ladder Truck

This is a photo of a Maxim Ladder Truck built for the city of West Hartford, CT, and sold to Simsbury, CT and later retired in 1971.



354. 1930 Maxim Pumper and Hose Wagon

This pumper and hose wagon was built for Niantic, CT. It could pump 750 g.p.m. This engine is on display at the Trolley Museum at Warehouse Point, CT.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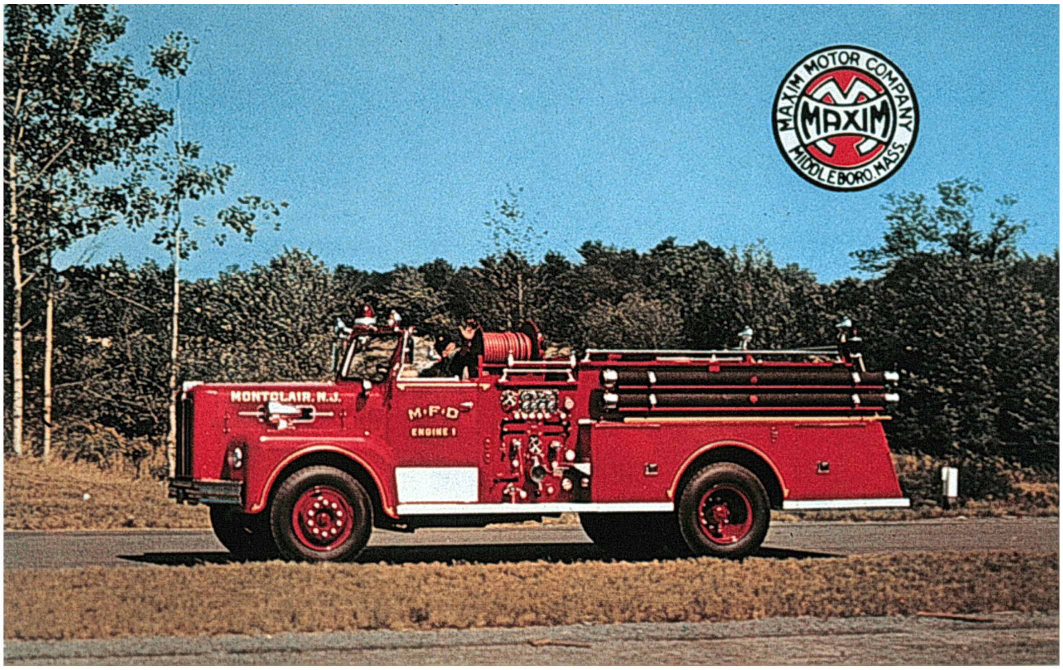
355. 1969 Maxim Pumper

This 1969 Maxim was painted white, as was the custom of New Haven, CT. It could pump 750 g.p.m. with its two-stage pump, plus its 300-gallon booster tank.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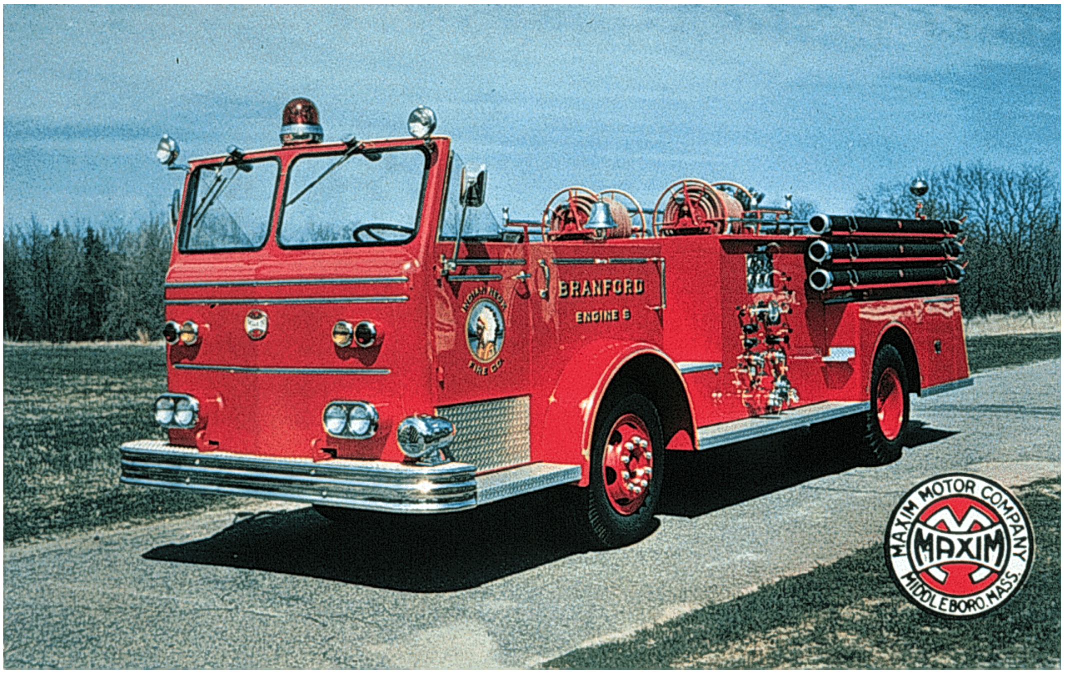
356. Maxim Model 5-2627-C Pumper

Maxim Model S-2627-C, 750 g.p.m. pumper being delivered to MontClair, NJ.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INDIAN RIVER FIRE CO.
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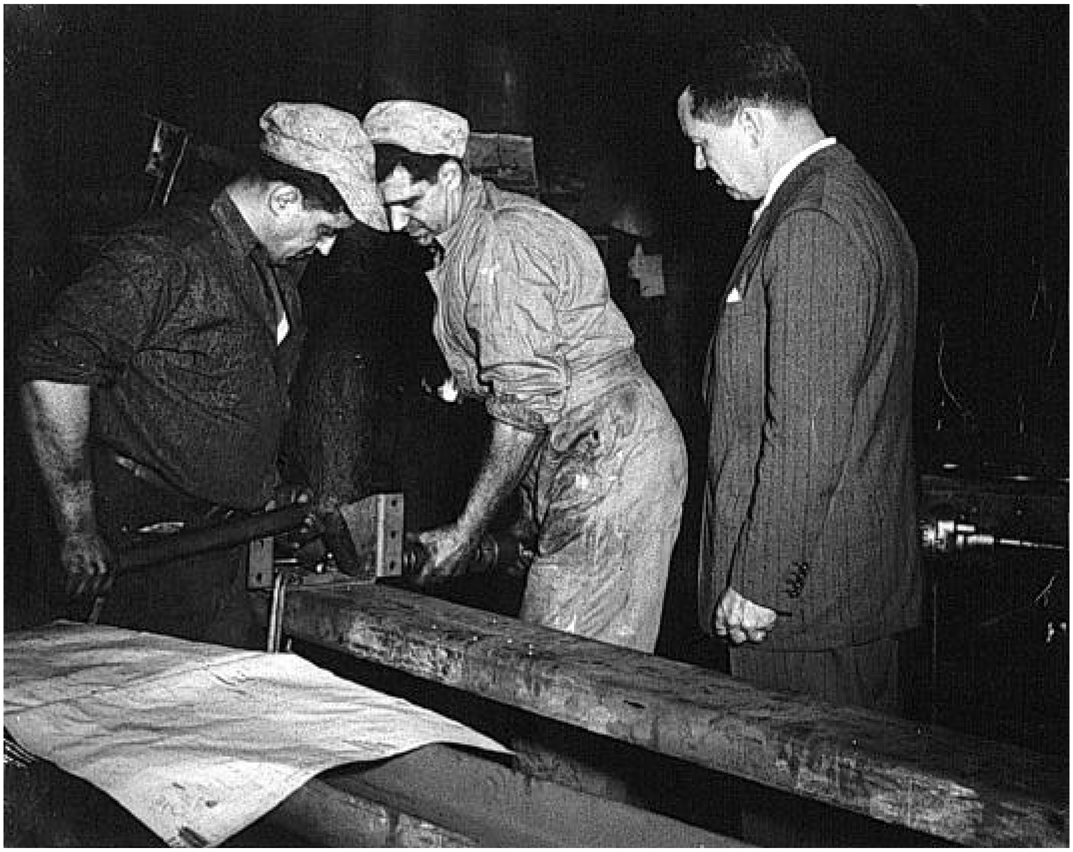
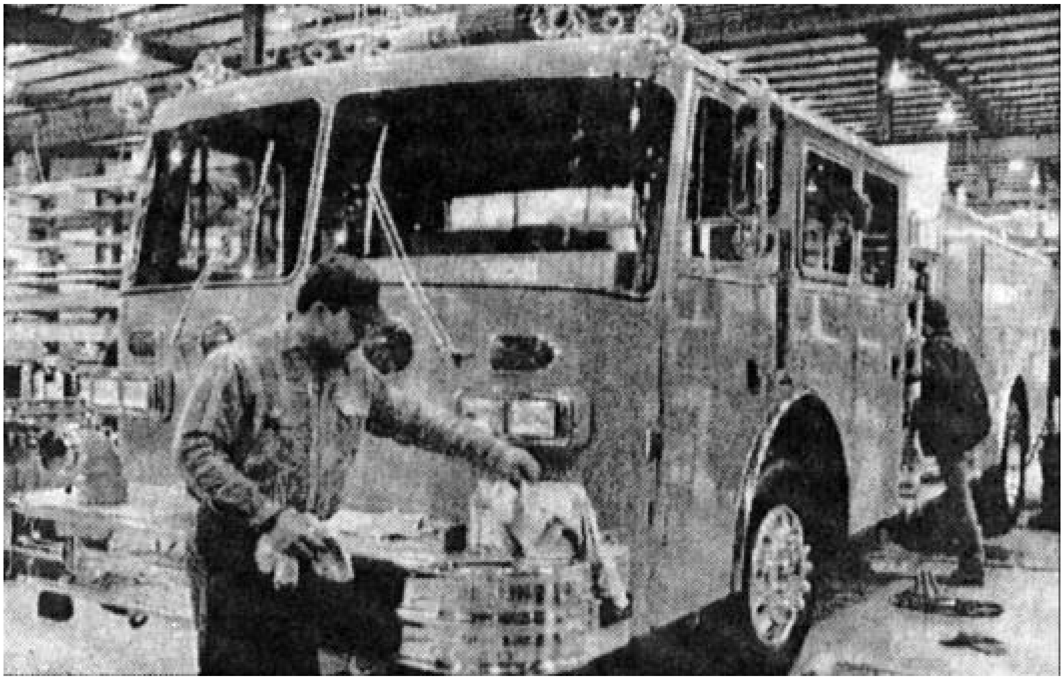
357. Maxim Model F 2617 C Pumper

Maxim Model F2617-C Cab Forward, 750 g.p.m. pumper delivered to Branford, CT.



358. Manny and Francis Frietas Candidate for Governor

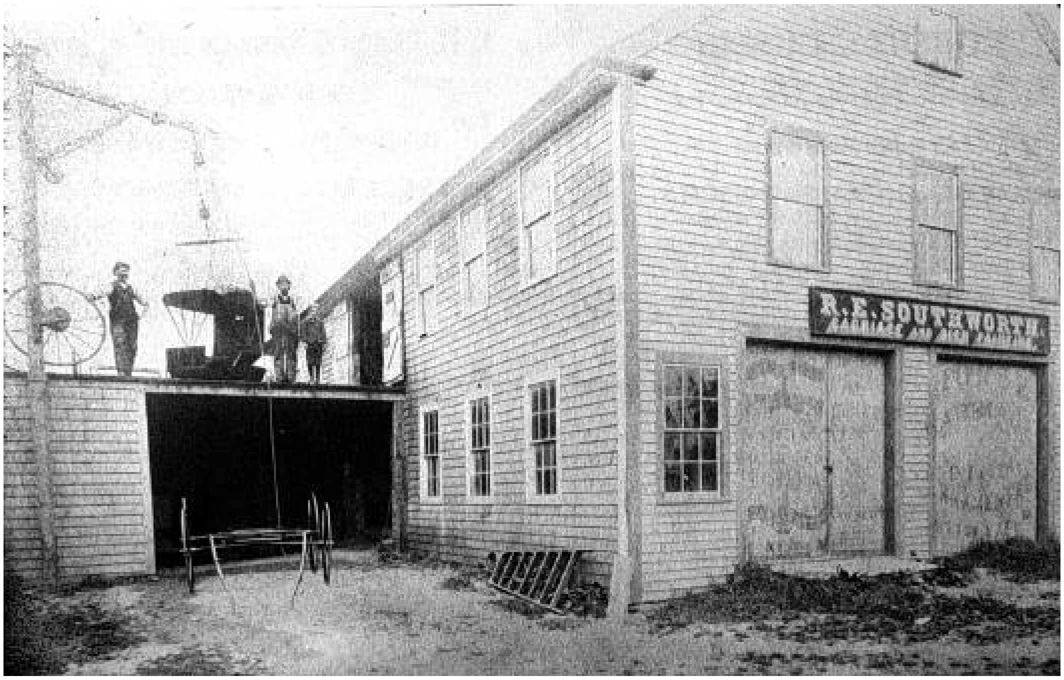
A picture of Manny and Francis Frietas hard at work at Maxim Motors, while a candidate for governor looks on.



359. Maxim’s Inc.

“The last one…workman at Maxim, Inc., of Middleborough, adjusts fittings on last fire engine to be constructed at plant which is closing its doors.

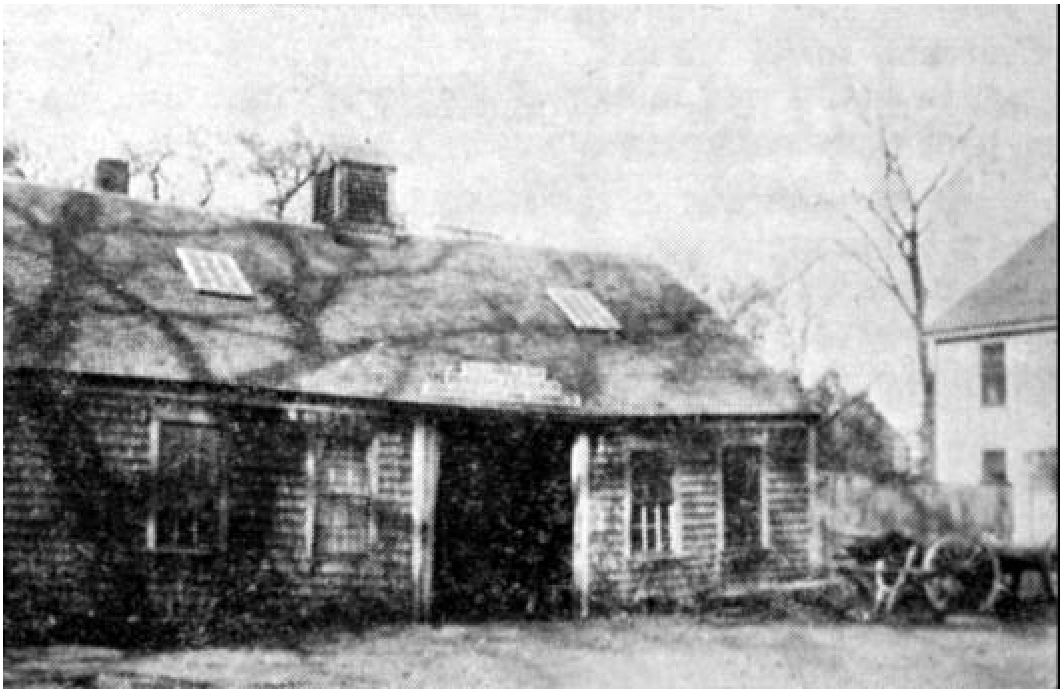
Source: This is a direct quote from The Sunday Enterprise.



360. Rodney E. Southworth Carriage & Sign Painting Shop

“The above photograph was taken on June 20, 1899, of the Rodney E. Southworth carriage and sign painting shop. Mr. Southworth was the husband of Arabella Sparrow. The photograph was given to the Middleborough Historical Museum by the Southworth’s niece, Mrs. Helen Wood Ashley. The property was sold in 1912 to John G. Howes, who converted the shop into a garage. It is now owned by the Maxim Motor Company.”

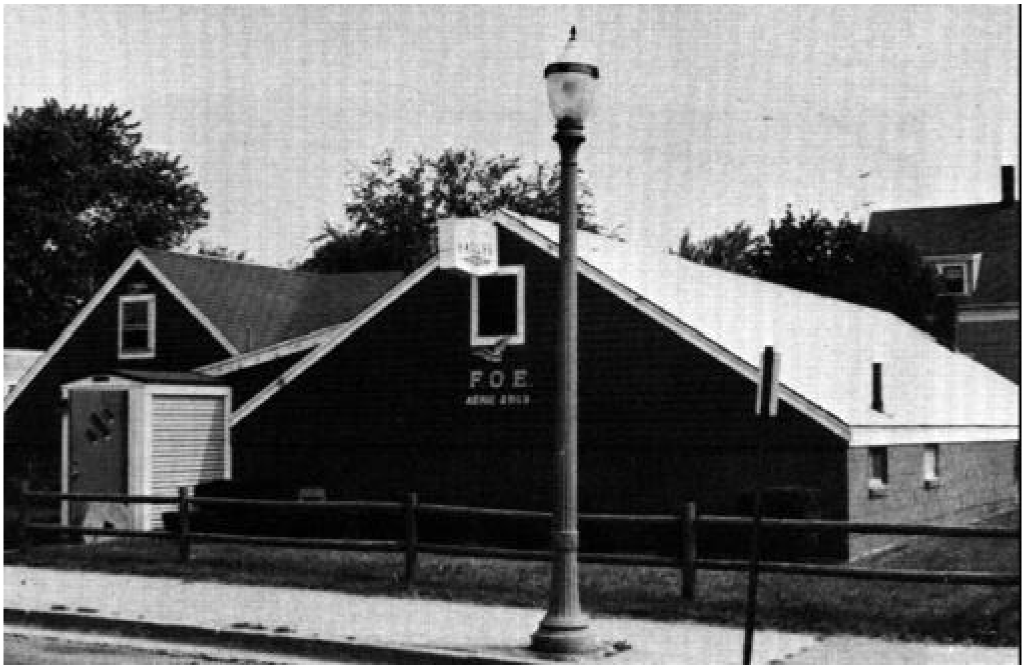
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Page Eleven, Volume XVIII, April 1978, Number Four. Mertie Romaine’s History of Middleborough, Page 59.



361. Lincoln Blacksmith Shop

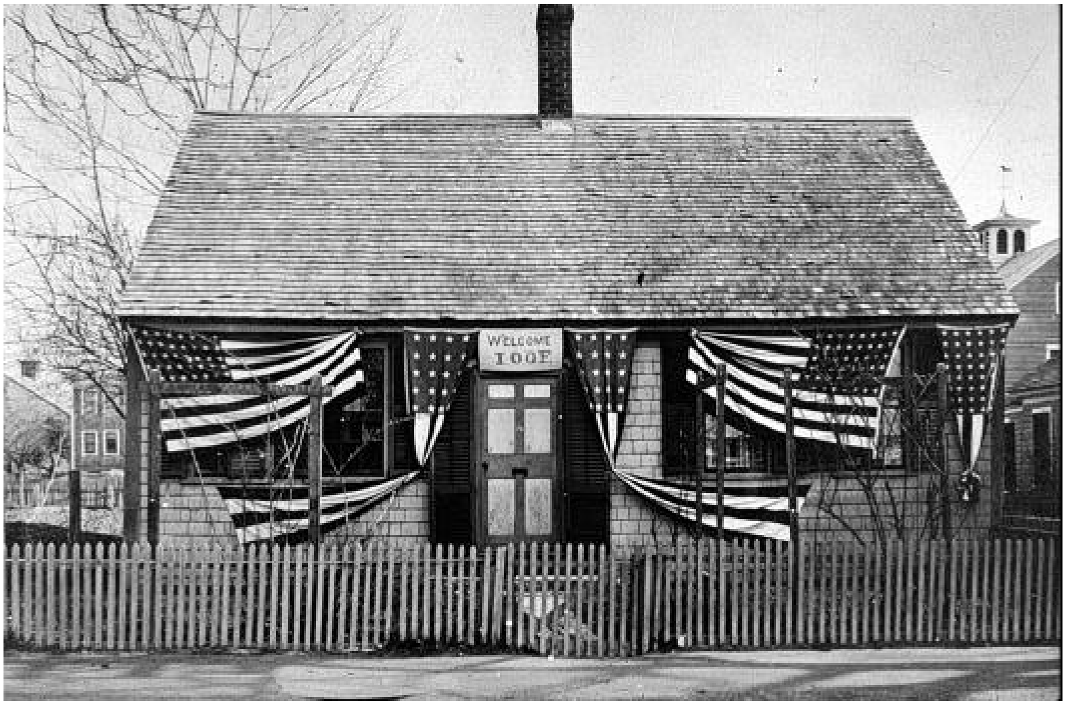
"The Lincoln Blacksmith shop was one of the oldest such shops in town; it stood on Wareham Street for more than one hundred and forty years. Built about 1800 it passed into the hands of three generations before being torn down in 1942." (This is a direct quote from Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough)

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, page 43.
The Middleborough Antiquarian, Page Three, Volume IV, April 1962, Number Two



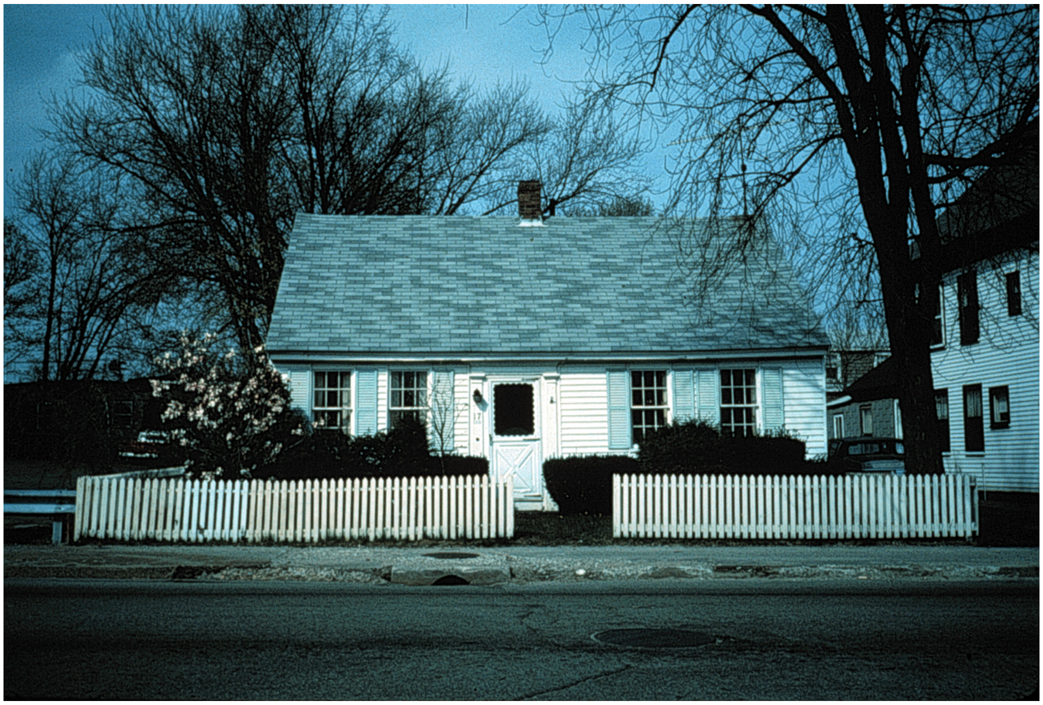
362. Fraternal Order of Eagles

A bad fire in 1997 caused this building to be abandoned.



363. Professor Jenk's Schoolhouse

This building was originally on the corner of North Main and Peirce Streets and was moved to its present location on Water (Wareham) Street. The house, on its original site, was the David Thomas Farm that Levi Peirce bought. The land ran all the way to the Nemasket River.



364. James Butler Home

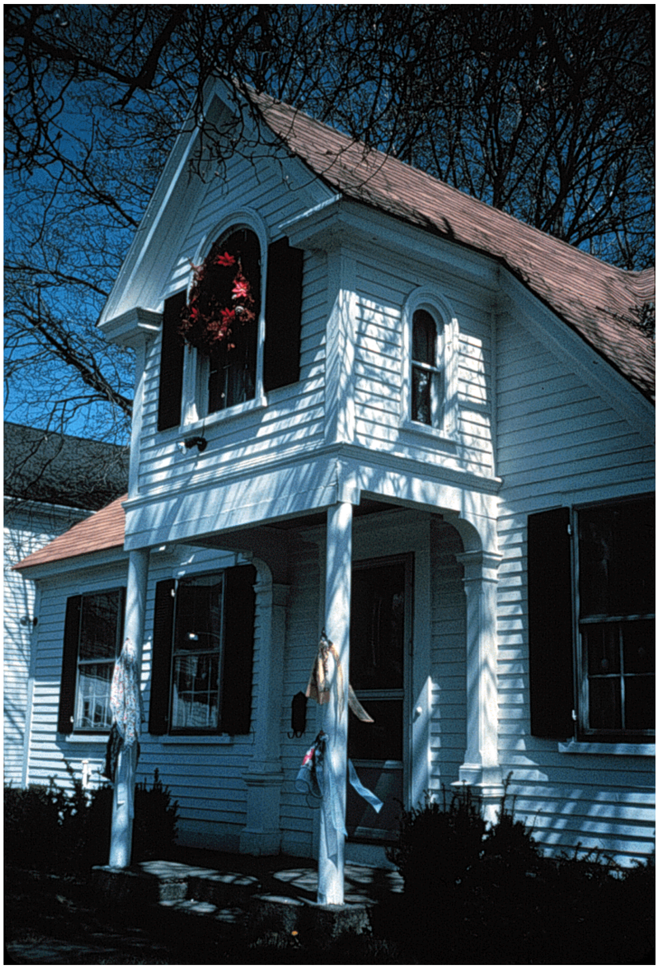
This old schoolhouse still stands, as a private home owned by James Butler, present owner of Creedon’s Flower Shop.

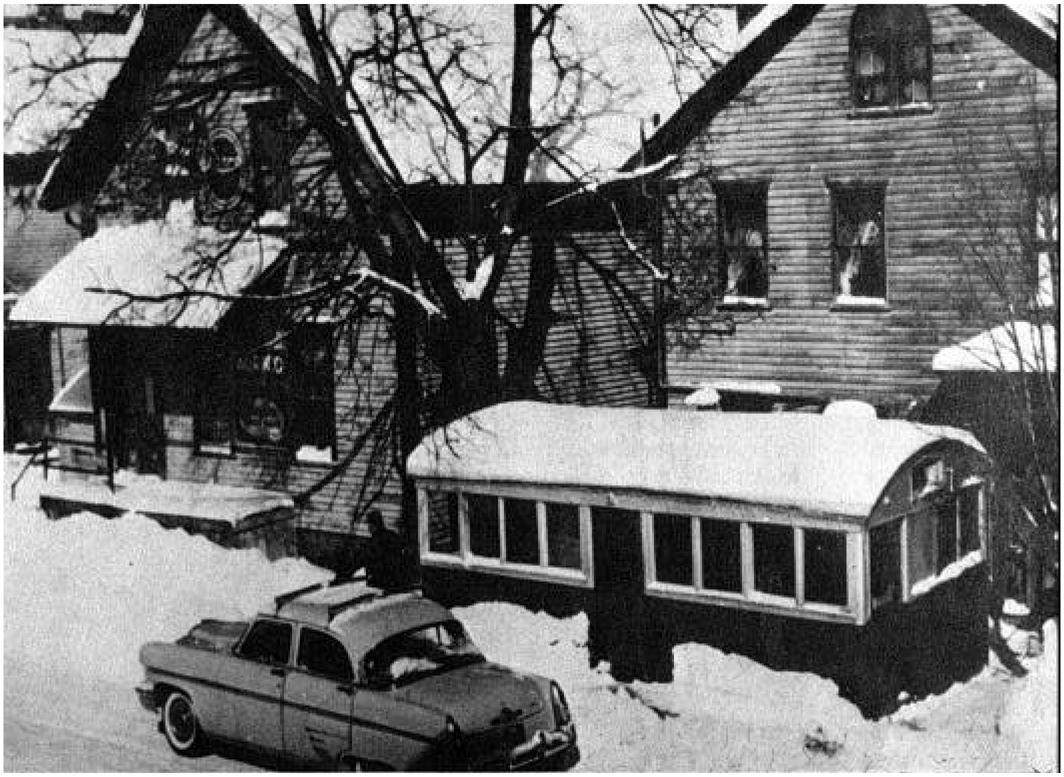
365. Conversation Outside of the “Windtunnel”

This group of men sitting on the Old Bryant and Soule Grain Mill loading dock may be settling town business or just discussing the weather.

366. House Doorway

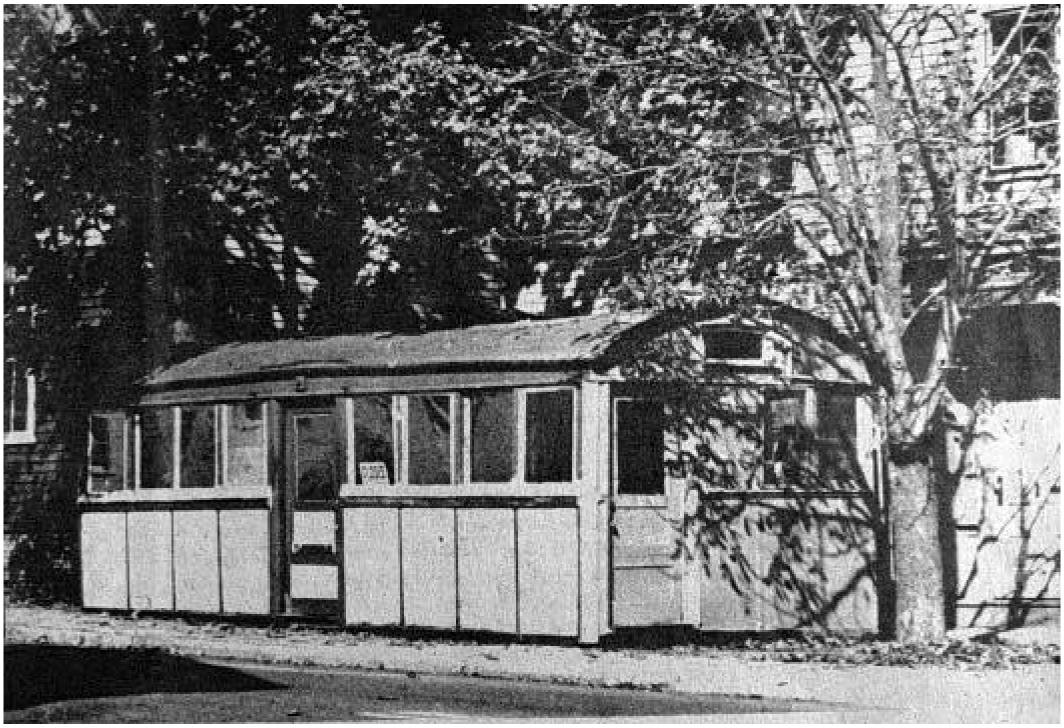
This small cape has a rather grand entrance and was a private residence for many years. Up until recently it has been occupied as a gift shop.





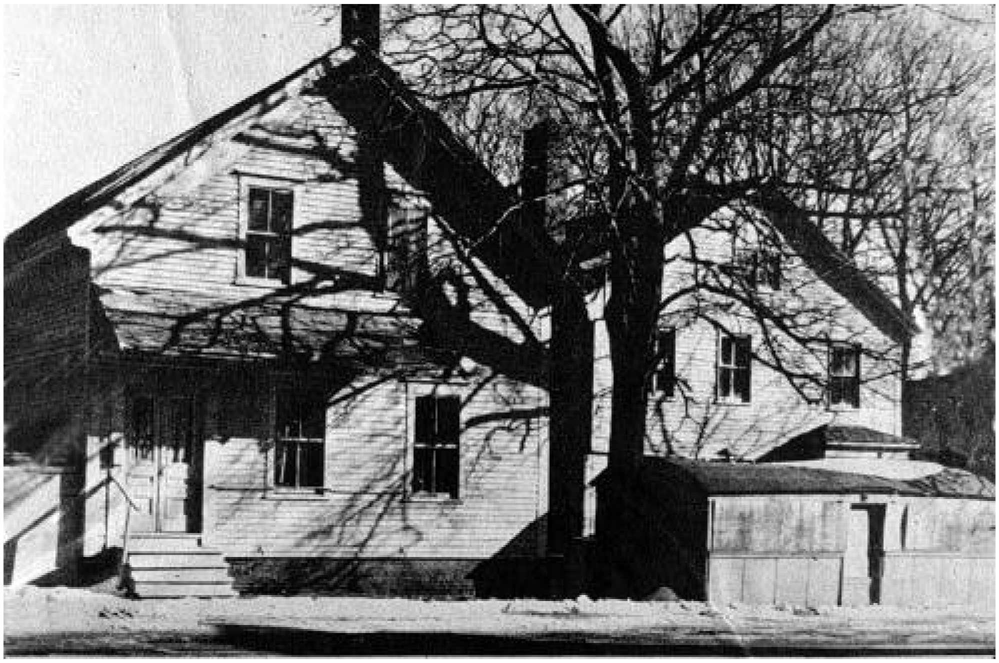
367. Bryant & Soule Grainmill (1910) and "Windtunnel"

This homey scene depicts a busy Thompson's Diner (The Windtunnel), not too long before its demise. In the left rear can be seen the Old Bryant and Soule Grain Mill and on its right the former Standish residence.



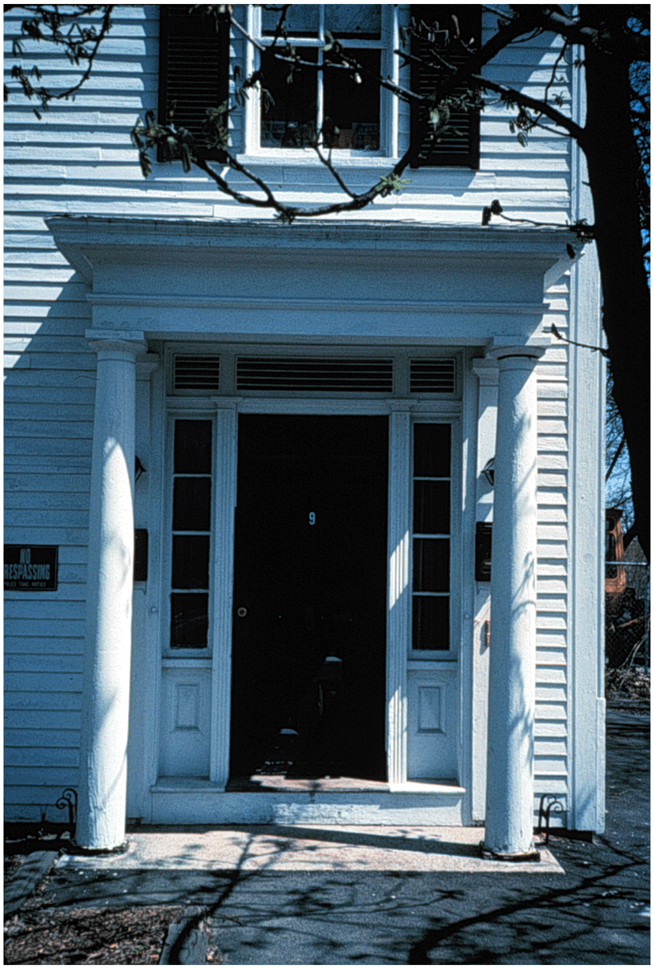
368. “Windtunnel”

This pretty little picture shows the Windtunnel in its former glory doing business as usual. “Tubby” Thompson (Herbert) ran it with his daughter Betty Record. Toward the end, Betty took it over entirely, ran the business, and had some very interesting menus. It was said that many a selectmen’s meeting took place here. At its closing there were many sad faces.



369. Bryant & Soule Grainmill and Closed "Windtunnel"

This sad little diner is all set to be demolished. Originally it was moved from across the street.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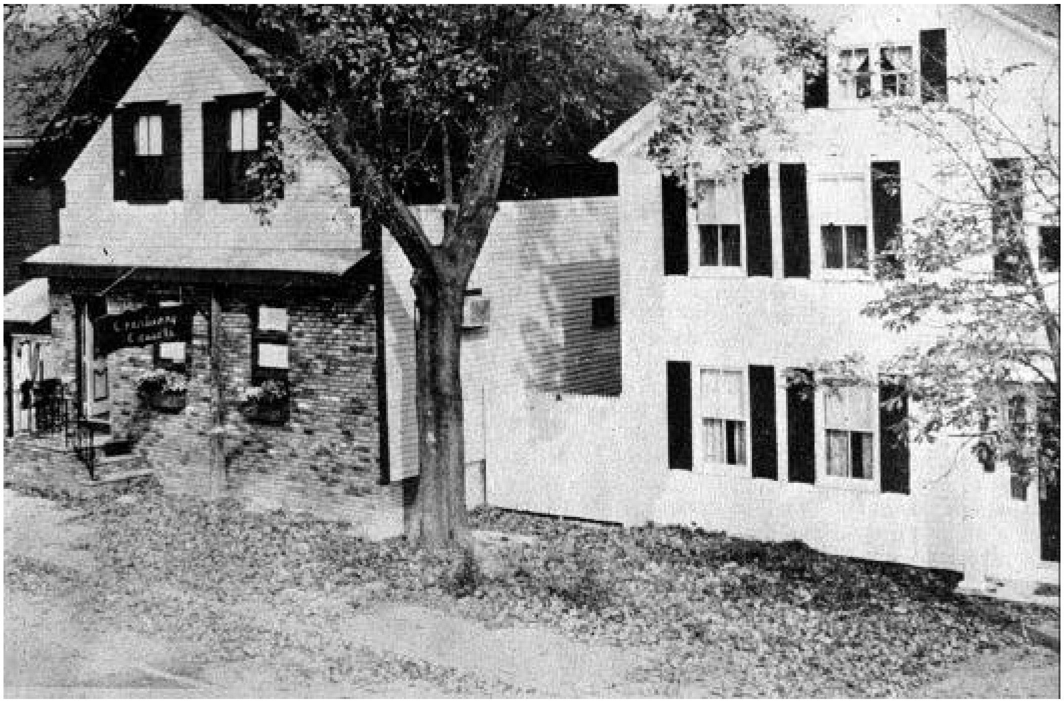
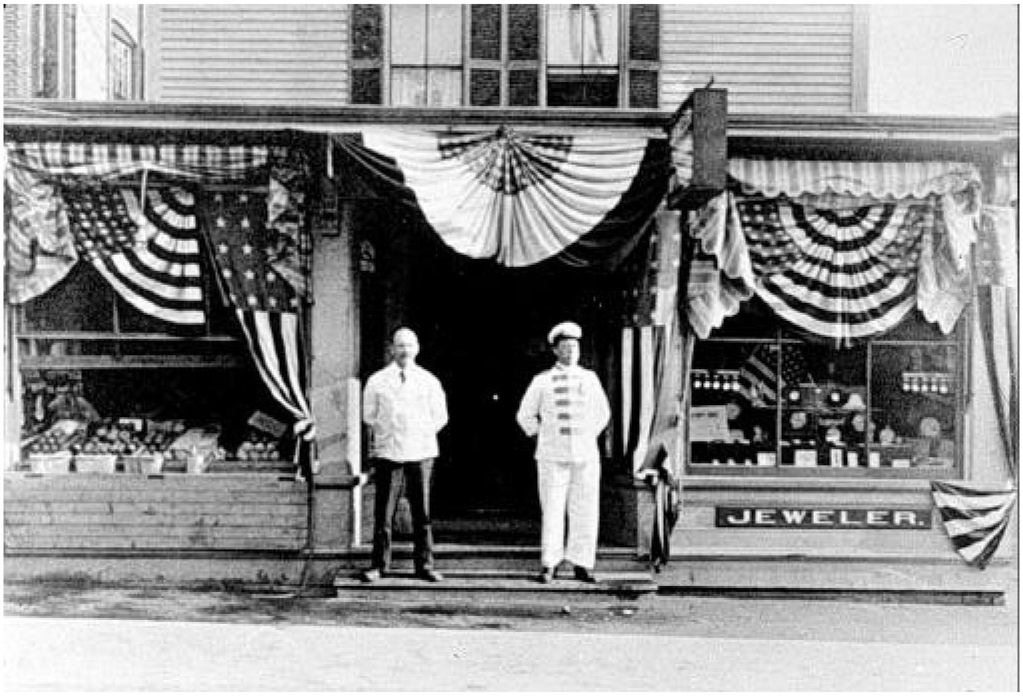
370. House Doorway

This pretty doorway to the former Standish Home was restored by its new owner, John Forrester of Avon.



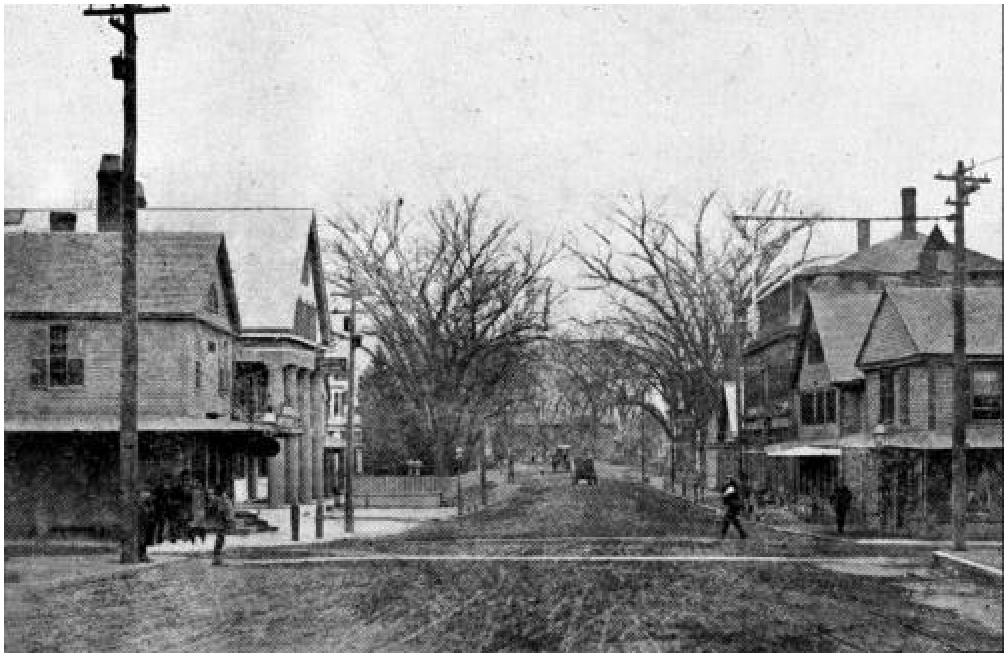
371. Refurbished Bryant & Soule Grainmill & House

This cleanup of the old Bryant and Soule Grain Mill and Standish home was accomplished by Mr. Forrester, creating a pleasant atmosphere for business and apartments alike.



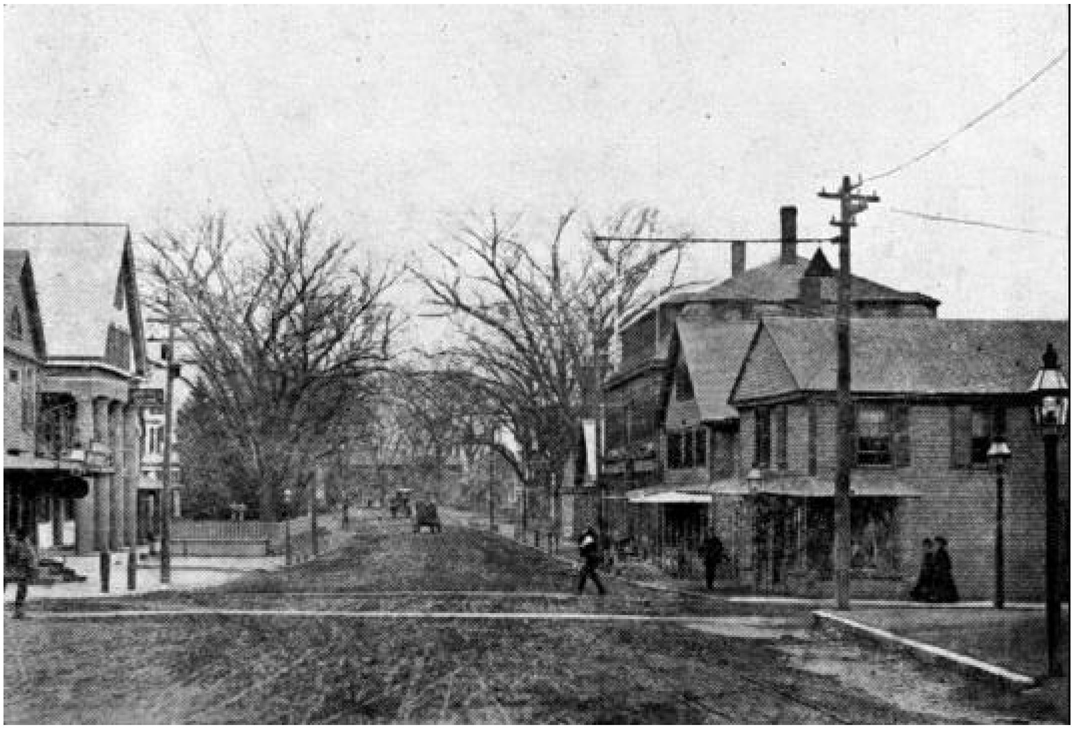
372. Thompson's Waiting Room and Grocery Store

Thomas Thompson operated a highly successful grocery business and, at one point, leased the basement of the Bryant and Soule Grain Mill as a warehouse. The Bay State Trolley line listed this as a trolley waiting room. The photo also shows Earnest E. Coombs, Jeweler, who is dressed in his band uniform ready to march in the 4th of July parade.



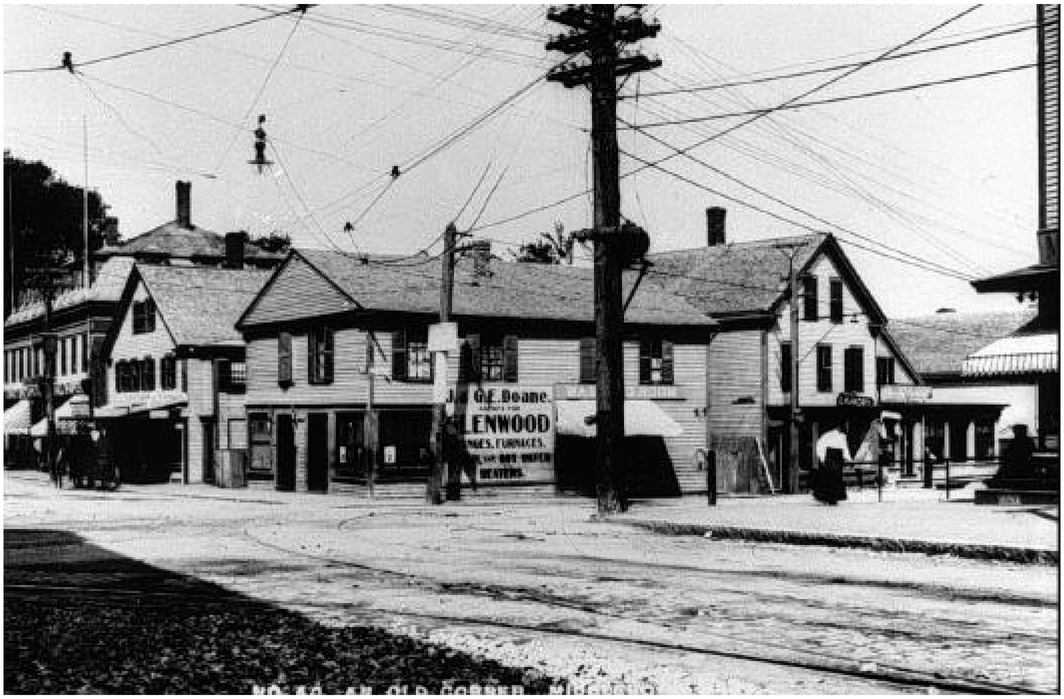
373. A View Down North Main Street

This early Four Corners view looking down North Main Street depicts the Matthew H. Cushing Grocery Store on the left, before it was demolished in 1899 to make way for the Peirce Block. The stately columned building beside it is the former Nemasket House.



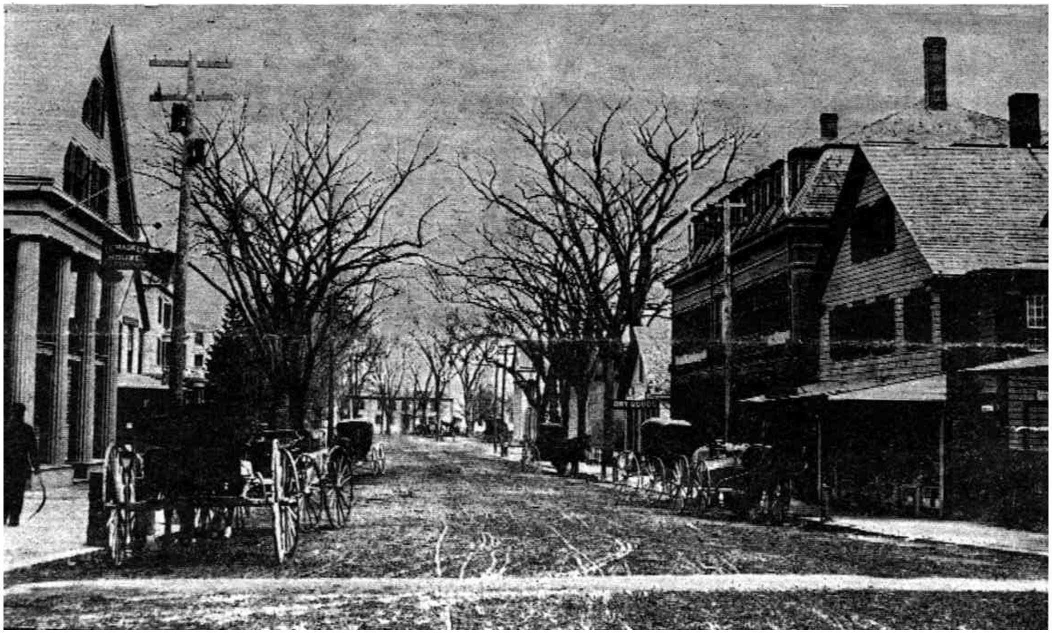
374. North Main Street View

This old view at the Four Corners shows the old kerosene street lights, side by side with the new electric light poles on dirt roads. On the right corner is the Pierce Building. The third building on the left is the former Jones Block, which was completely destroyed by fire in 1904.



375. "An Old Corner"

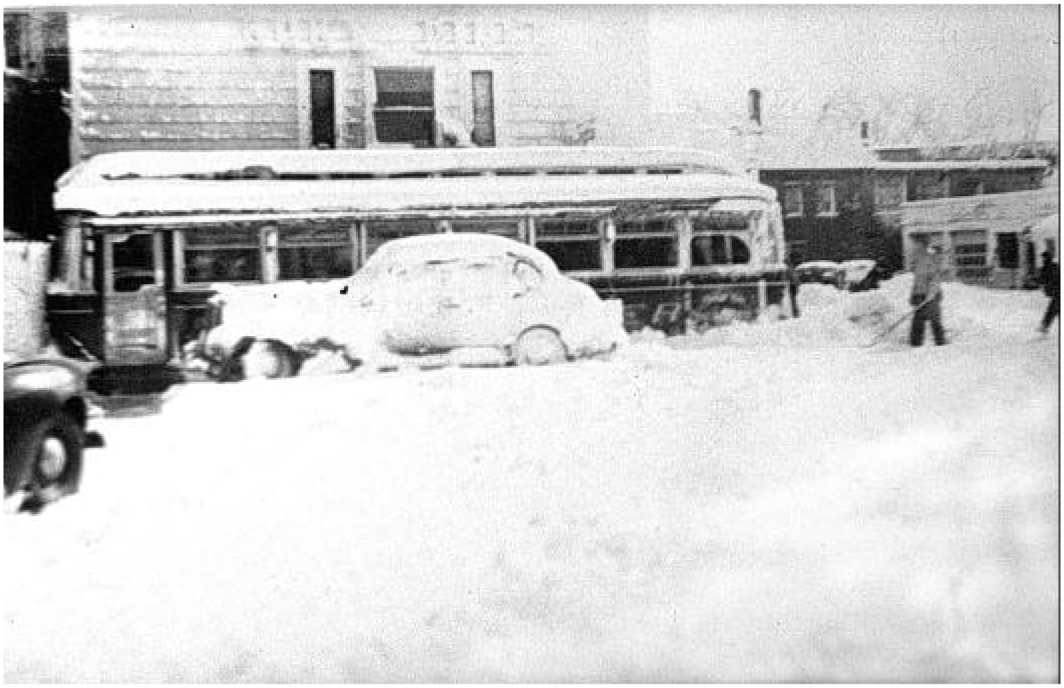
This view shows the same corner, later view, with George E. Doane's Hardware store located in the Peirce Building. Note the disappearance of the kerosene street lights and the appearance of the incandescent lamp over the intersection; we still have dirt roads along with trolley tracks.



376. Local Scene During Horse and Buggy Era

“Aunt Mabel” when she focused her camera on North Main Street many years ago preserved for posterity a glimpse of what life was like in a New England town as seen when automobiles were rare. Nemasket House left foreground, then was a bustling hostelry for commercial travelers or “drummers” and various business enterprises were quartered in buildings on the right, now all forgotten..In the background tall columns mark the façade of what was then the Pierce Grocery Store. All of the stately, “wineglass” elm trees eventually feel victim to disease and were removed. Unless there is information to the contrary, we believe the building next to Nemasket House later housed the early stages of the Winthrop-Atkins Photo Finishing Plant. Note… the wheel-tracked dirt road”

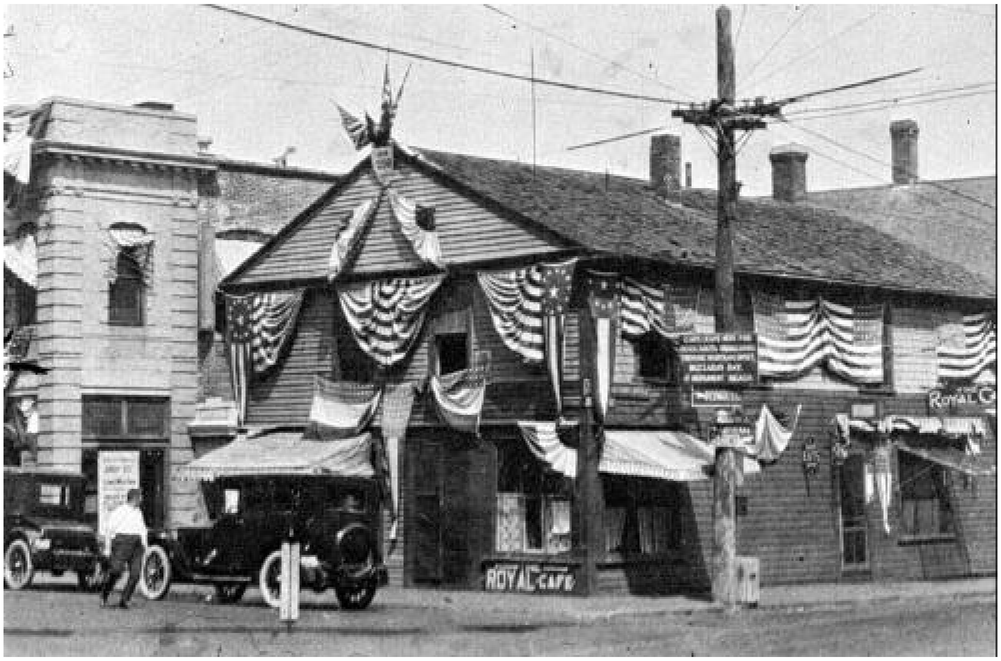
Source: This is a direct quote from the Middleborough Gazette



377. Pierce Building

Thomas W. Pierce, along with Harry Page, opened a hardware store at this corner in 1871. Later, George E. Doane ran his hardware business from this building until he bought the land next to American Hall, from Philander Washburn in 1875, where he built the Doane Block.

Source: Mertie Romaine’s Middleborough History, pp. 88 and 89.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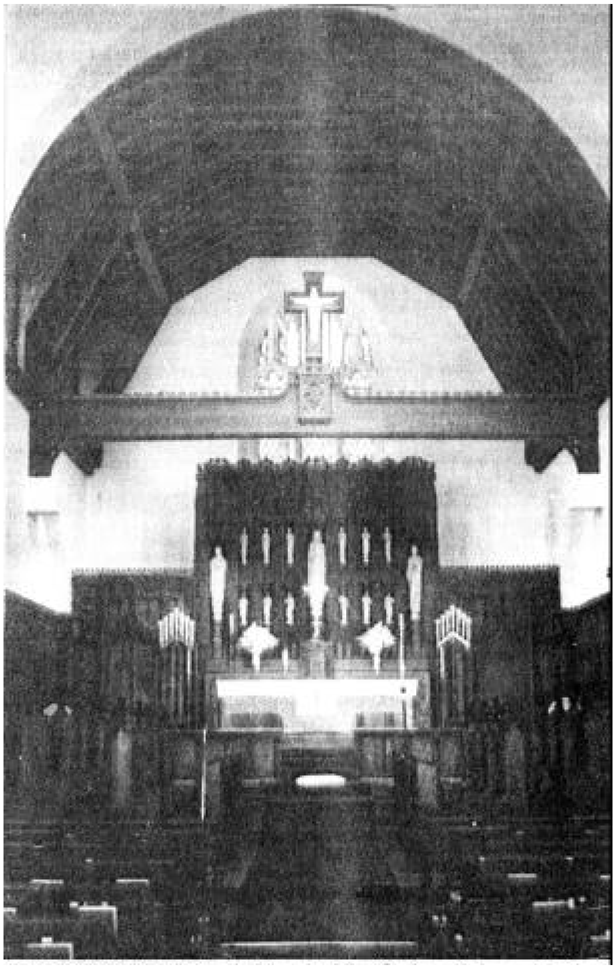
378. Bob's Diner

This snowy view shows the then new Bob's Diner, moved on to the former Peirce Block site by Kenneth Keedwell in 1943.

379. The Reverend William Bayard Hale, D.D.

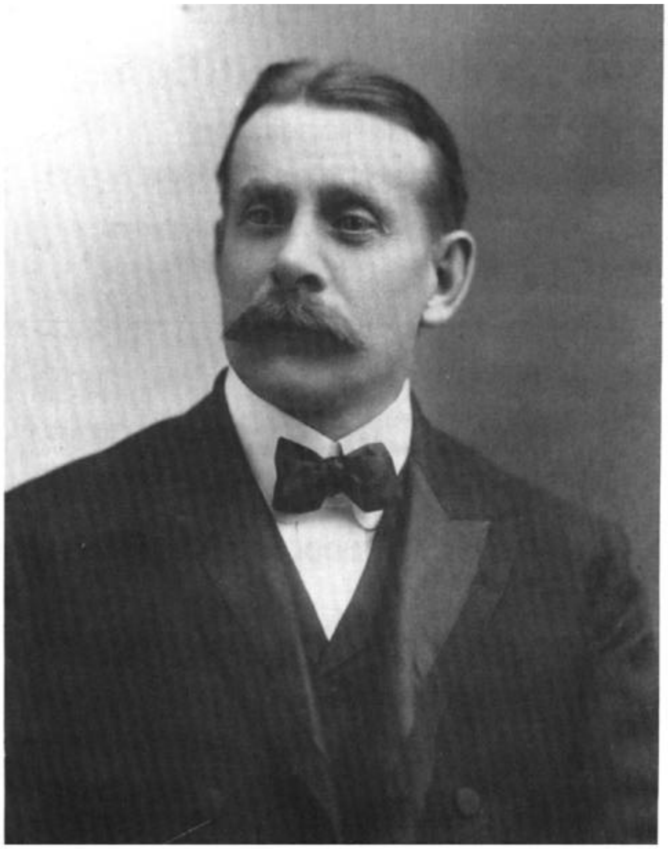
The Reverend William Bayard Hale "The founder of the parish and builder of the church" is represented here. Reverend Hale's ashes in an urn are in the crypt beneath the altar of Church of Our Saviour, Episcopal.

THE REV. WILLIAM BAYARD HALE, D.D.



380. Church of Our Saviour

This view shows the choir and chancel of the Church of Our Savior Episcopal.



381. Richard G. Woodbridge

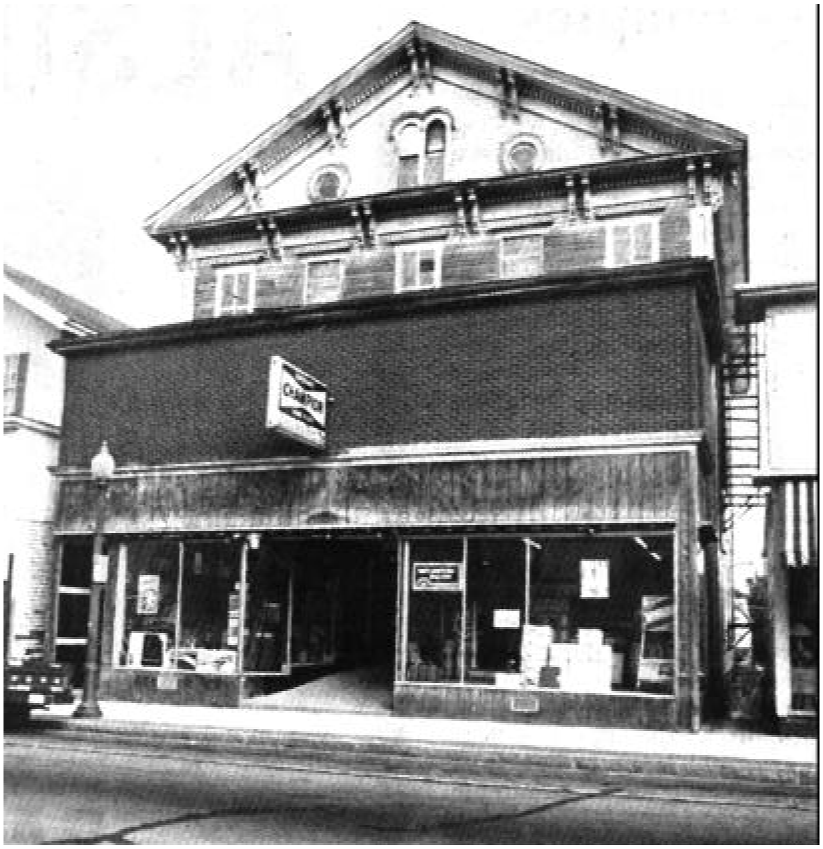
The Reverend Richard G. Woodbridge, Pastor of the Central Congregational Church, 1893-1901

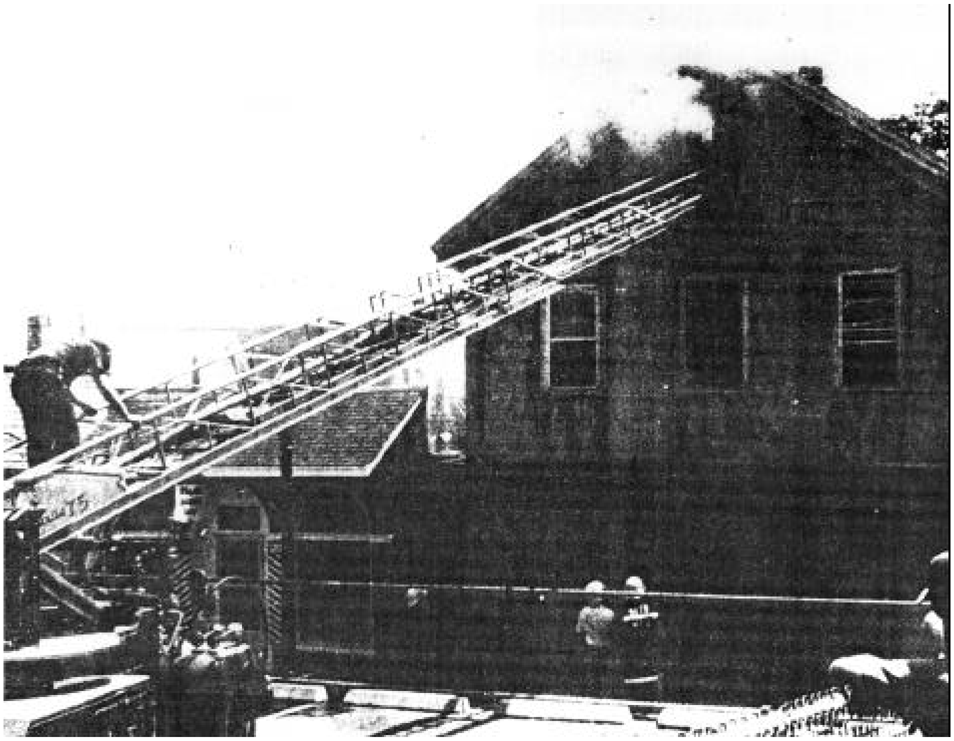
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Volume XXI, March 1981, Number 1, Page 7

382. Doane Block

This view shows the Doane Block with its two-story front addition. At this period in time Corsinis Auto Parts occupied part of this vacant building.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, Pg. 88 and 89

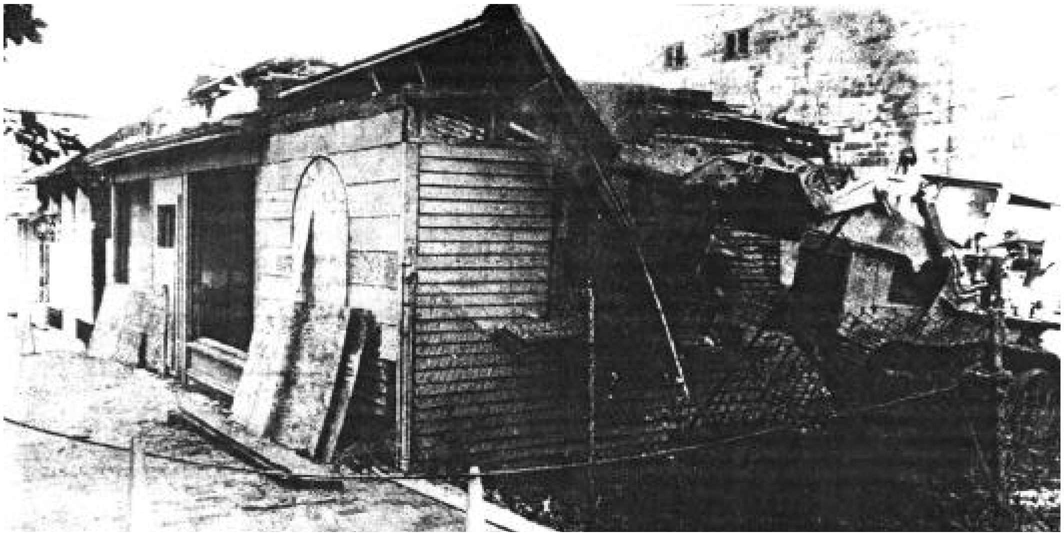




383. H.L. Thatcher Company

“Firefighters arrived at the former H.L. Thatcher Company on Thatchers Row to battle the first of two fires which broke out in that vacant building Saturday.”

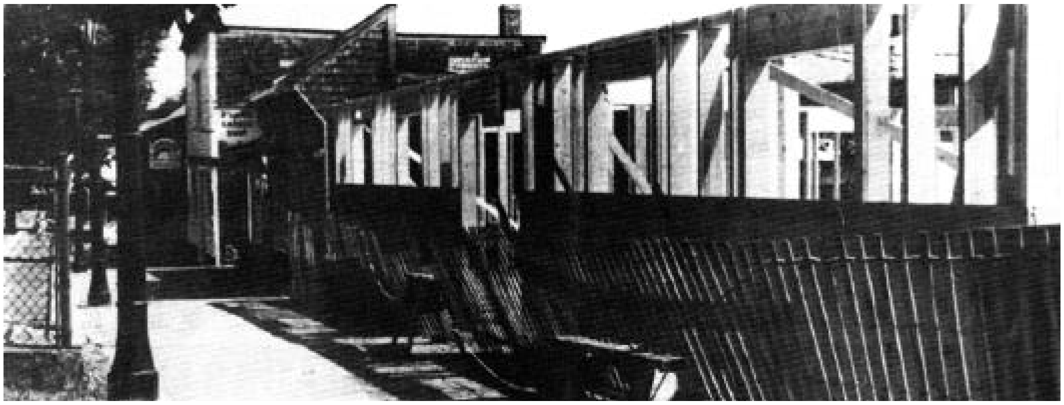
Source: A direct quote from the Middleborough Gazette of July 31, 1980.



384. H.L. Thatcher & Company

"The corporation which owns the former H.L. Thatcher property on Thatchers Row has no immediate plans for the site of the fire gutted building that was demolished last week.

Source: Middleborough Gazette



385. A.T. Maddigan Law Office and T.M. Ryder Insurance Company

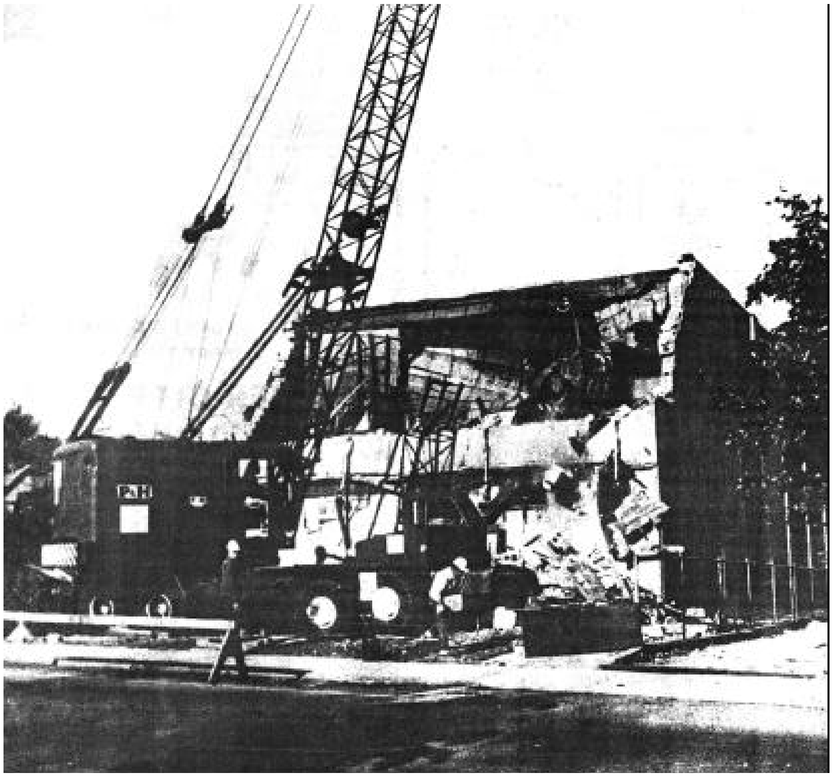
"First new construction on Thatcher's Row in more than a half-century, an office building is being built on the longtime site of Thatcher's printing plant." Thatcher's was the first building on the row.

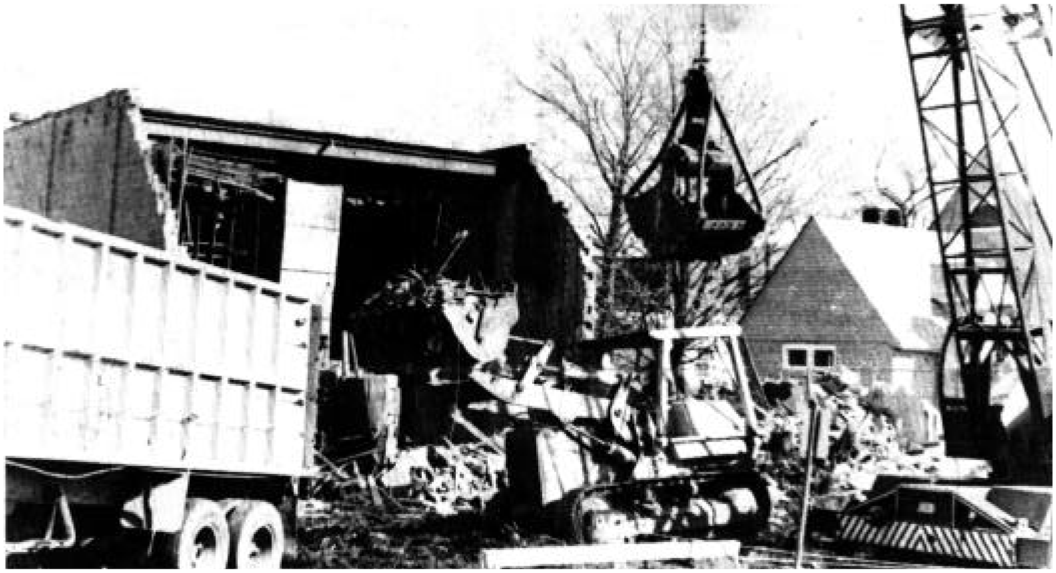
Source: This is a direct quote from the Middleborough Gazette

386. Middleborough Theater (former Park Theatre)

“Torn down in November was the 1915 Park Theater. While bystanders reminisced, a wrecking crew made way for a Christian education center to be built by Central Baptist Church next spring.”

Source: A direct quote from the Middleborough Gazette





387. Middleborough Theater (former Park Theatre)

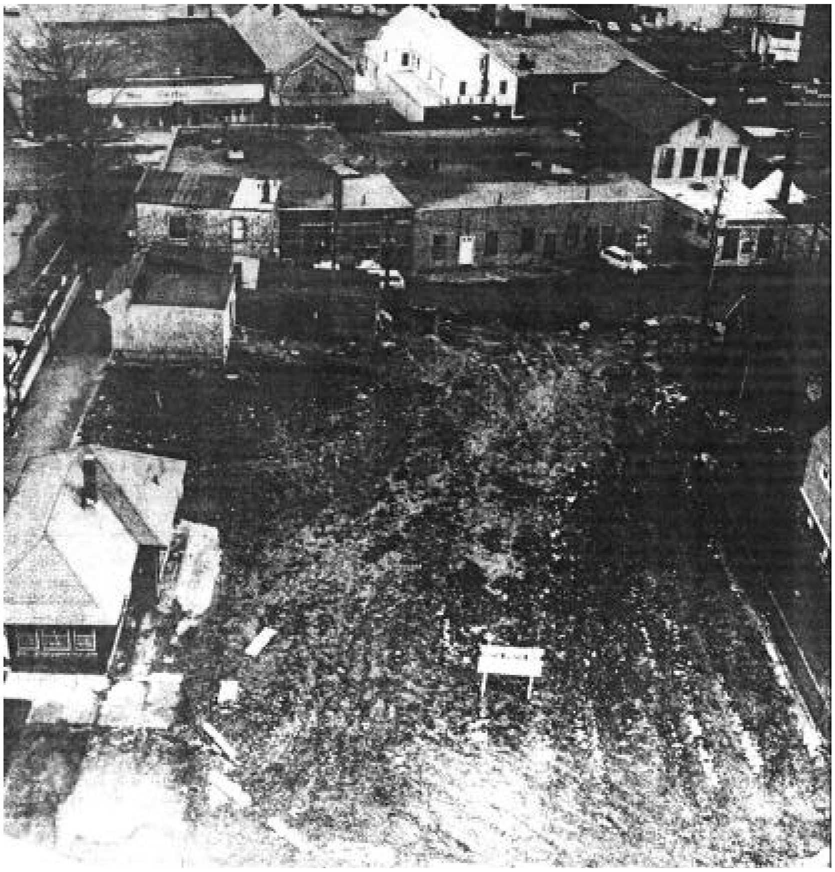
“Like many a movie house before it, the Middleborough Theater has fallen victim to the wrecker’s ball. Built in 1915 and originally known as the Park Theatre, the downtown Middleborough landmark had seen the transition from silent movies and vaudeville shows to the ‘talkies’. Its site owned by the Central Baptist Church, will now be used for a multi-service Christian education building.

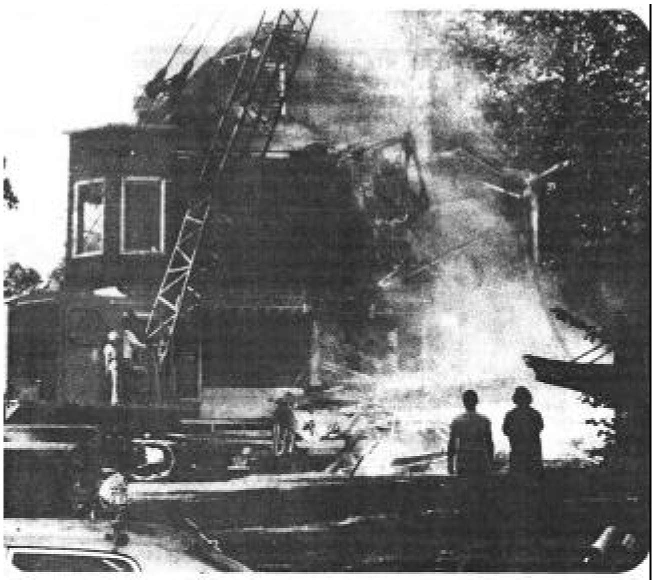
Source: A direct quote from the Middleborough Gazette

388. Vacant Lot

"Building date next month was set for construction of a multi-purpose activities building, when the Nickerson Avenue site was dedicated by Central Baptist church last year. Details of the building, and its compatibility with adjacent historical structures; will be discussed by church spokesmen and members of the historical commission."

Source: A direct quote from the Middleborough Gazette





389. Glidden Home

“Demolition dust obscures Glidden residence as it crumbles to make way for enlarging parking space for Middleborough Lodge of Elks”.

Source: A direct quote from the Middleborough Gazette

390. Elks Lodge

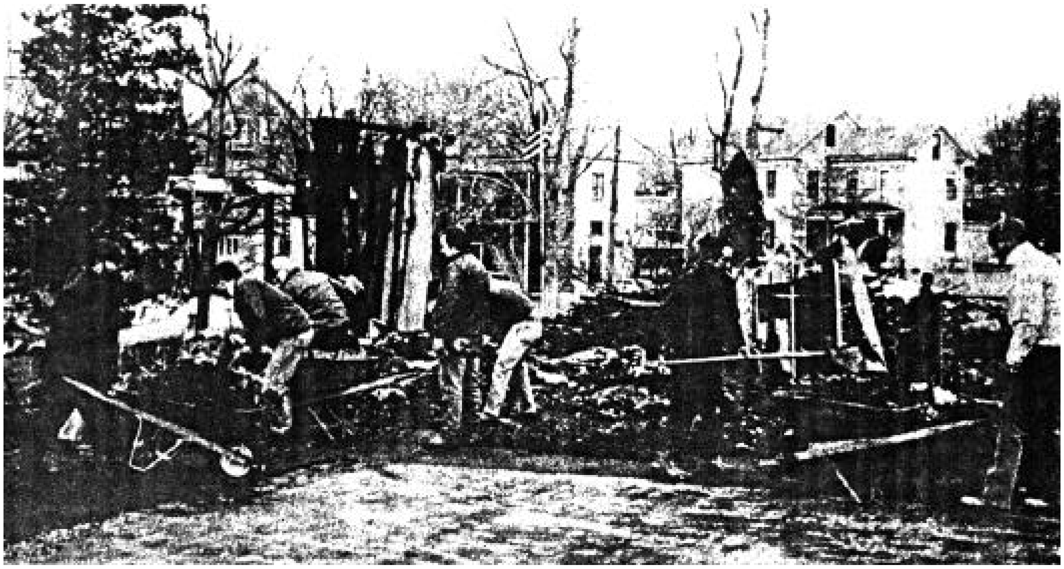
“Firefighters battle to keep flames, which destroyed the Elks Lodge in Middleborough early today from spreading to other buildings in the center of town”.

Source: Direct quote from the New Bedford Standard Times

391. Elks Lodge

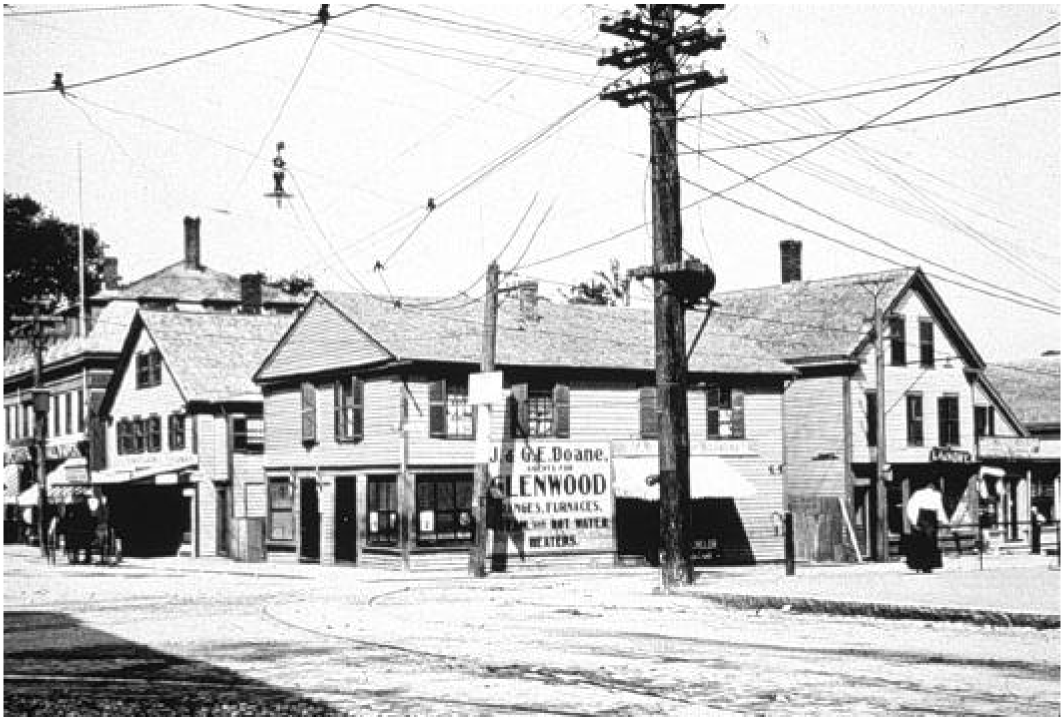
“Firefighters pour a steady stream of water on the fire which raged through the Elks Lodge in Middleborough this morning, destroying the historic building.

Source: A direct quote from the New Bedford Standard Times



392. Former Elks Lodge

“Pitching in cleaning up the fire-blackened ruins of the headquarters on High Street was a day-long project for members of Elks Lodge and the Emblem Club Sunday. A hard-working crew pitched tons of debris into trucks, which carted it to a disposal area in Carver, while the Emblem Club served coffee and food.


J. & G.E. Doane.
AGENTS FOR
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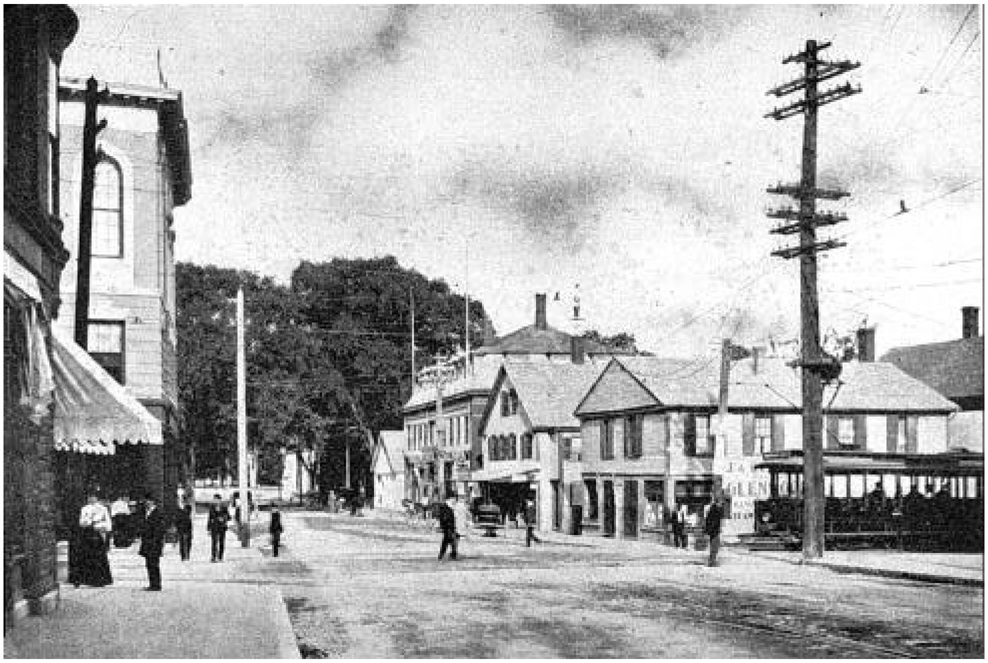
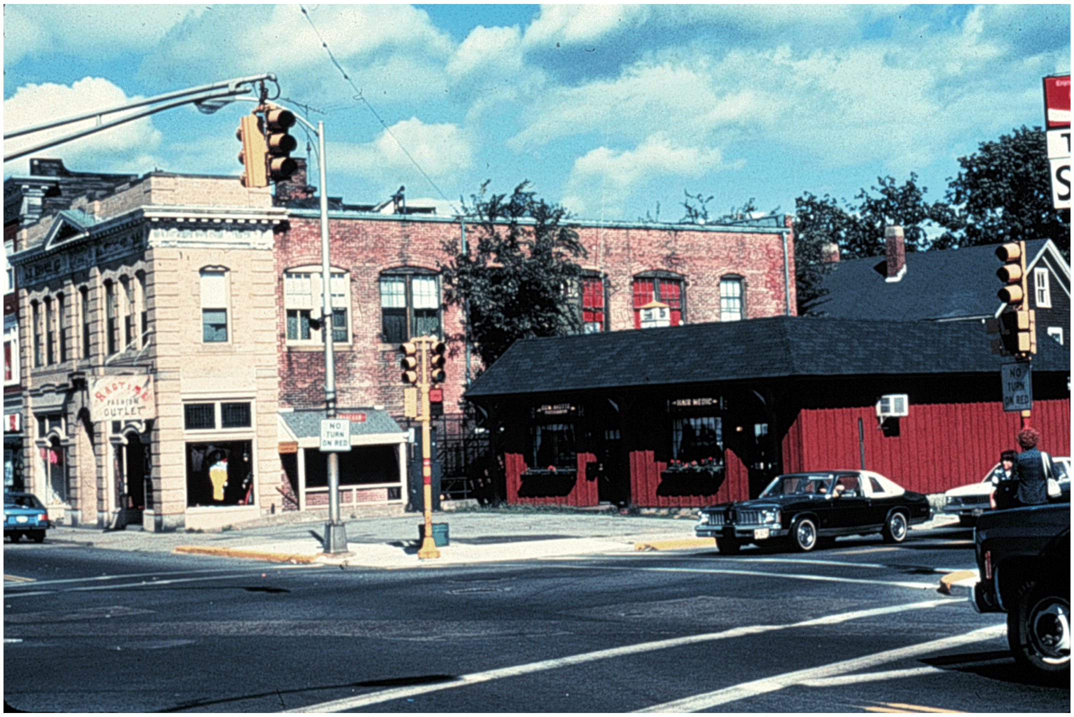
393. A Corner View

This view shows the corner of North Main Street and Wareham Street, as they looked almost a century ago. Going down North Main one sees the Thomas Pierce Building with the former Jones block beyond.



394. Four Corner's Scene

There is a lot of excitement with the arrival of a trolley car, perhaps headed for New Bedford, Taunton, or Brockton. The Bank Block and the new Peirce block may be seen as well as the small Peirce Building and the old Jones Block. The Peirce block was built in 1900 and the Jones Block was destroyed by a disastrous fire in 1904; so we can rationalize that this was taken in between, say 1903.

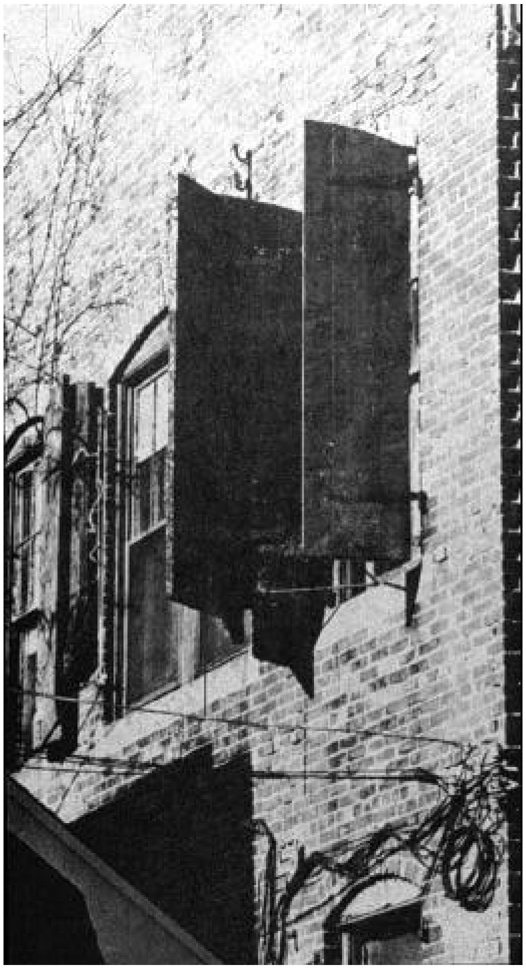


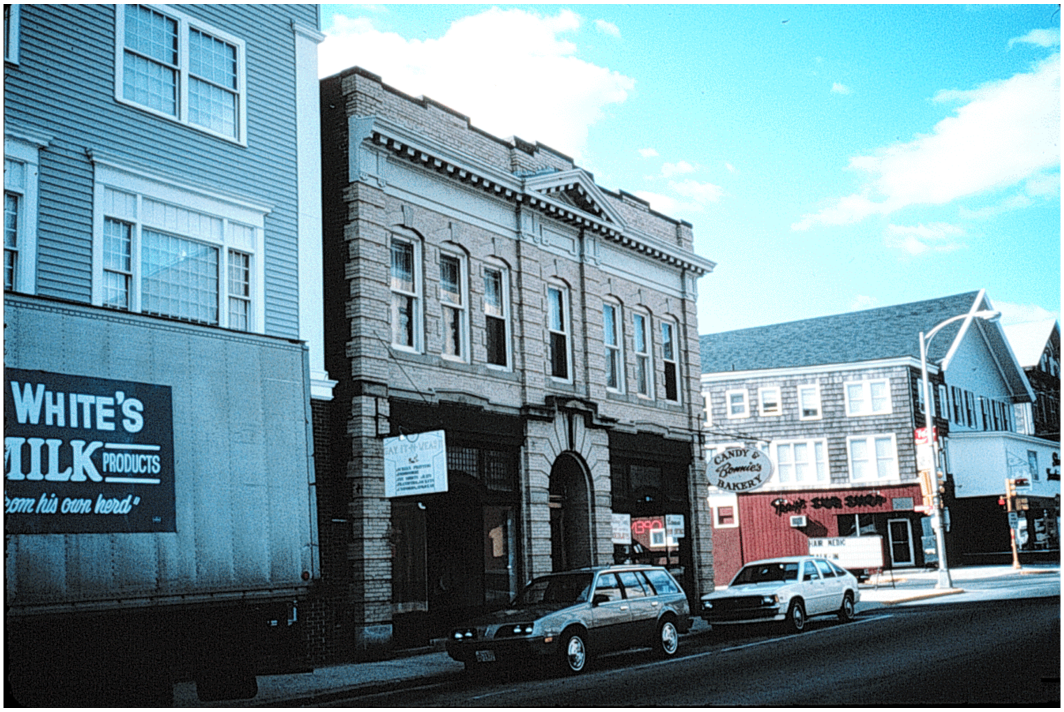
395. A Corner Scene

This view of the Four Corners, looking down North Main Street shows the Hair Medic Building that replaced Bob's Diner. The former telephone building and Jones Block that were built in 1915 immediately after the disastrous fire.

396. Telephone Building

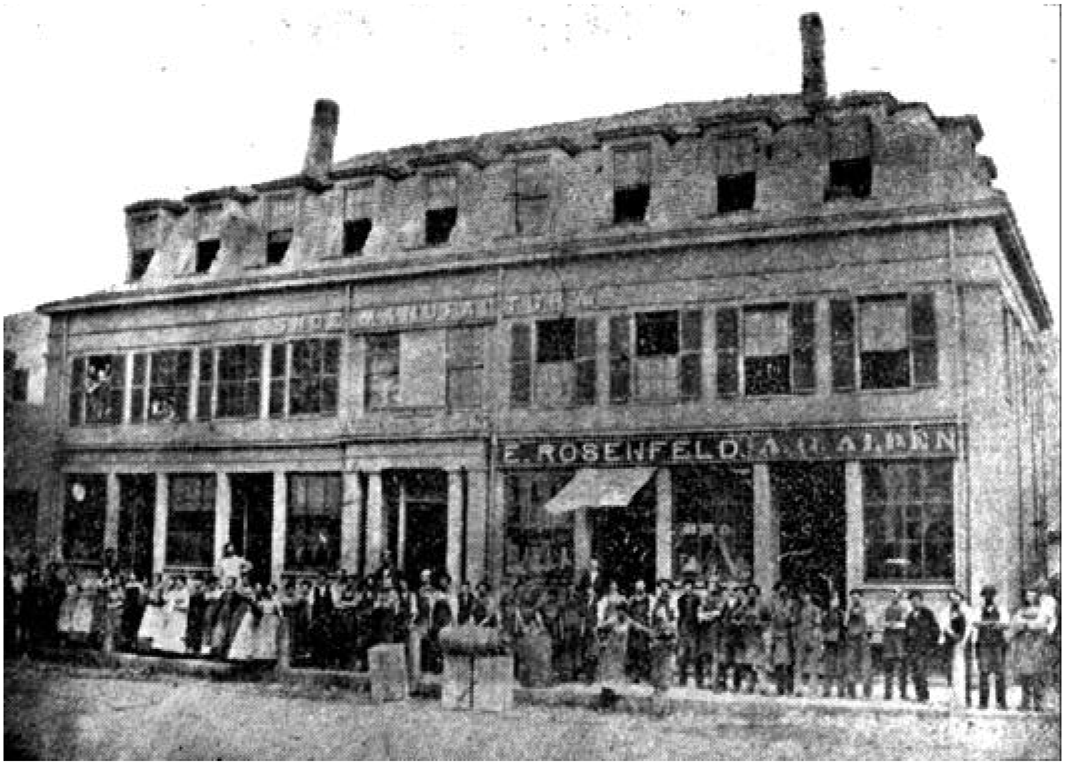
In 1904 when the Jones Block was burning, it took the business block on the right with it, the small business on the left was removed to South Main Street for a candy store. The four columned house, behind it, was removed to North Street where it only has three columns today. The Telephone Company almost immediately leased the new building on the site of the destroyed business. “I would go up a flight of stairs to pay the bill for my parents and grandmother; with all the electric cables, the heavy steel doors offered protection.”




WHITE'S
MILK PRODUCTS
om his own herd"
CANDY & Bonnie's BAKERY
SUB SHOP

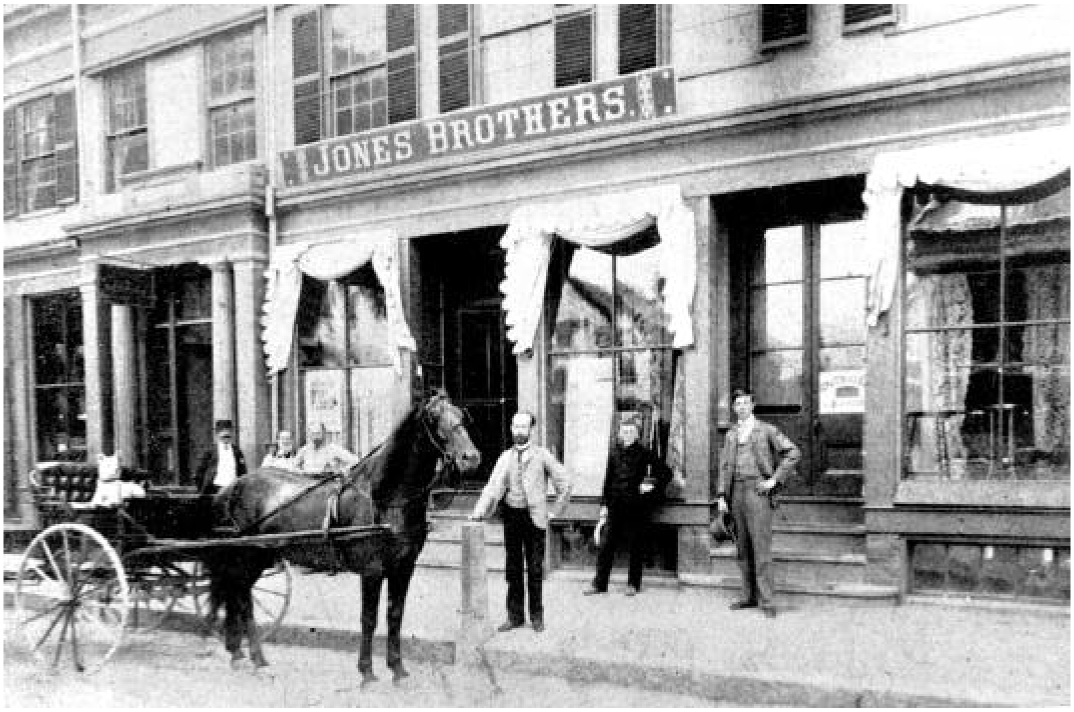
397. A Building View

This view shows a corner of the Jones Block, the Telephone Block and across the street, the Alger and American Blocks.



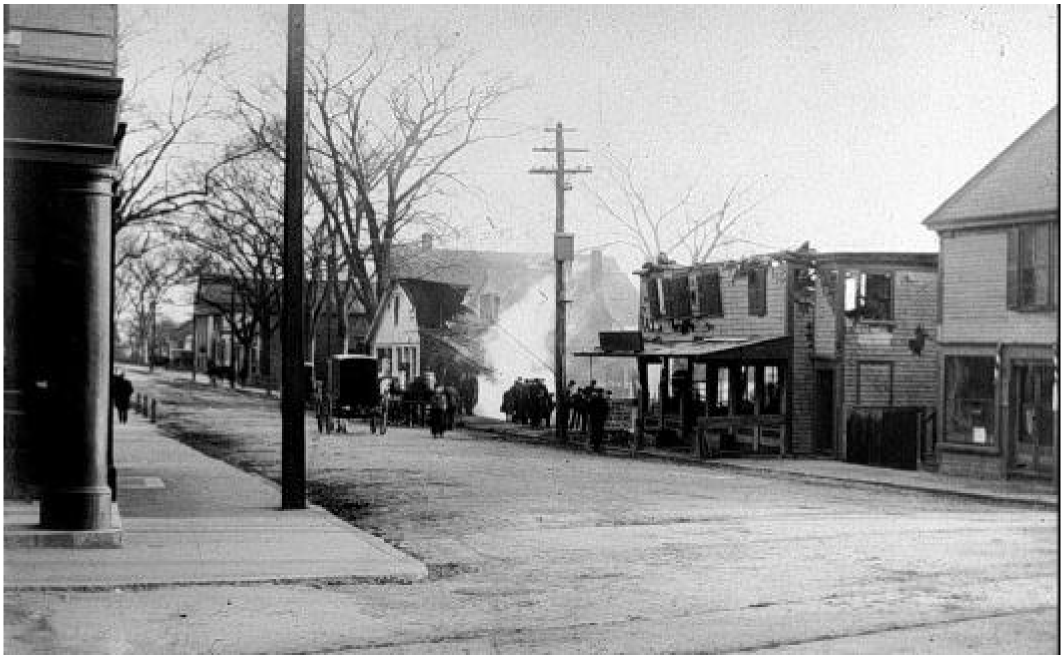
398. Jones Block

Rosenfield and Alden’s furniture store is on the first floor and Kingman, Leonard & Barrows Shoe Factory occupied the second floor until they separated when Leonard & Barrows built a new factory on Centre Street at the corner of Pearl Street. The picture depicts the factory workers posing.


JONES BROTHERS.

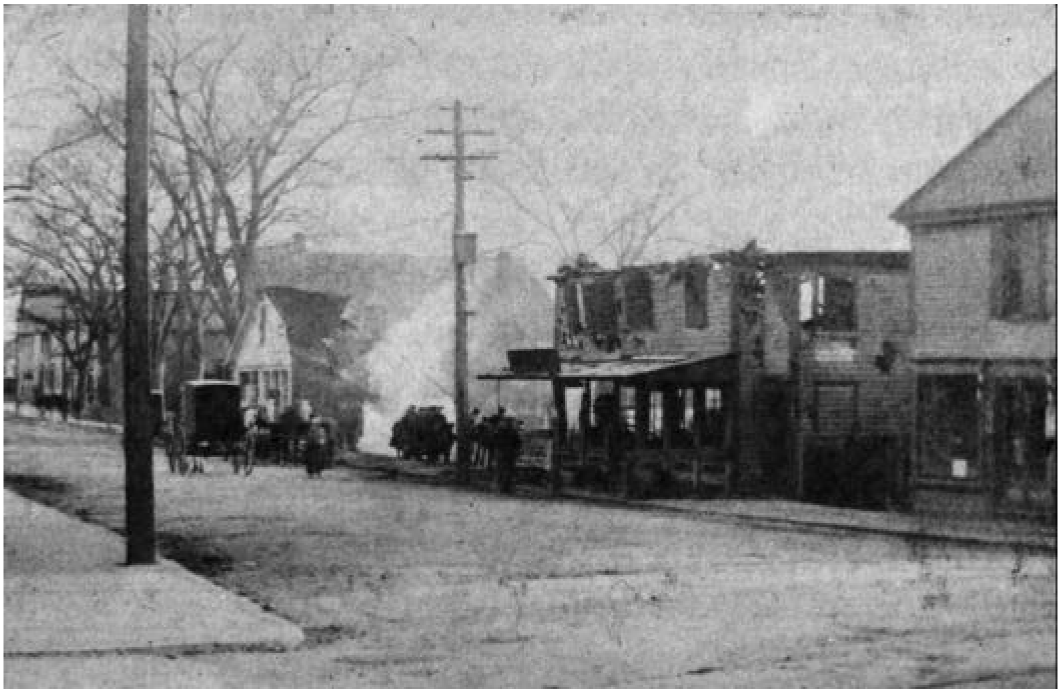
399. Jones Block, Group Photo

As follows, left to right, Dr. W.C. Woodward, James F. Dowsing, Upholstery, Clayton W. Barden, Jones Clerk, B. Frank Jones, Block Owner, William J. Taylor, Clerk, and Herbert S. Sylvester



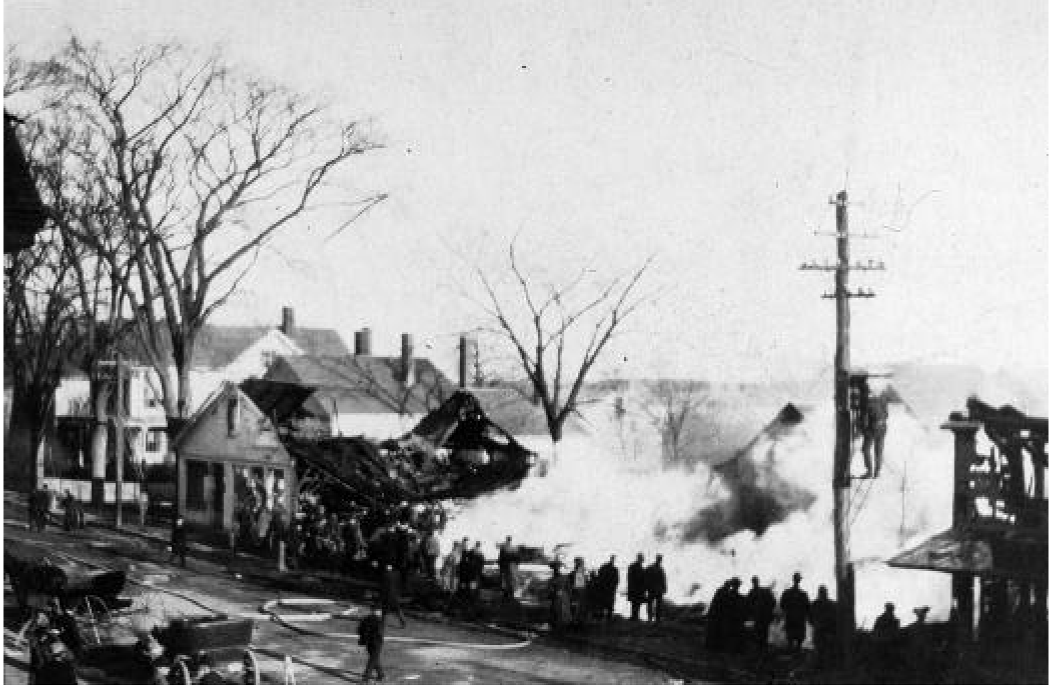
400. Former Jones Block

This scene shows total devastation. The Pierce Store can be seen in the distance, the small store moved to South Main Street, the burnt out shell of the Jones Block and the building next to it. The Pierce Store is still intact.



401. Former Jones Block

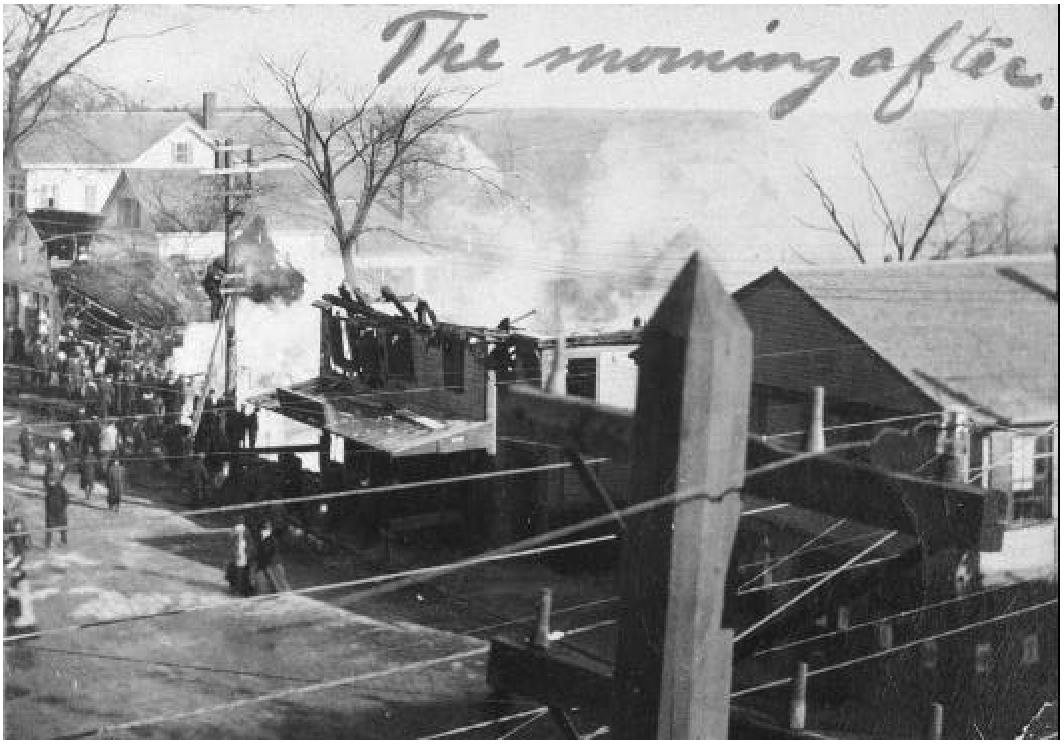
The fire was so hot it damaged the buildings on Wareham St. You can see the blackened backs of the businesses and homes.



402. Former Jones Block

This view shows the total destruction and Ladbury’s bicycle and sports shop minus its roof. This shop was later salvaged and built as a home on North Street

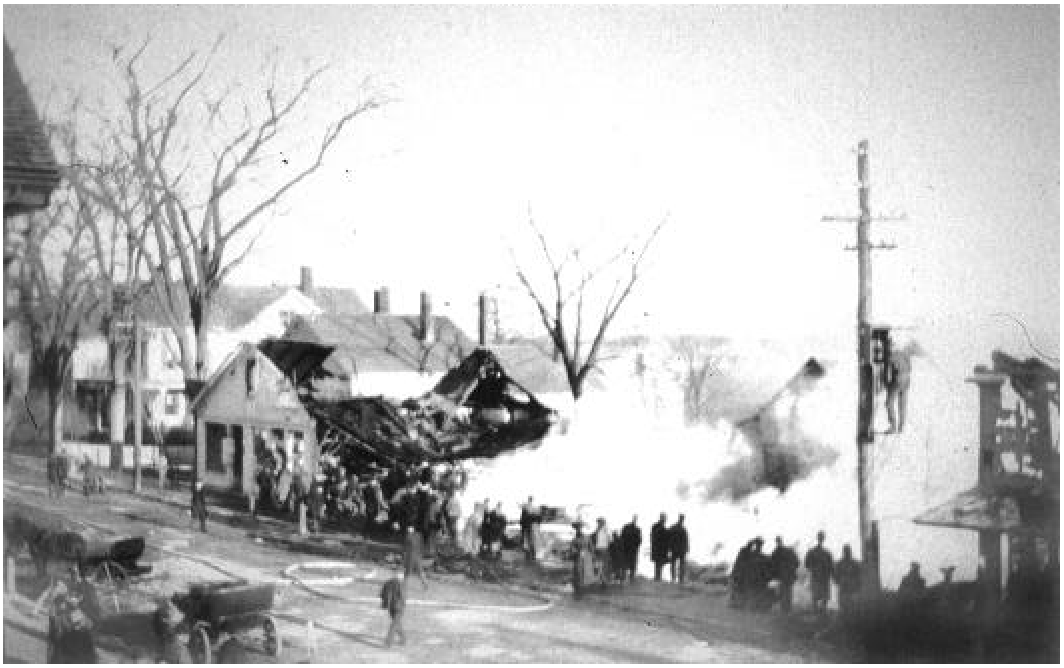
Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine, 1969



403. Former Jones Block

The Nemasket Hotel across the street was in a blaze within a half-hour along with six other buildings.

Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine, 1969



404. Former Jones Block

Shows the burned out cellar hole of the Jones Building and the damaged Ladbury's sporting store. The home between Ladbury's and Robinson's home was moved to North Street.

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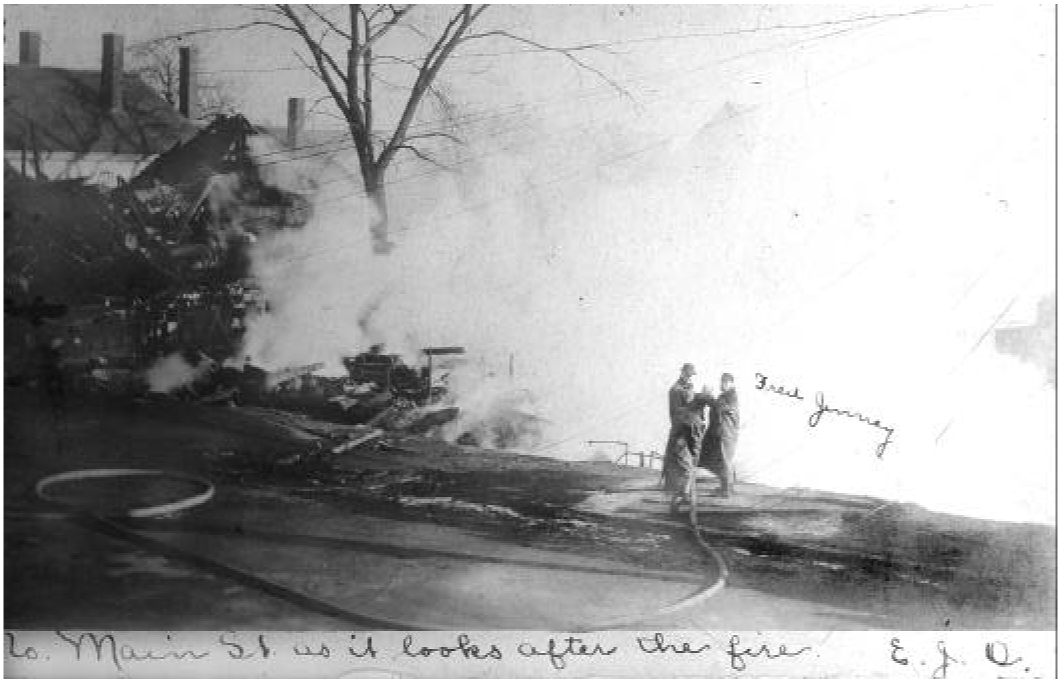
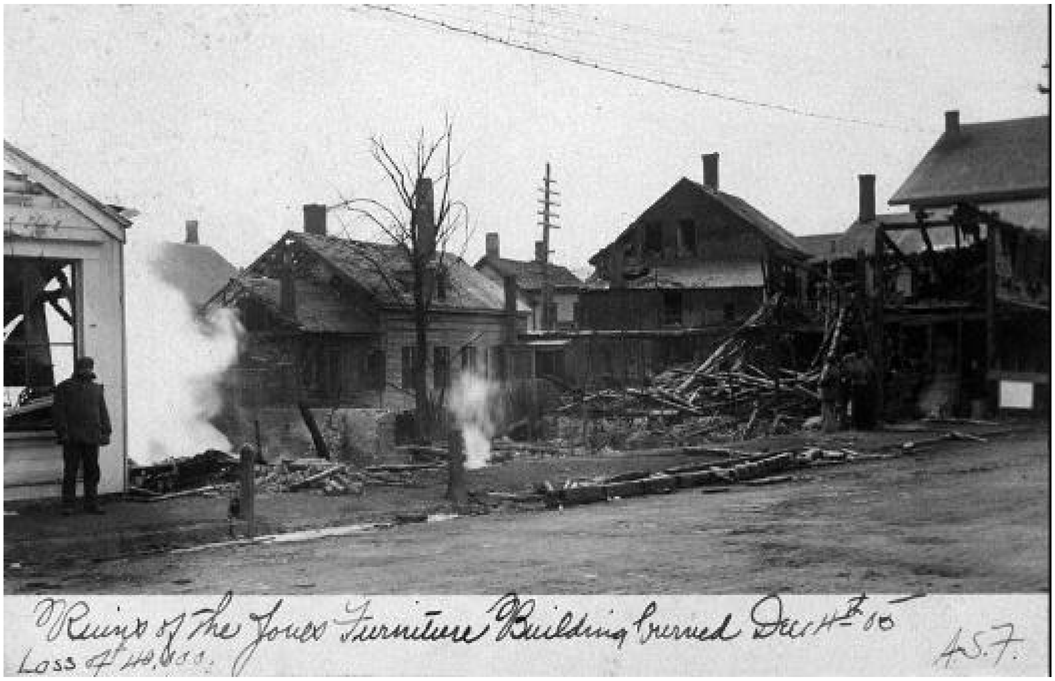

Fred Jenny
No. Main St. as it looks after the fire. E. J. O.

405. Former Jones Block

North Main Street as it looks after the fire with Fred Jenny standing in front with another man.


Ruins of the Jones Furniture Building burned Dec 4th 06
Loss $40,000
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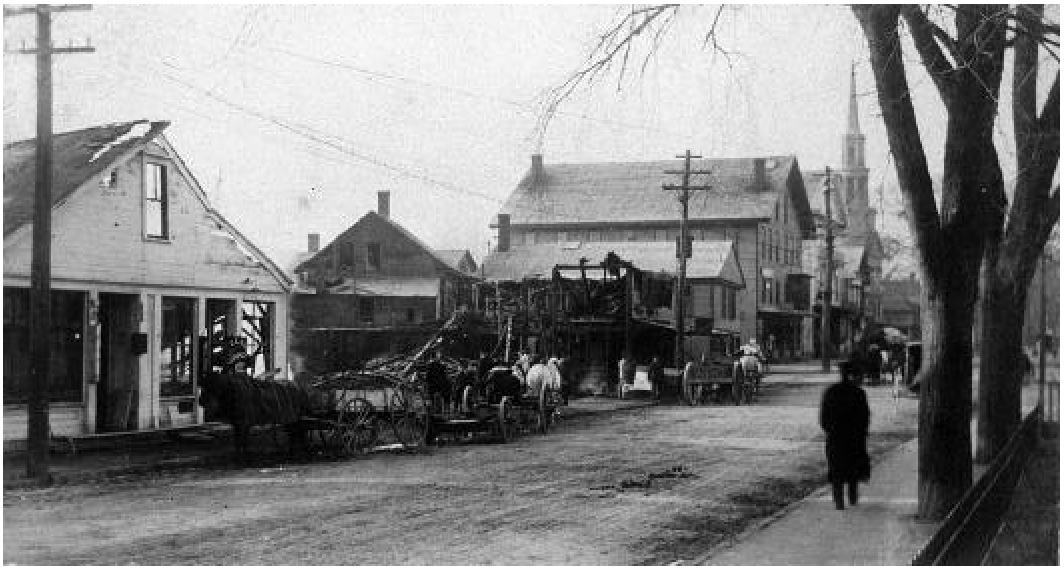
406. Former Jones Block

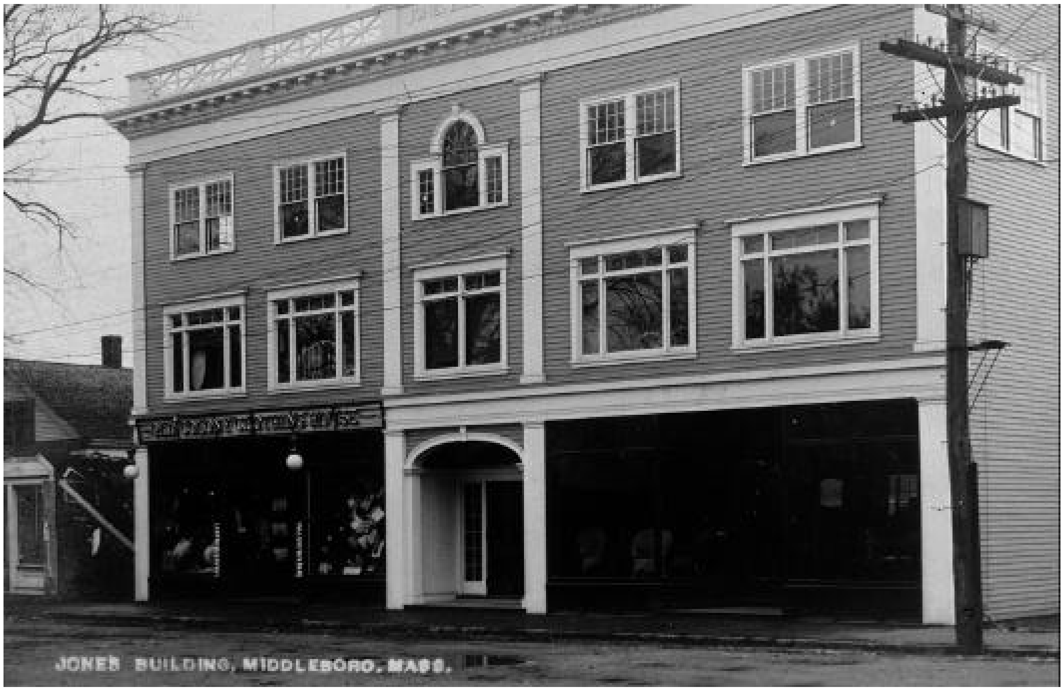
Business block on the right side of the Jones Block was totally gone except for the front facade. “The position was taken by the new telephone building.”

Source: Middleborough History, Mertie Romaine, 1969



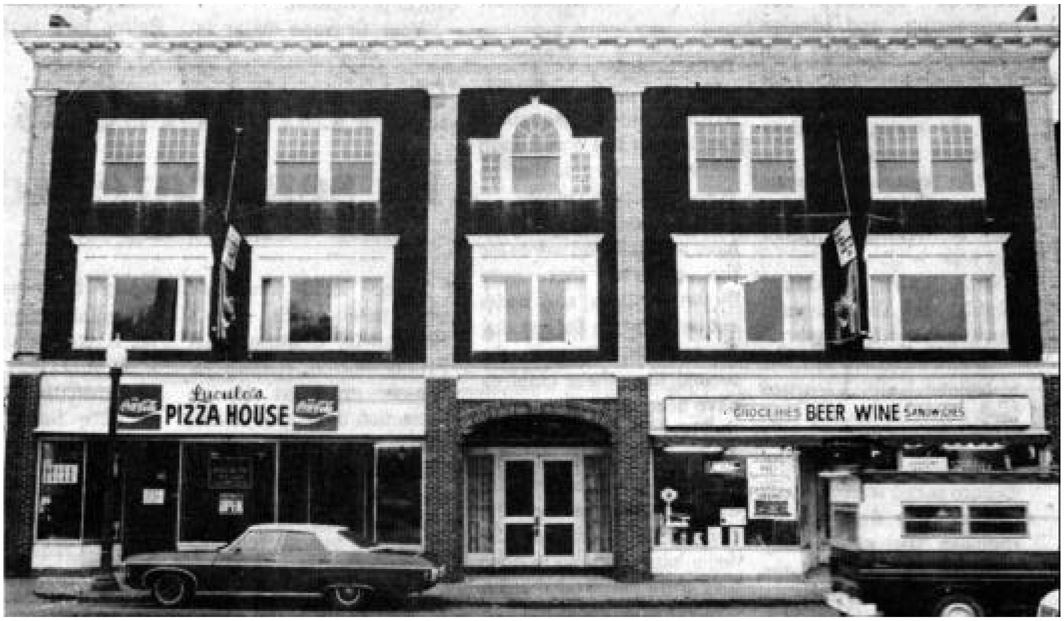
407. Former Jones Block

Two days later after the smoke had cleared you can see the total destruction of the Jones Block and the business block on the right.


JONES BUILDING, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

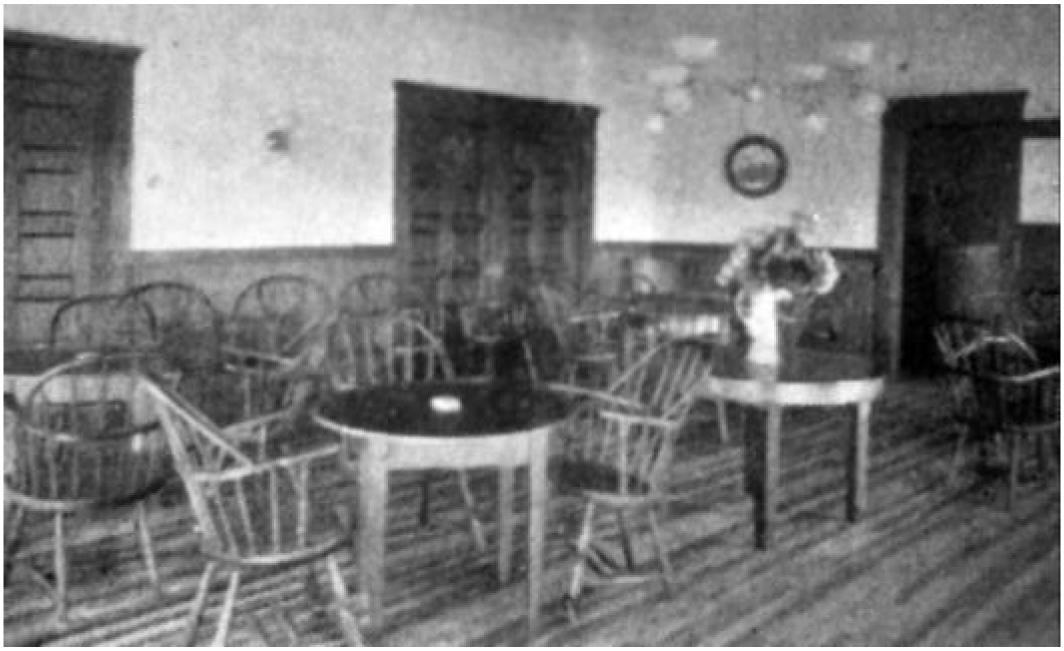
408. New Jones Block

This building replaced the original burned out Jones Block in 1915.


Lucuto's
PIZZA HOUSE
Coca-Cola
Coca-Cola
GROCERIES BEER WINE SANDWICHES

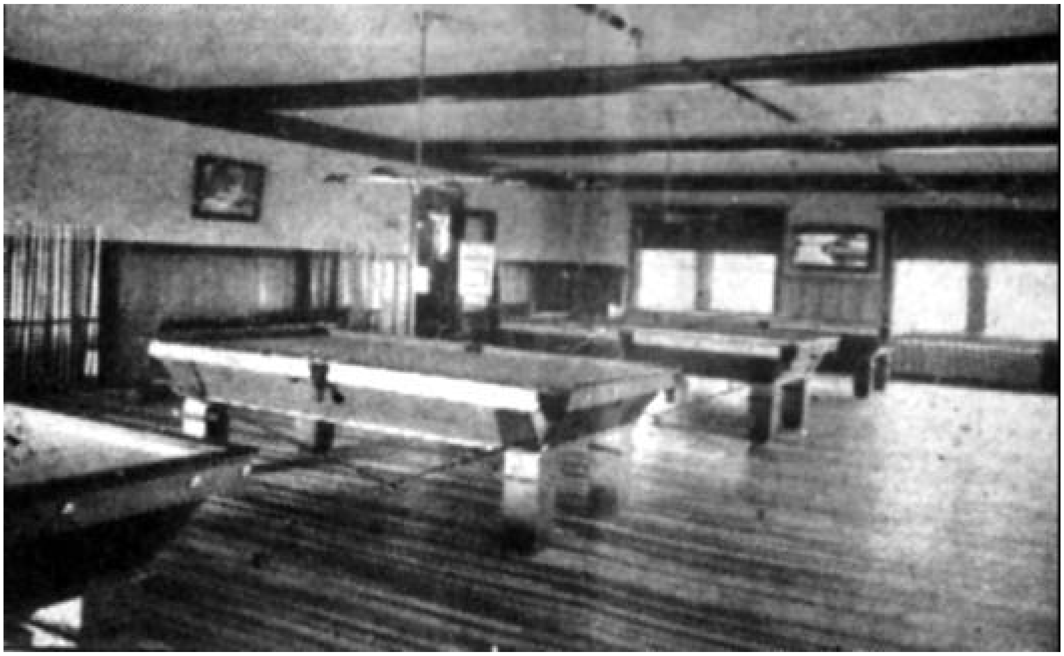
409. New Jones Block

After the great fire of 1915, this new building was built to replace the original Jones Block. This building has had a variety of tenants through the years. The upper floors have been meeting halls for churches and the Middleborough Businessmen's Club, etc.; the ground floor an assortment of businesses; Corsini's Auto Supply, Well's Furniture and various other businesses. Tom Panesis bought the block in the 1930's but I and many others remember Cleverly's Market.



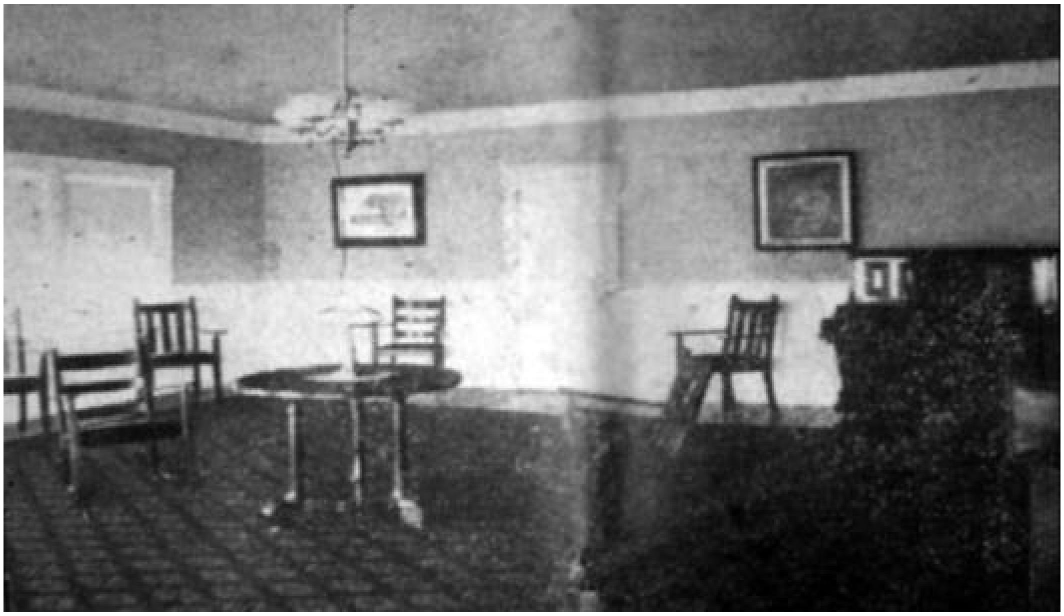
410. Game Room

All the Commercial Club’s possessions were destroyed in the Jones Block fire.



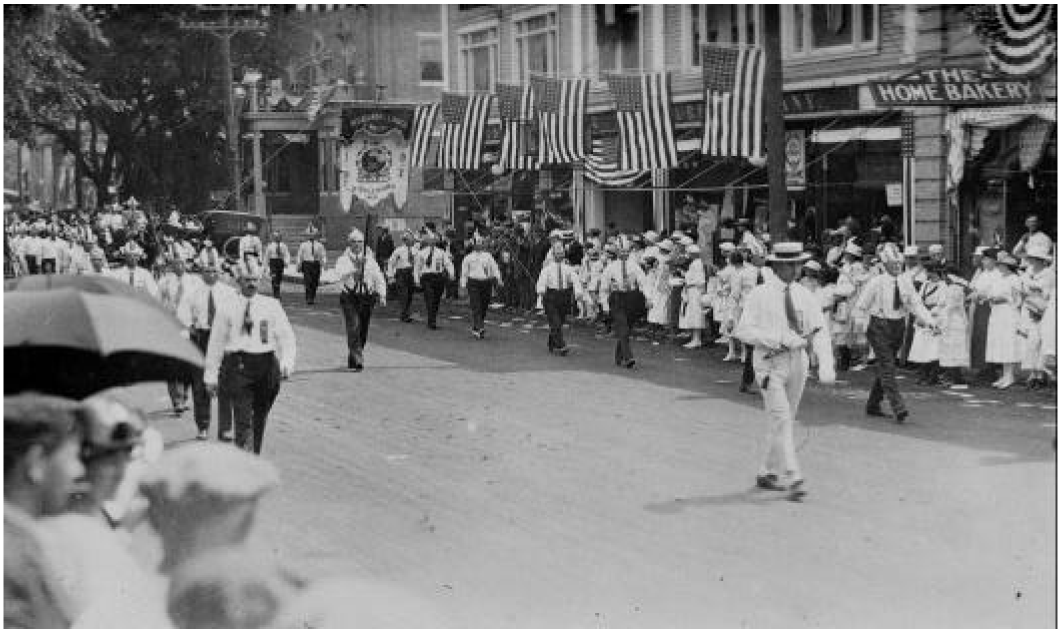
411. Billiard Room

Middleborough Commercial Club was on the third floor of the Jones Block, destroyed by fire.



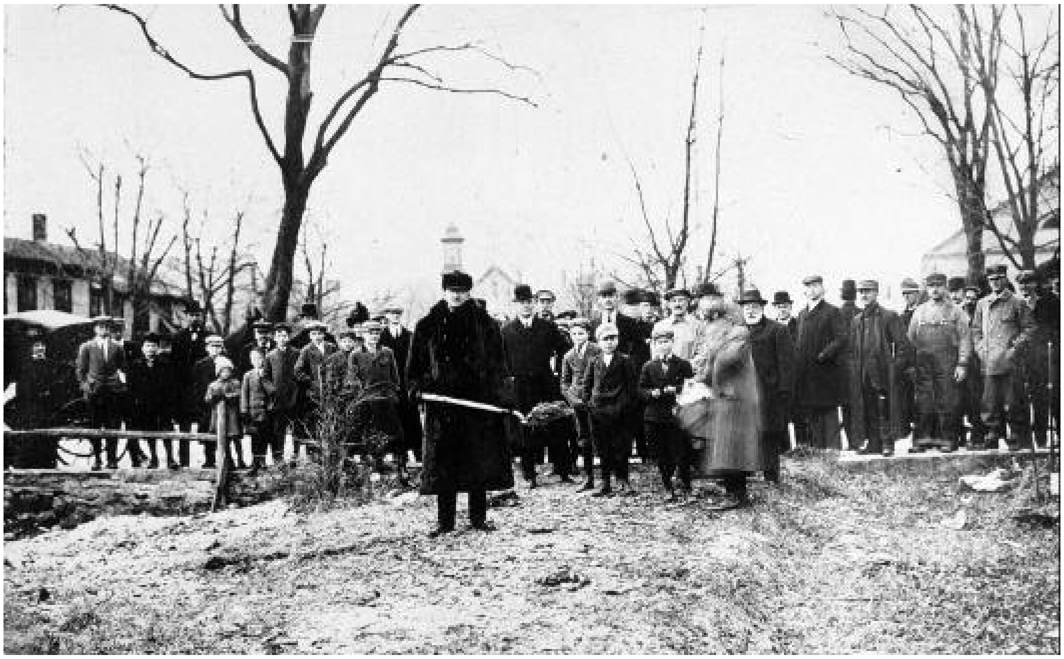
412. The Parlor

After the fire, the Commercial Club purchased “The Maples” on the corner of Centre and Oak Streets for its new home. “The Maples” was the former home of J. Stearns Cushing’s Father.



413. Parade of North Main Street

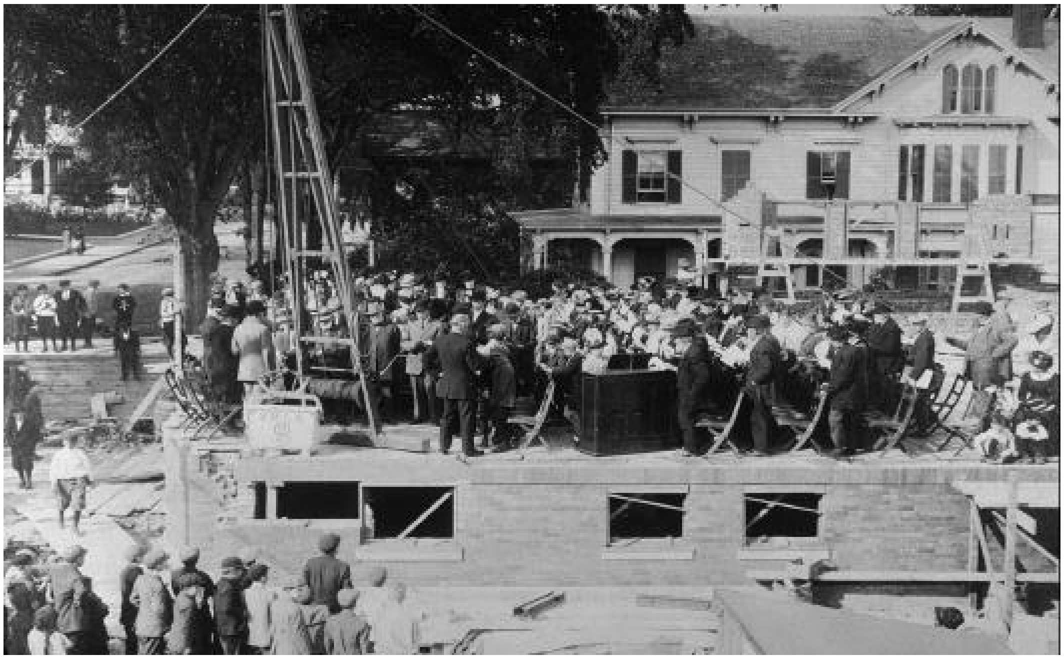
The parade is winding its way past the YMCA, the Jones Block and the Home Bakery on the ground floor of the telephone building.



414. Ground Breaking for YMCA Building

First shovel full of dirt lifted by C.N. Atwood, December 1911 for the new YMCA. He was the largest contributor to the campaign to raise funds for the building giving $5200.

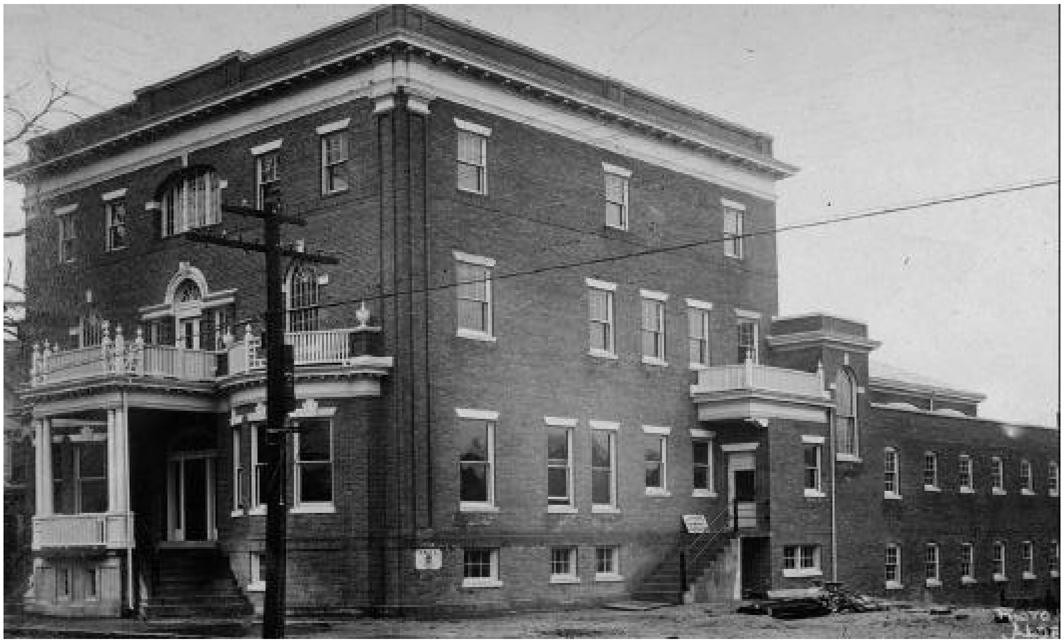
Source: Romaine's Middleborough History, pg. 495.



415. Dedication of YMCA

Here they're laying the cornerstone for the YMCA building on May 28, 1912. It was a gift of John A. Washburn, who also did the masonry work on the building.

Source: Romaine's Middleborough History, pg.496.

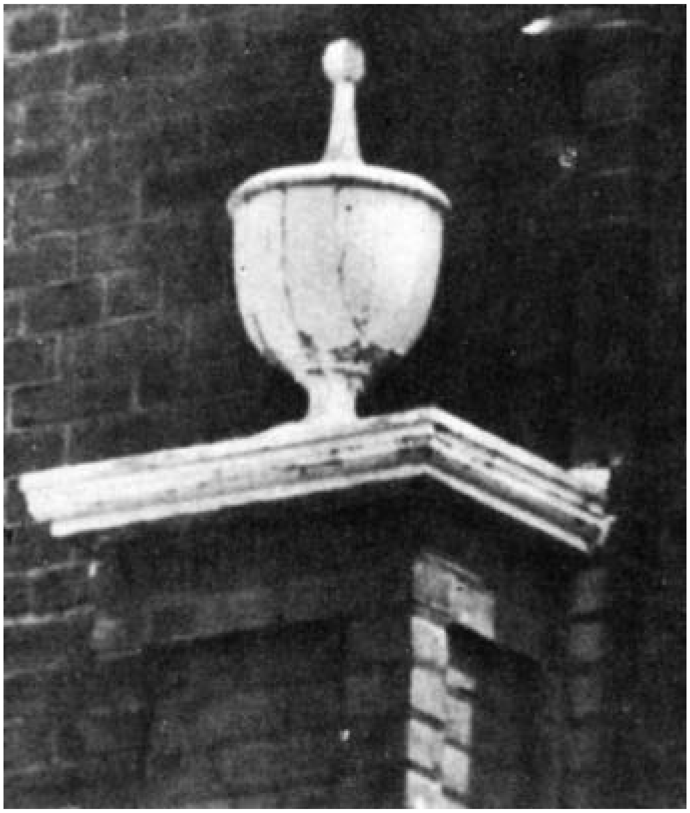


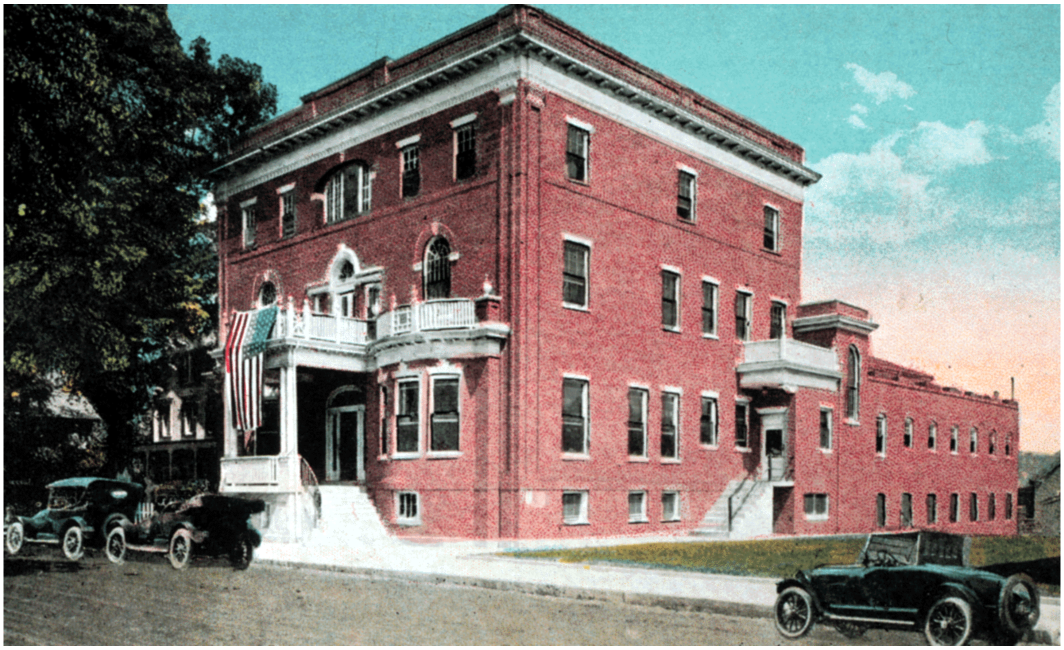
416. YMCA

Recently built YMCA still has building debris outside.

417. YMCA Decorative Spindle

One of the decorative finials on YMCA building.



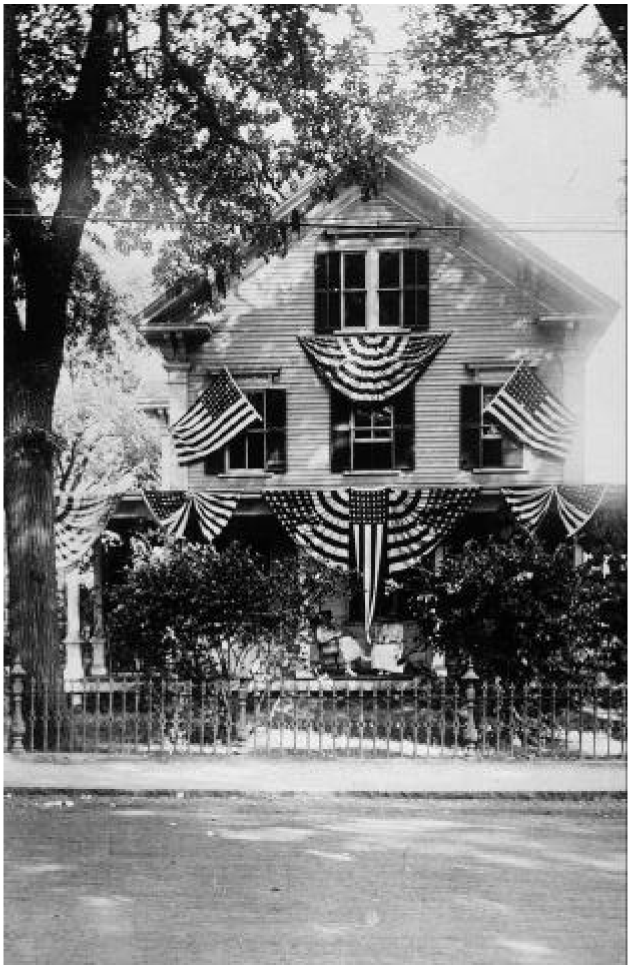


418. YMCA

Five women donated $1000 a piece toward the $30,000 campaign fundraiser. They were Mrs. Elizabeth B. Cushman, Mrs. Julia H. Copeland, Mrs. C. N. Atwood, Mrs. Maria Peirce and Mrs. Deborah Thomas of Peabody.

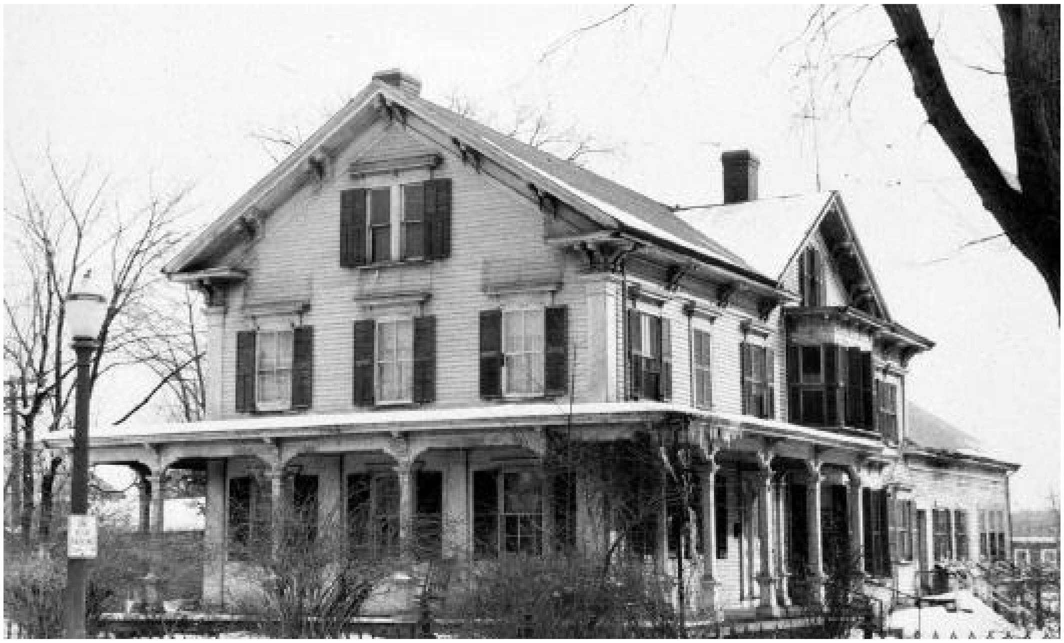
419. Everett Robinson

He was a lawyer, who while a student studying law at the Peirce Academy, would walk over to the Eddy House on South Main Street to pick up pointers from lawyer Zachariah Eddy.



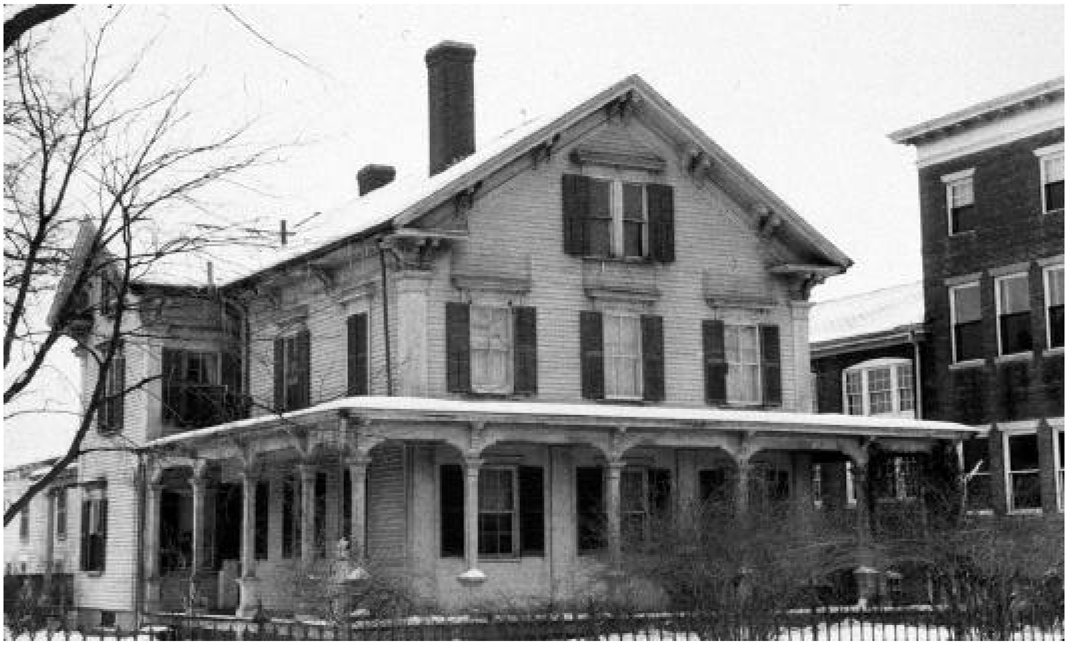
420. Robinson Home

House built by Major Ethan Earle who had a dry goods business on the corner of the present Peirce Block. He married one of the daughters of Levi Peirce. The Robinson family has decorated their home for the 4th of July.



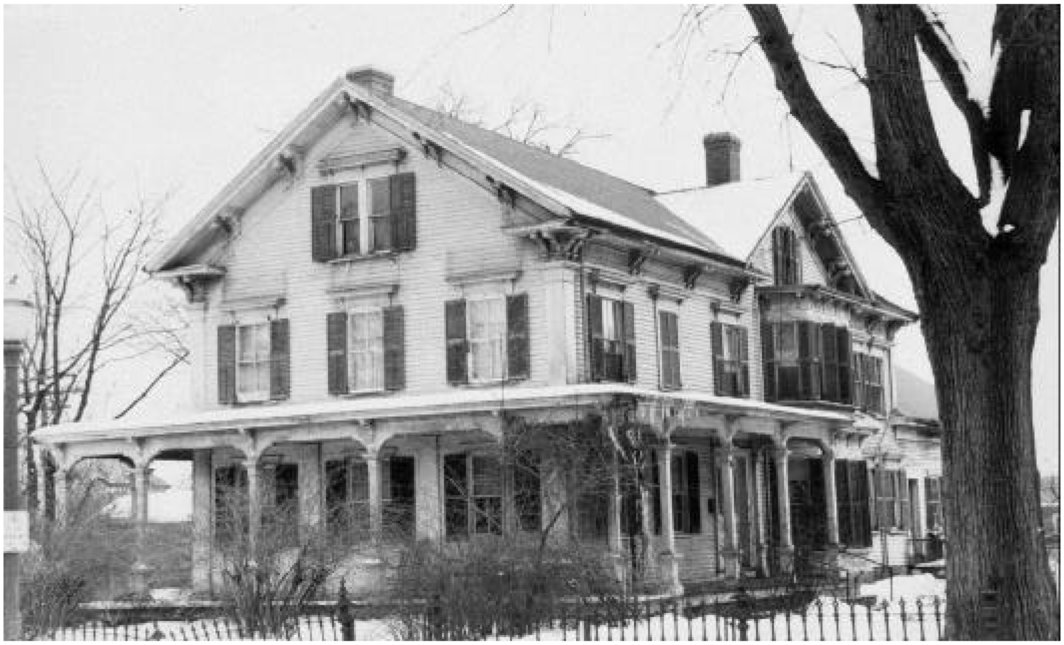
421. Former Robinson Home

Everett Robinson, the lawyer, purchased the house from Major Ethan Earle about 1858.



422. Former Robinson Home

For a time, this gracious home was used as a kindergarten. Ms. Robinson, long time owner of the house and long time children's librarian, upon retiring, opened the kindergarten.

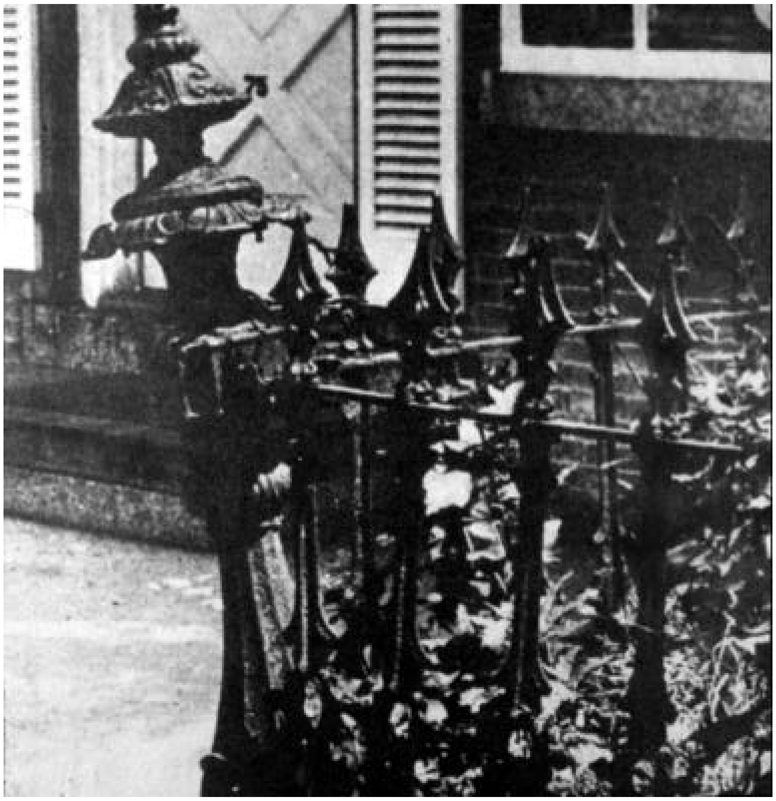


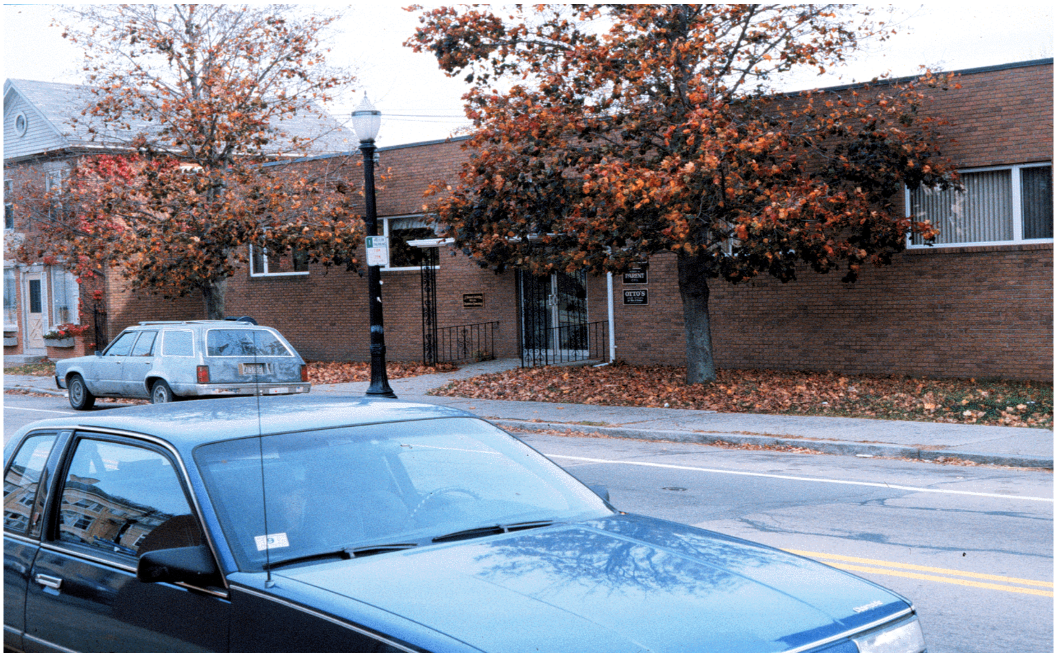
423. Former Robinson Home

This magnificent structure was demolished because of heavy vandalism and was replaced with a brick multipurpose building.

424. Robinson Fence

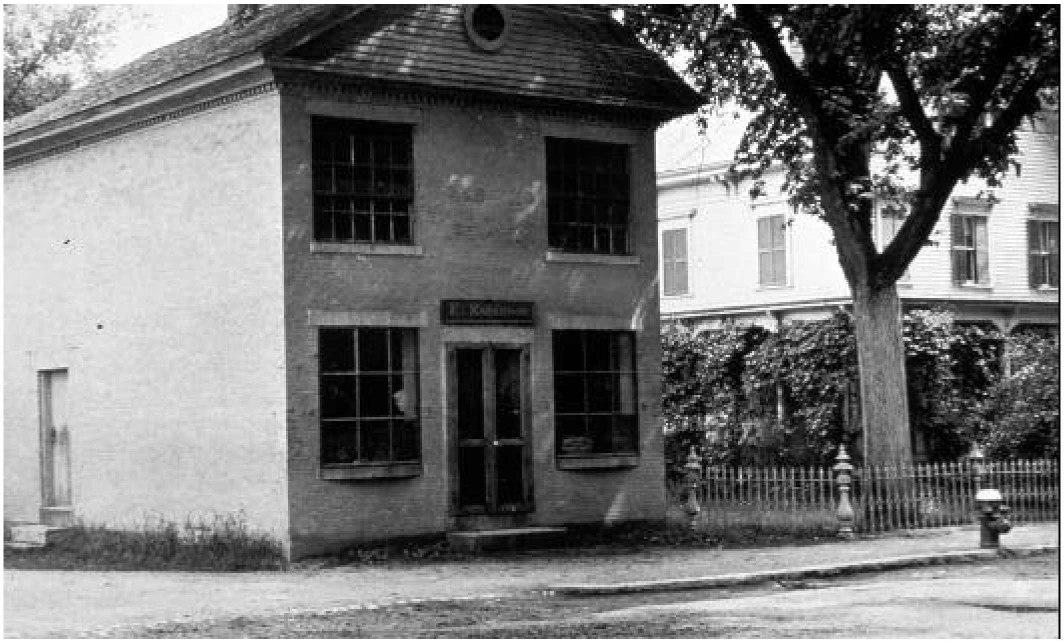
This was one of the few remaining wrought iron fences left in town. This was taken down with the removal of the Robinson home.





425. Business Block

This brick multipurpose building has taken the place of the beautiful Robinson home. Over the years it has housed doctor's offices, beauty parlors, Middleborough Housing Authority, etc.



426. Everett Robinson Law Office

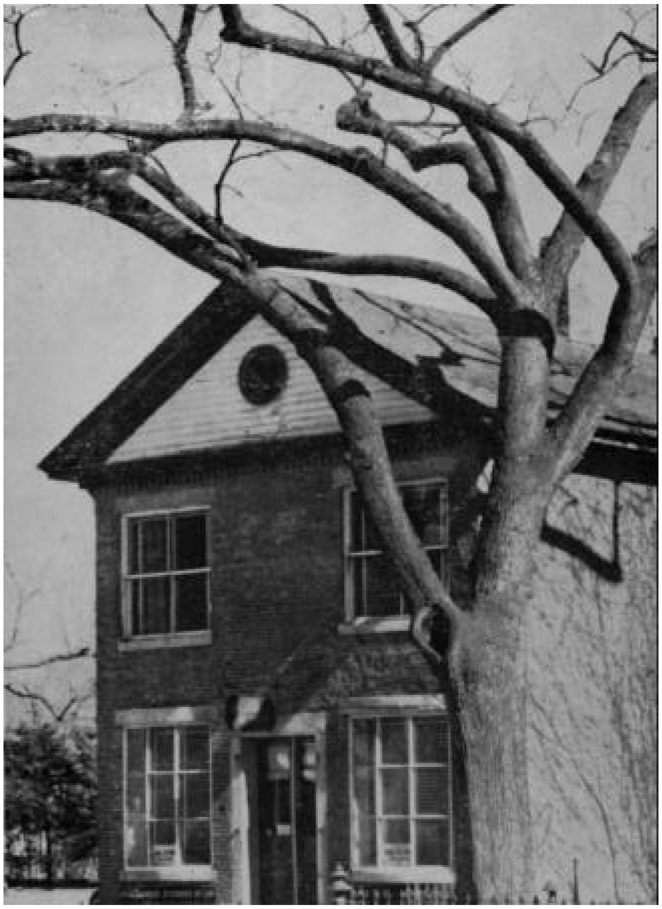
This view shows the gracious home with its vine covered porch, its wrought iron fence and its little jewel of a law office.

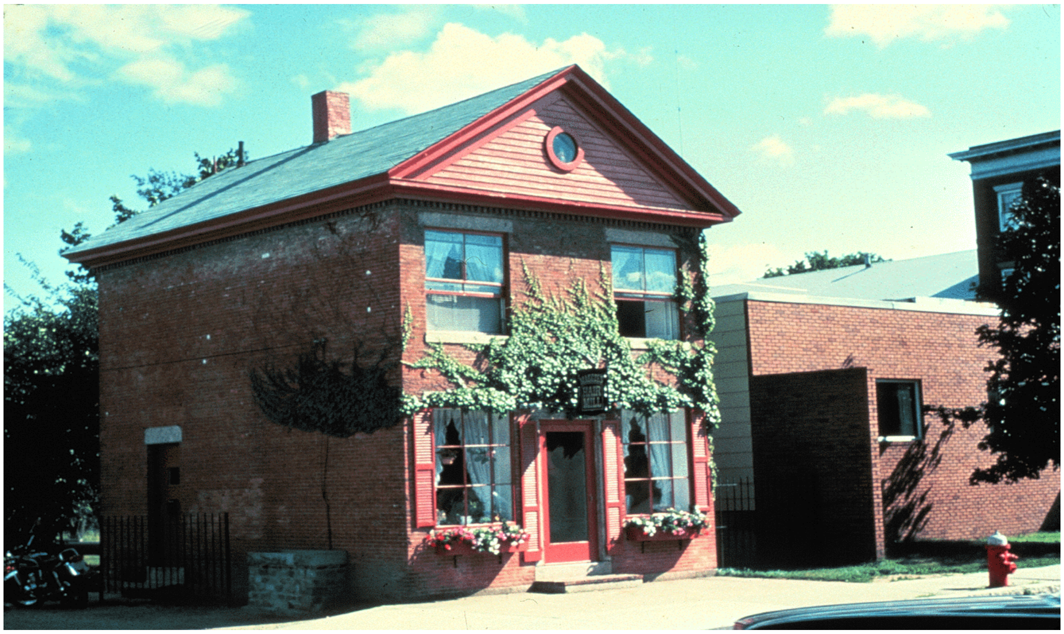
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Volume XX, June 1980, Number 4, pg.7

427. Everett Robinson Law Office

As we look at this little building on a cold winter's day, we can notice the change in the windows to what they are today; the original bowed out windows with the hand-made wavy glass panes have been replaced with a more modern type.

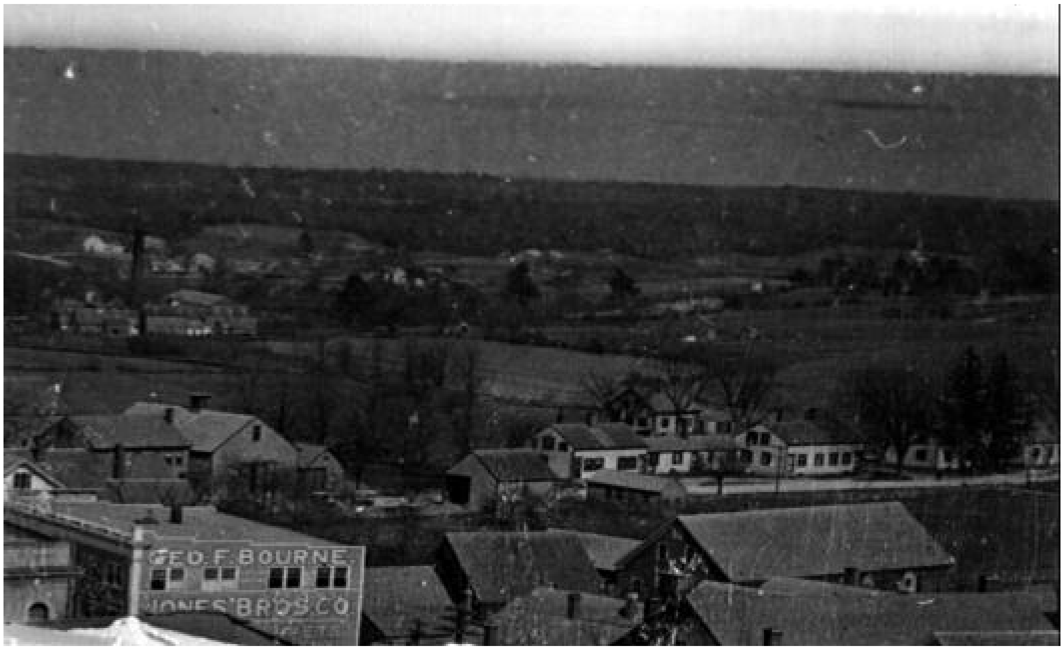
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Volume VIII, June, 1966, Number 3, pg 4.





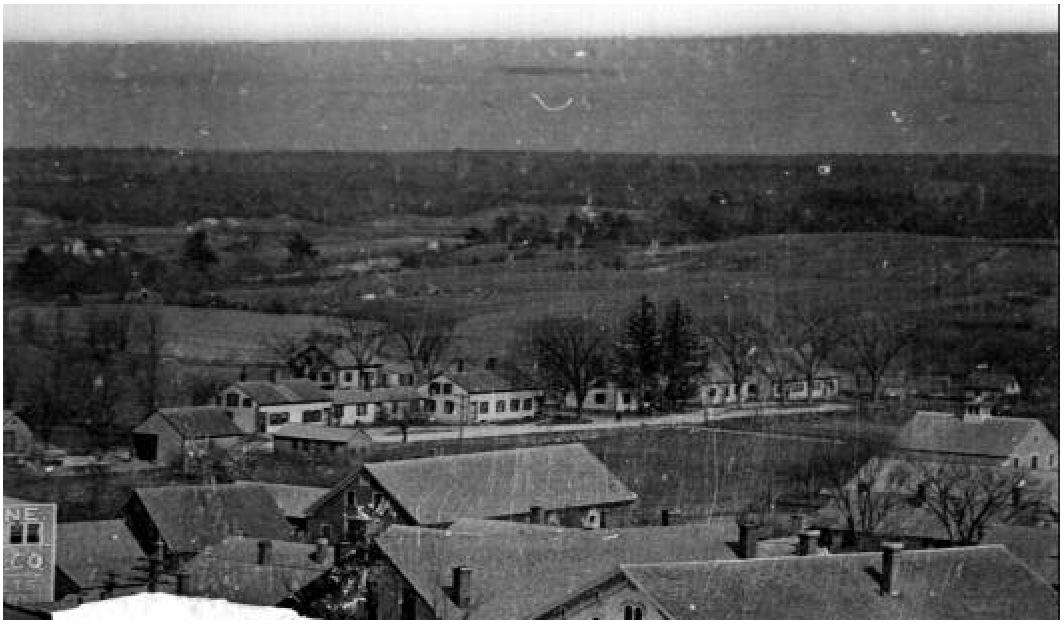
428. Everett Robinson Law Office

Unfortunately about the only historical remains of the law office is its brick exterior. The windows have been replaced and the original wainscotted paneling has been replaced with modern paneling.



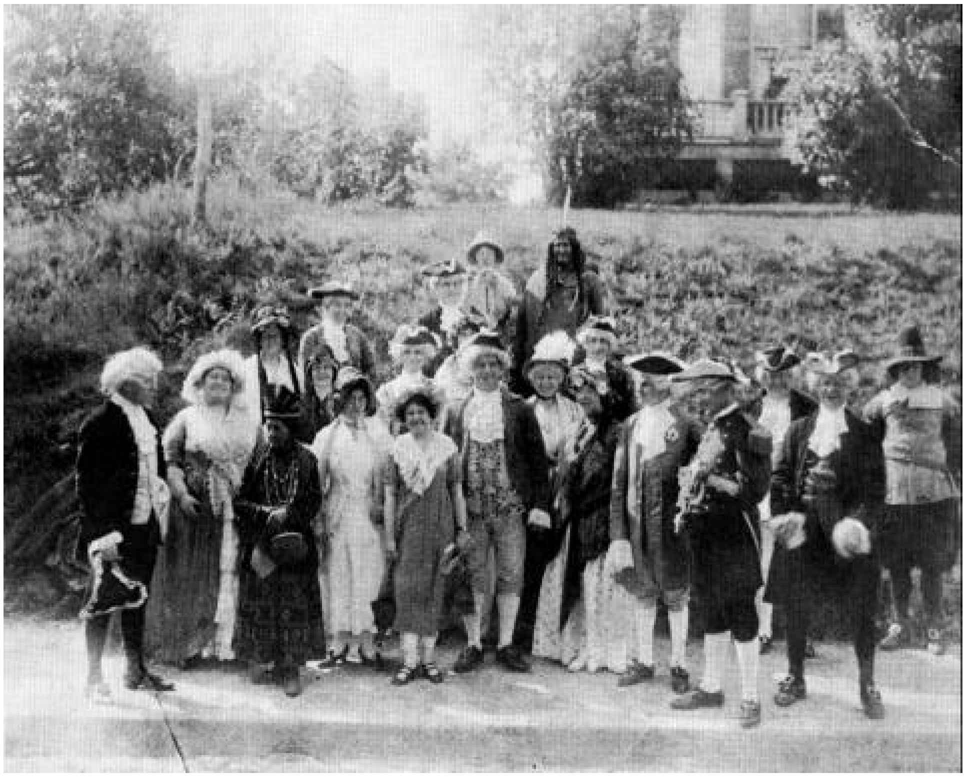
429. Aerial View to Jackson Street

This is a tiny corner view taken out of a regular postcard and shows in clarity the Peirce Barns, which are now a parking area. The Peirce Houses are next, only two of which remain as the Middleborough Historical Museum buildings. Midway in the picture to the left may be seen the old Starr Mill Buildings.



430. Aerial View to Jackson Street

A little different angle of the previous view. The large barn in the center front was one of the Peirce Barns. In its day, it was used and rented out by the Nemasket House for overflow. Matthew Cushings, owner of the grocery store, daughter kept her prize black horse named Black Beauty in a stall here. George Soule Furniture housed their horse drawn hearses here and in 1943 they were removed and rotted.



431. Fifty Years Ago. . . 1920

The landing of the Pilgrims 300th anniversary was celebrated in Plymouth in 1920. Middleborough's float was named "Ye Old Nemasket Choir" and won one hundred dollars, first prize, which founded the Middleborough Historical Society.

Lower left: Guy Polley, New York, Mrs. Guy Polley, Charlotte Mitchell (Princess Wootonekanuske), Nellie Wicher Shaw, Etta Cushing Baker, William W. Gammons, Mrs. Edith Finney, Mertie (Whitbeck) Romaine, George Thomas, Albert Roberts, White Plains, N.Y., John Tinkham; second row: May Nelson, Mrs. William Jacob, James H. Kennedy, Mrs. Lillian Ball, Melvern Gammons, Chester E. Weston, Kenneth C. Leonard; third row: Mabel Sears Barber, William H. Barden, Helen Ryder Haley, and Bert Cushing.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XII, October 1970, Number 1, Pg. 1, Cover.

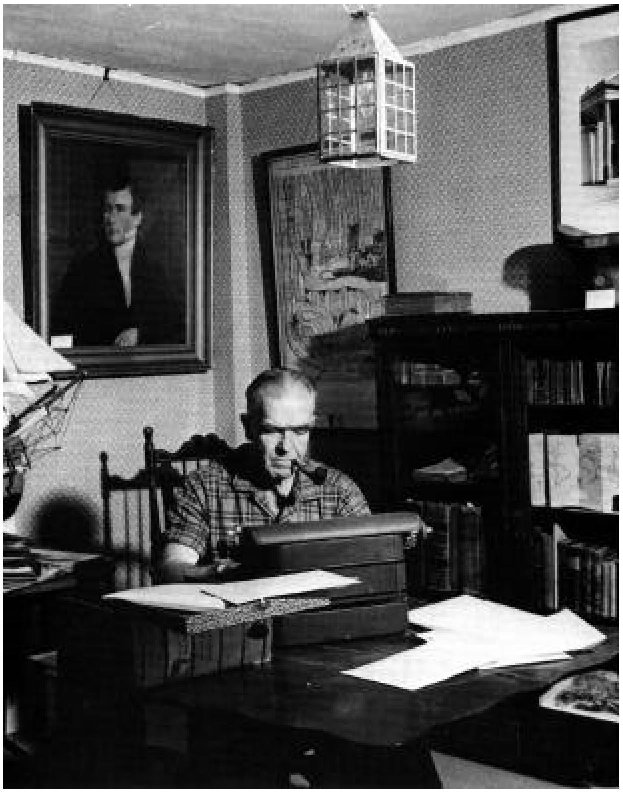
432. Officers of Middleborough Historical Association, 1973

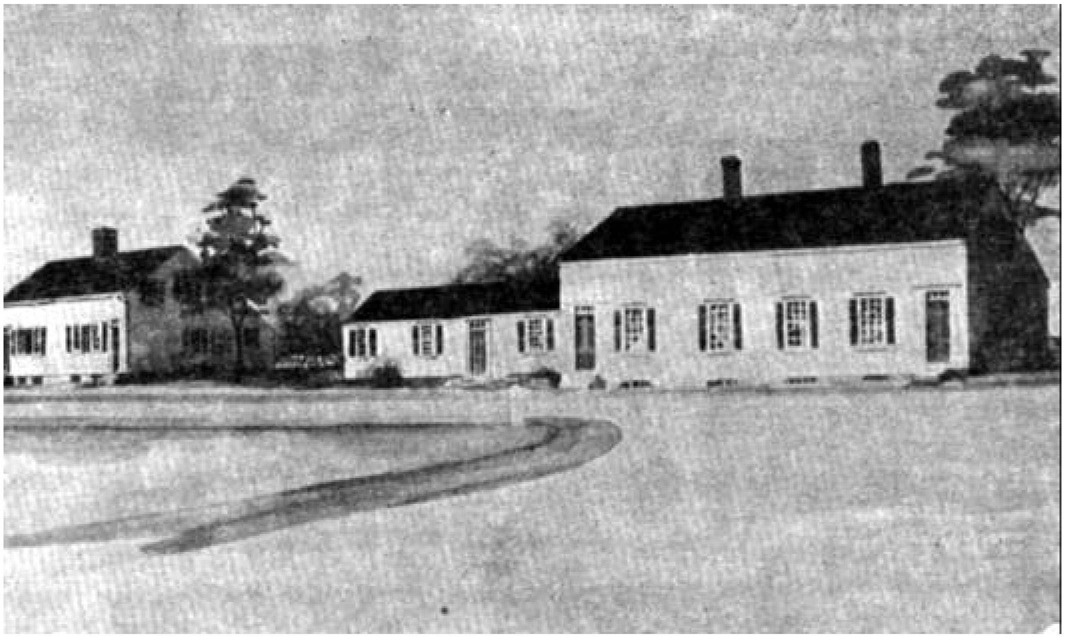
Walter E. Soule, Member of Executive Board, Ruth E. Gates, Secretary, Charles D. Townsend, President, Alda Boucher, Treasurer, Mertie E. Romaine, Curator of Middleborough Historical Museum, and G. Ward Stetson, Member of the Executive Board.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian

433. Lawrence B. Romaine

Lawrence B. Romaine, founding editor at work on the Middleborough Antiquarian in the little second floor room at the public library.

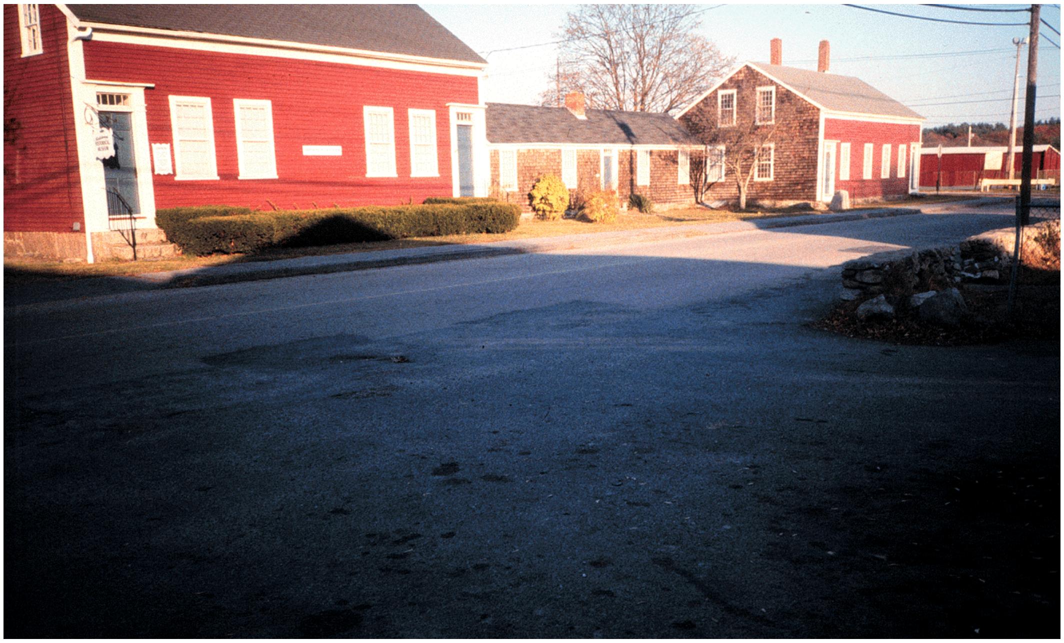




434. Middleborough Historical Museum

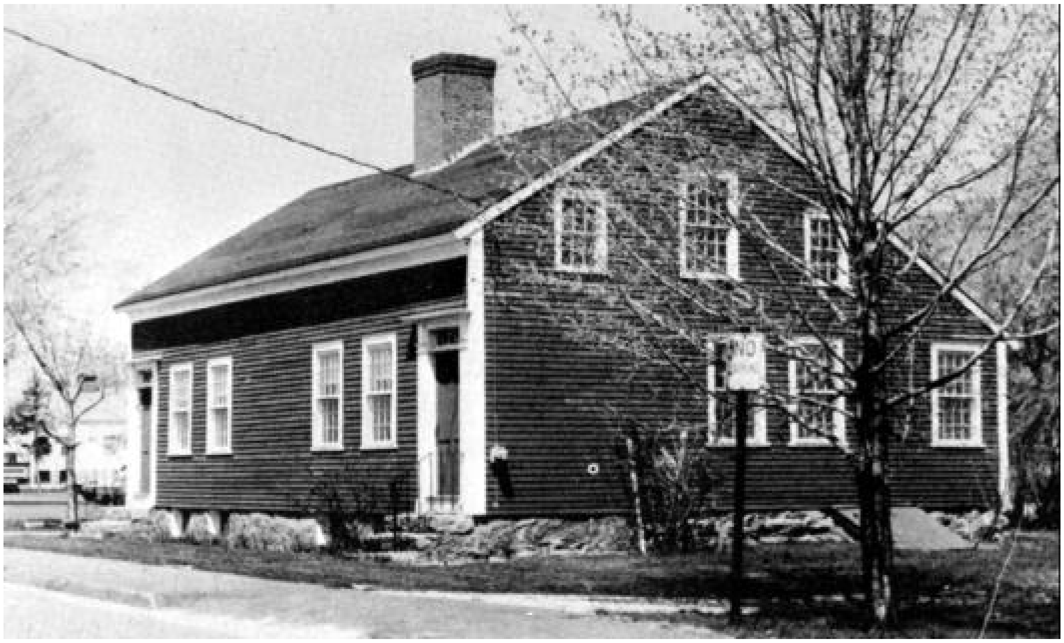
Two mill houses built c. 1820 and restored to preserve the collections of the Middleborough Historical Association Inc. including their famous Tom Thumb Collection.

Source: Direct Quote from Museum Postcard



435. Middleborough Historical Museum

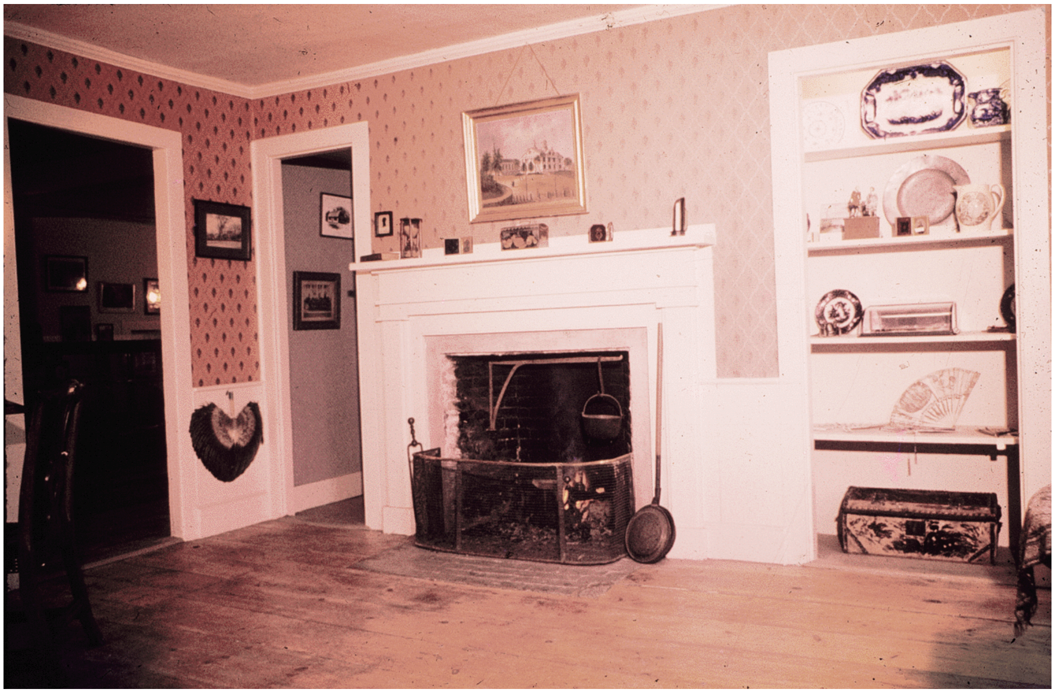
This long shot shows a good view of building #2 of the historical museum with the ell that contains the Peirce Store and the playground building in the distance.



436. Museum House Number One

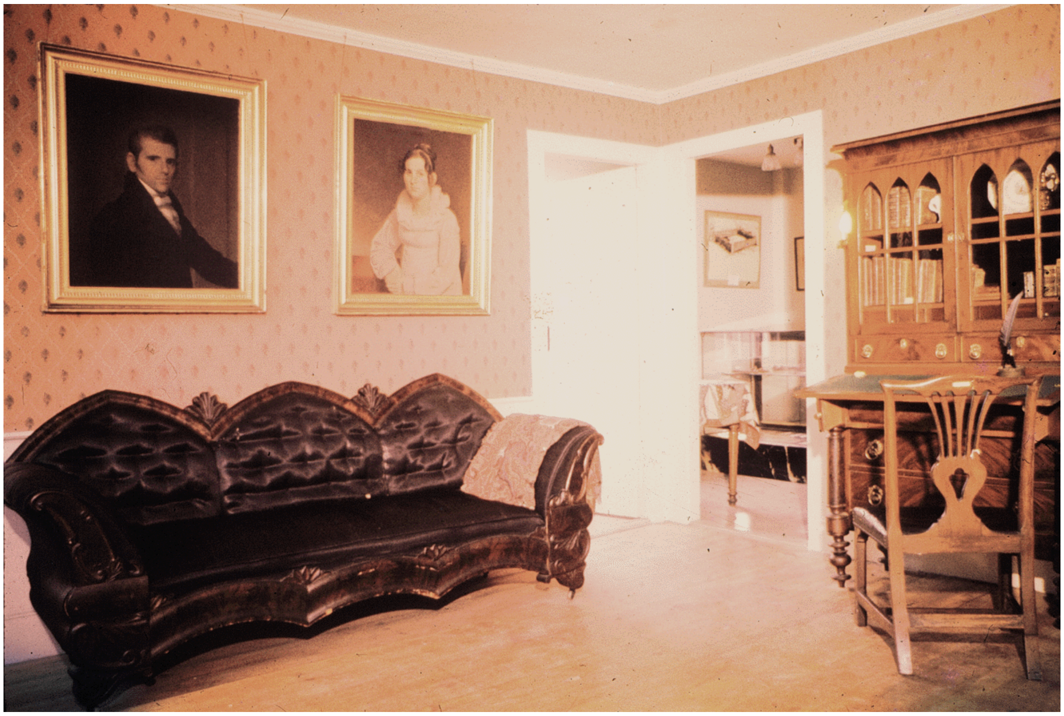
Museum House number one was the first house salvaged of the mill houses and barns.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXII, July 1982, Number 1, pg. 1 cover.



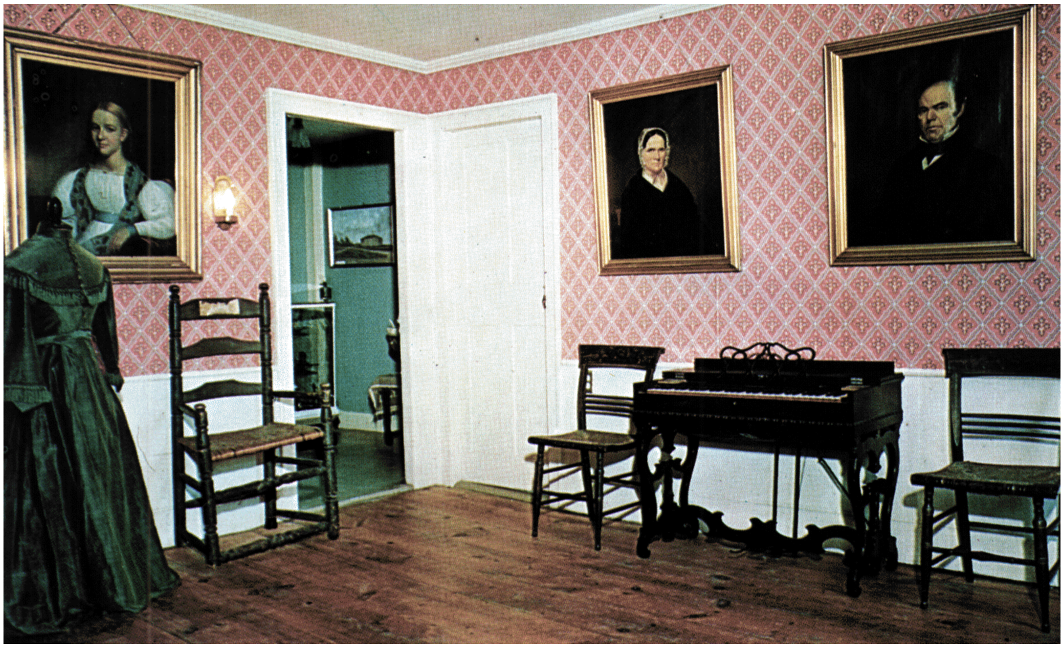
437. Building Number One Front Room

This is the appearance of one of the front rooms in the first house as it looked in the 1970’s.



438. Building Number One Front Room

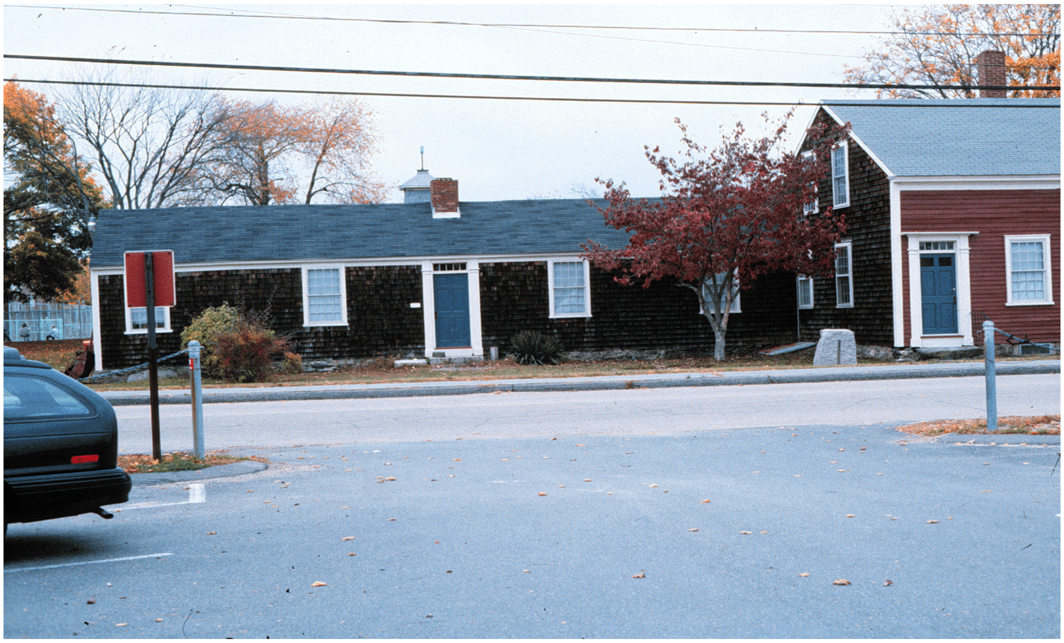
This is the other half of the same front room in the first house. Note the beautiful Cephas Thompson paintings of Dr. Arad Thompson and his wife hanging over the horsehair Victorian couch.



439. Building Number One Front Room

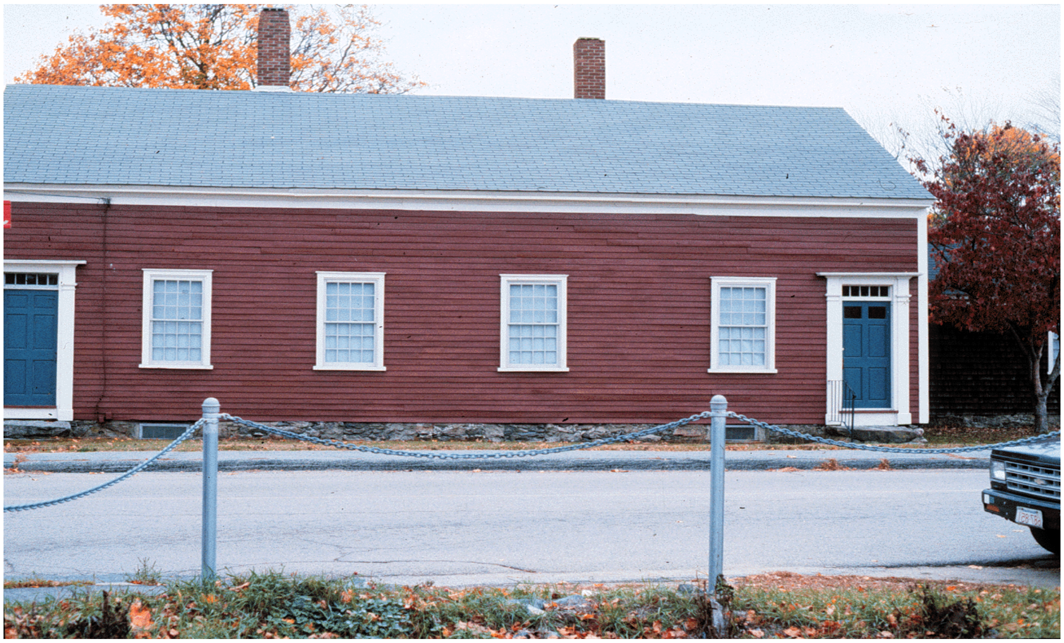
“One of the front parlors with exhibits from several periods. The wallpaper is the well known Abigail Stearns design which provides a fitting background for the Cephas Thompson portraits. The “great chair” was made in Maine c. 1720, and the rosewood melodeon of Connecticut manufacture, c. 1860.”

Source: A direct quote from the Museum Postcard



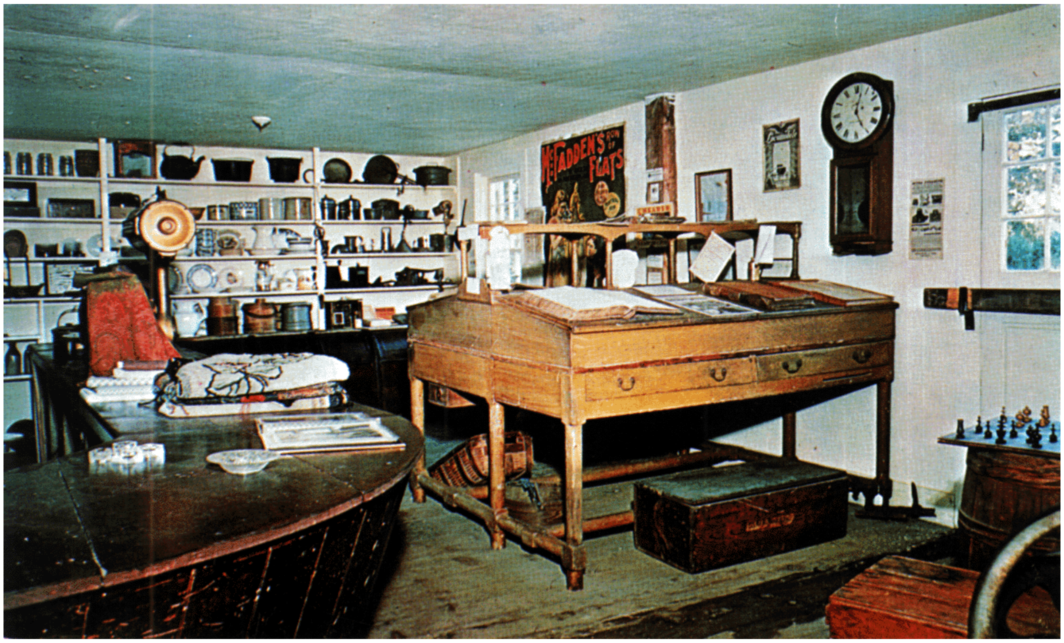
440. Building Number Two, Historical Museum

The contents of the Peirce Store that was on North Main Street are located in this ell of the second museum building.



441. Building Number Two

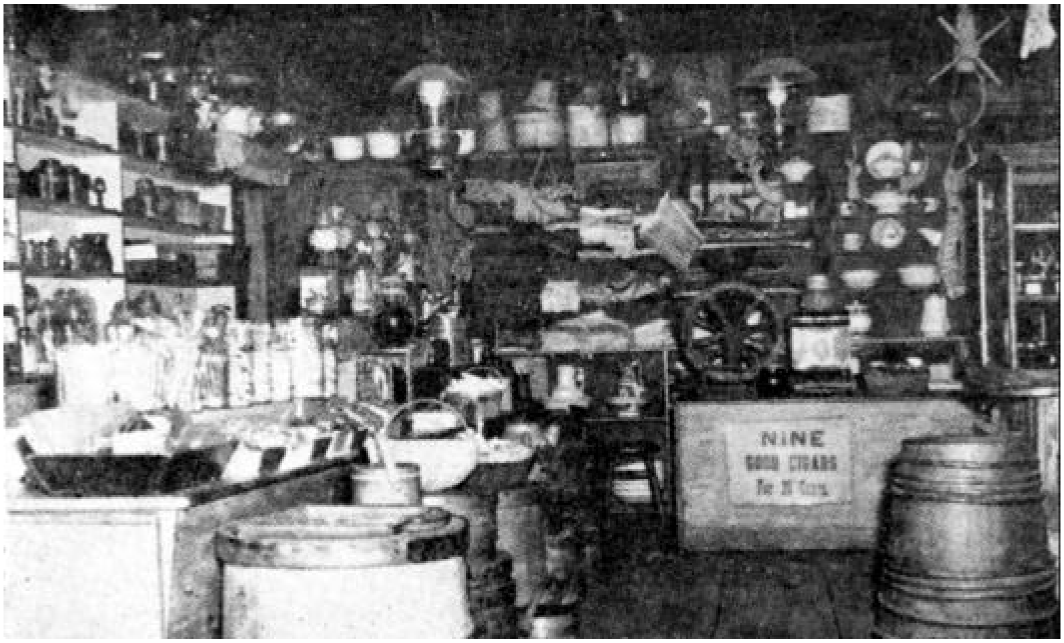
This is the main section of the building #2, which houses the linen room, gown room, war room and old time kitchen.



442. Building Number Two, Peirce Store

“A replica of the Peter H. Peirce Store that served Middleborough from c. 1820 to 1925. The original building, one of our outstanding architectural heirlooms, has been restored to house the courthouse and police station. The original counter, grain bins and desks for four clerks are priceless relics of the American general store of the 19th century.”

Source: A direct quote from the Museum Postcard.



443. “Old Country Store”

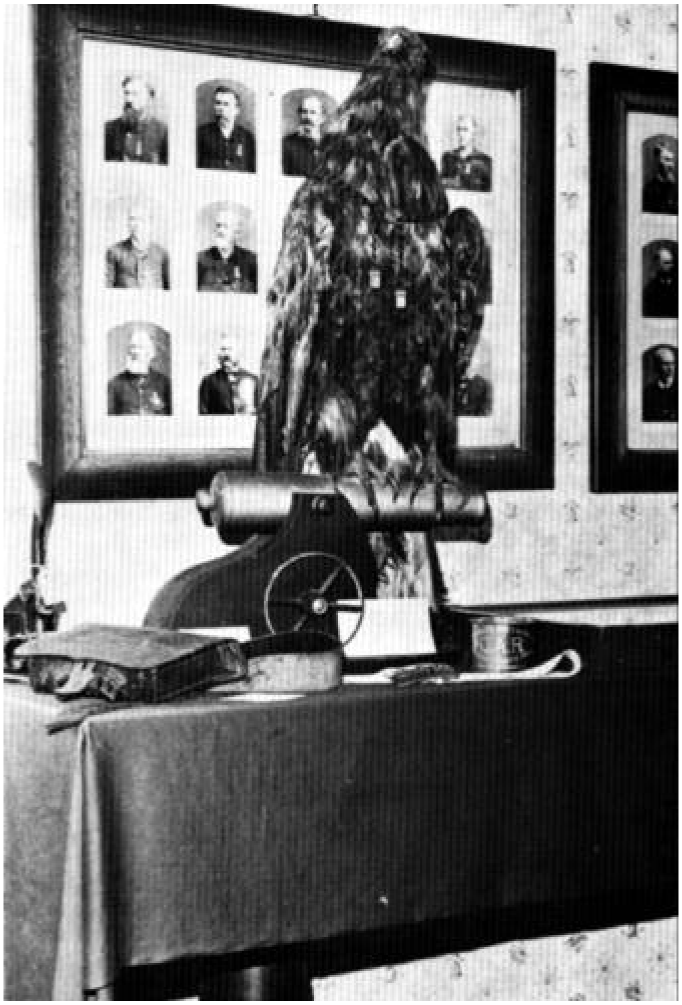
“The old country store of our 19th century have been rescued and have become a living part of the America’s historical museums. To the best of my knowledge this was the first one properly set up for the education of future generations of students and historians.”

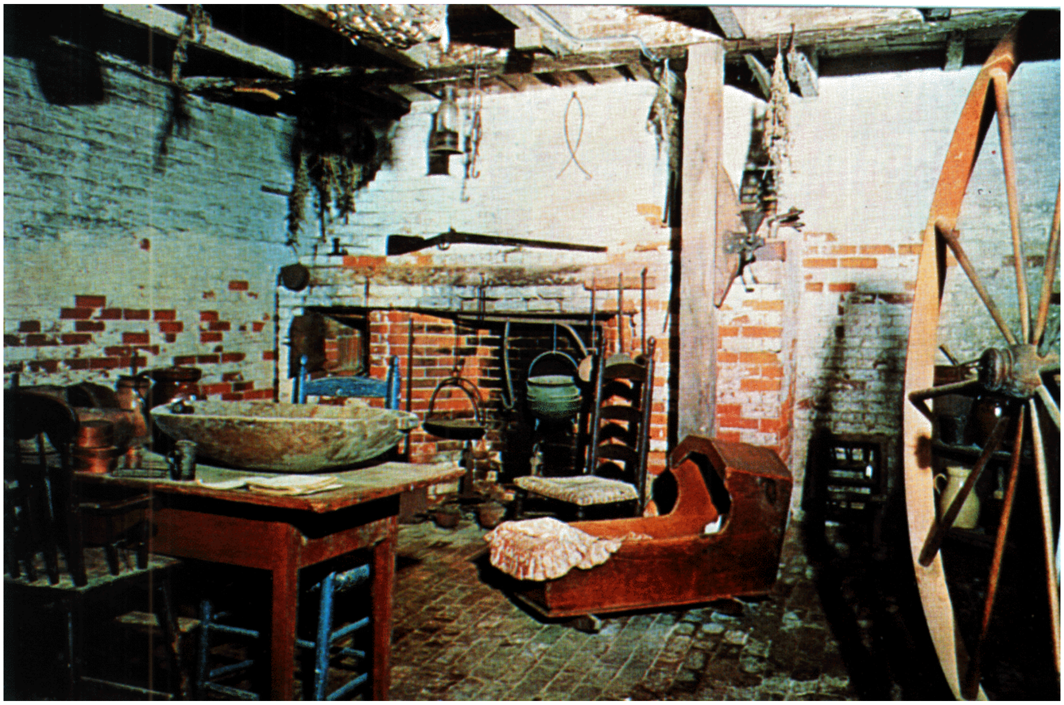
Could this be the store from Henry Ford’s Greenfield Village?

Source: Direct Quote from The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume VI, February 1964, Number 1, pg. 8.

444. Civil War Room, Museum Building #2

This eagle was once the mascot of E.W. Peirce Post and Grand Army of the Republic and sits in the Civil War Room of the Middleborough Historical Museum.



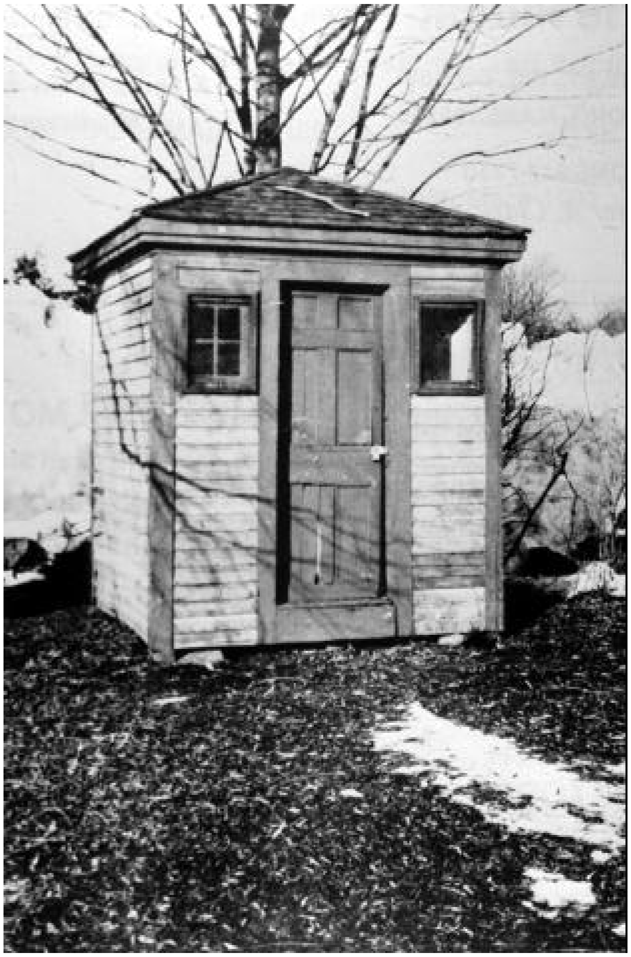


445. Building Number One, Basement Kitchen

“Original basement kitchen restored, c. 1820, with cooking utensils both of earlier and later periods; cared for and used by many generations. The blacksmith made coffee grinder the “eared” chopping bowl are outstanding examples.”

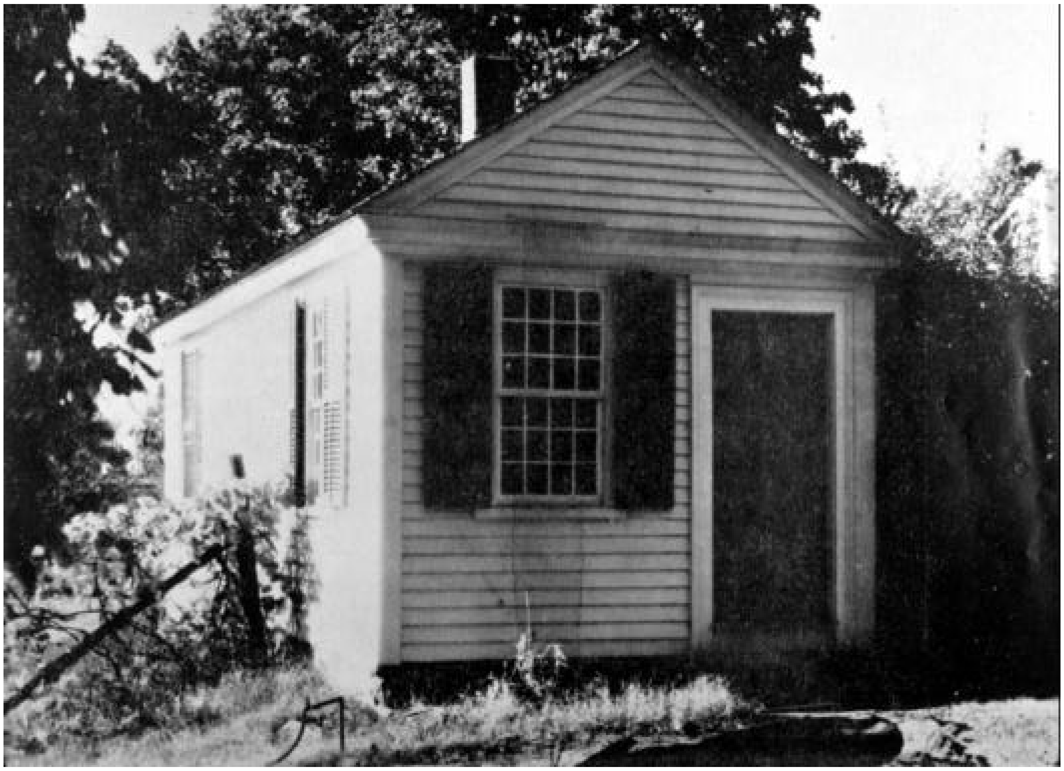
Source: A Direct Quote from the Postcard.

446. Sproat Tavern Outhouse



For the time being, the outhouse is all that remains of the old Sproat Tavern, which was torn down in 1898. The barn, on its original site, will soon meet the same fate as the tavern.

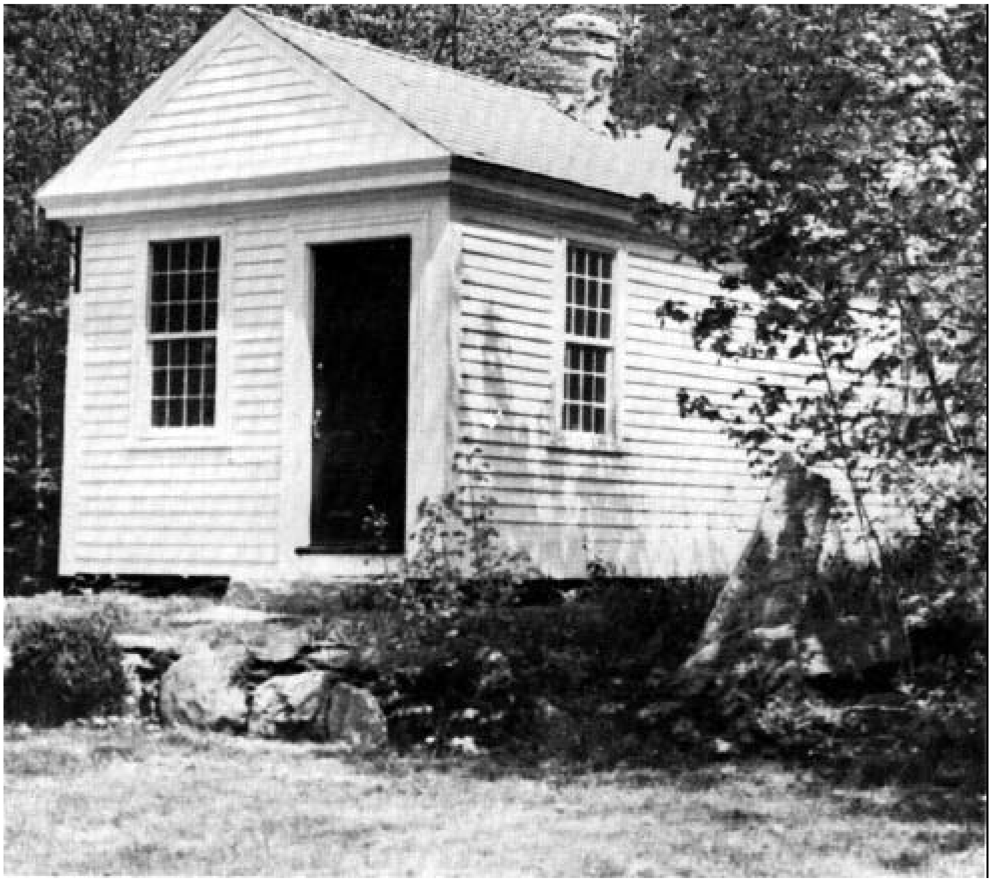
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXII, July 1982, Number 1, pg. 1 cover.



447. Judge Wood's Law Office

"The little law office to the south of the main house is thought to have been built by Judge Wood about 1796. In 1965, Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan sold the property to the Fernandes Company and knew the house and law office were to be torn down. They presented the law office to the Middleborough Historical Museum and Mr. Joseph Fernandes financed the cost of moving the building to the museum grounds."

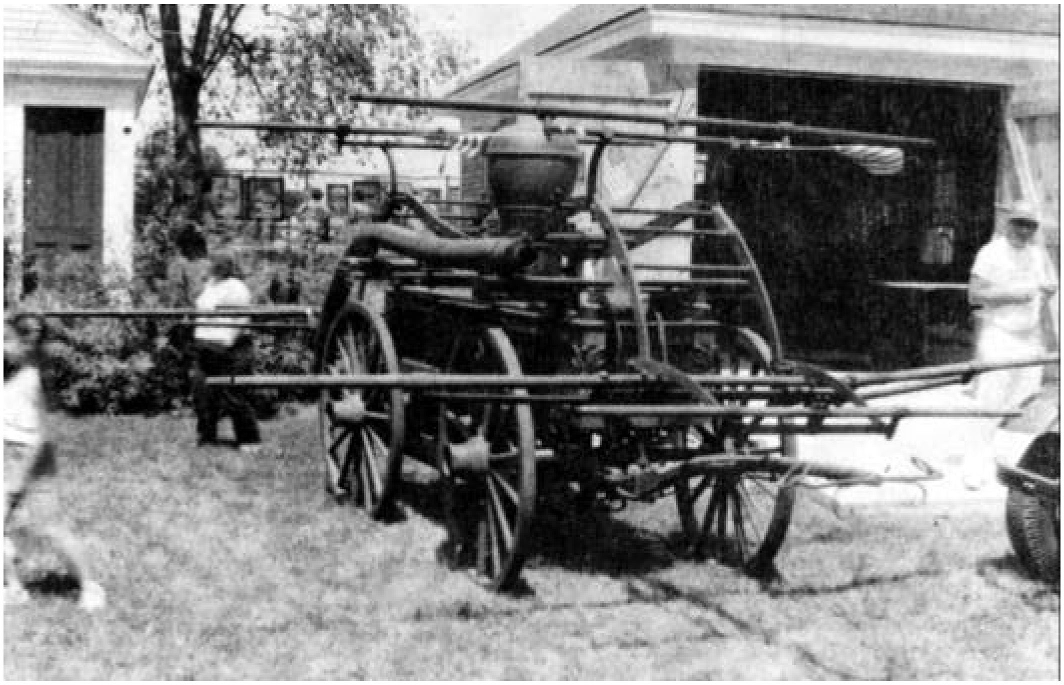
Source: This is a direct quote from the Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume VII, November 1965, Number 4, pg. 1 cover.



448. Judge Wilkes Wood Law Office

This little gem of an old time law office sits on a little knoll behind the main museum buildings. The rear section has been turned into a law library as a memorial to the memory of Lawrence B. Romaine, who was the very heart and soul of the Middleborough Historical Museum and Association.

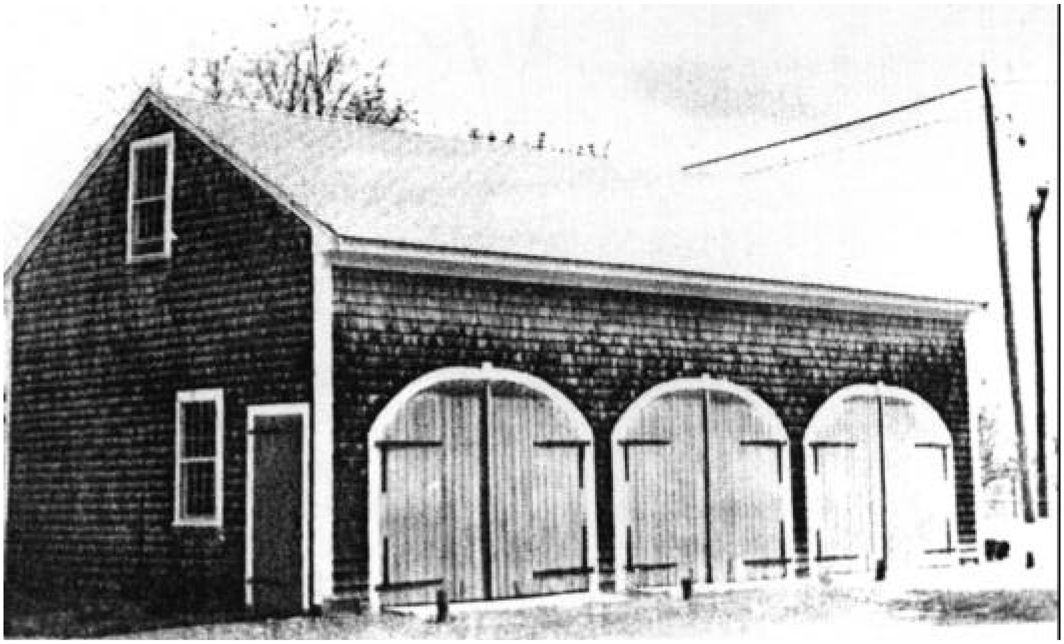
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXII, July 1982, Number 1, pg. 5
Volume XIV, January 1973, Number 2, pg. 3



449. 1854 “Young Mechanic” No. 6

“Originally built by John Agnew of Philadelphia for New Bedford, it was purchased by Middleborough in 1864, rebuilt by William Jeffers of Pawtucket and used until 1880. It is now the property of the Middleborough Historical Association.

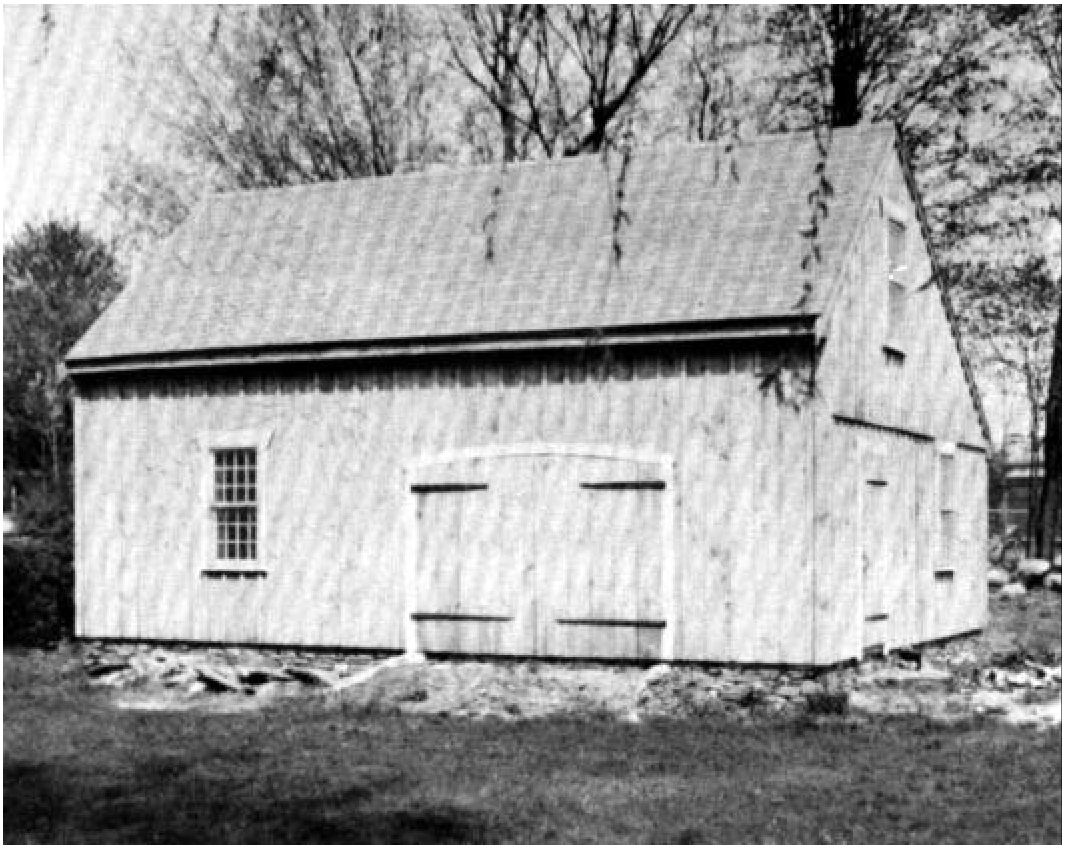
Source: A Direct Quote from the Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXIV, March 1986, Number 4, pg. 3.



450. The Carriage Shed

Mr. Larry Romaine raised the money to build a carriage house of the same design as the sheds of the old Peirce Store before he passed away in 1967. It was finished in 1978 and holds vintage vehicles along with 18th and 19th century farming tools.

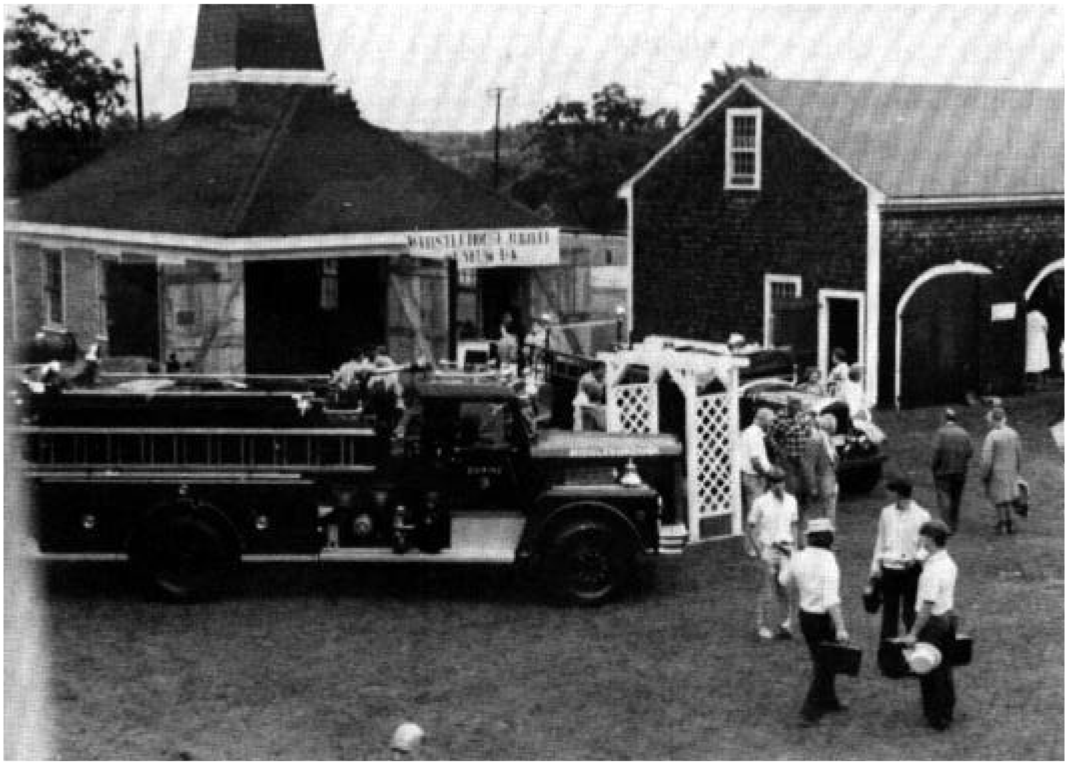
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXII, July 1982, Number 1, pg. 5



451. The Blacksmith Shop

"In the summer of 1981 the Blacksmith Shop was opened to the public. The late Frank Everett Buckman gave the entire contents of an old smithy.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXII, July 1982, Number 1, pg. 6.



452. The Whistle House

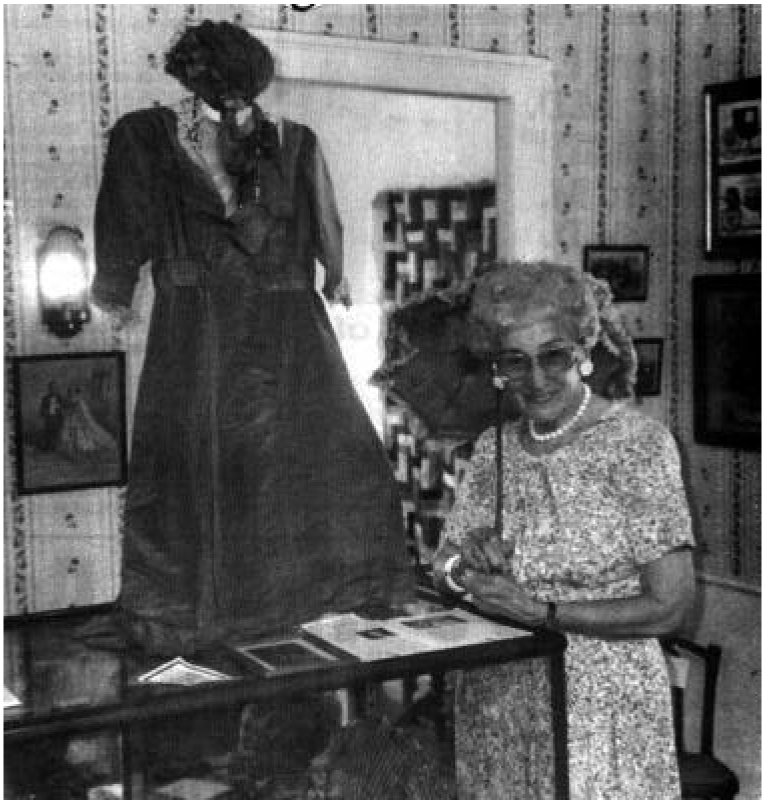
This photo shows the old Whistle House refitted to house the 1854 “young mechanic” and the 1934 Maxim Pumper. The Whistle House Jubilee, June 20, 1981.

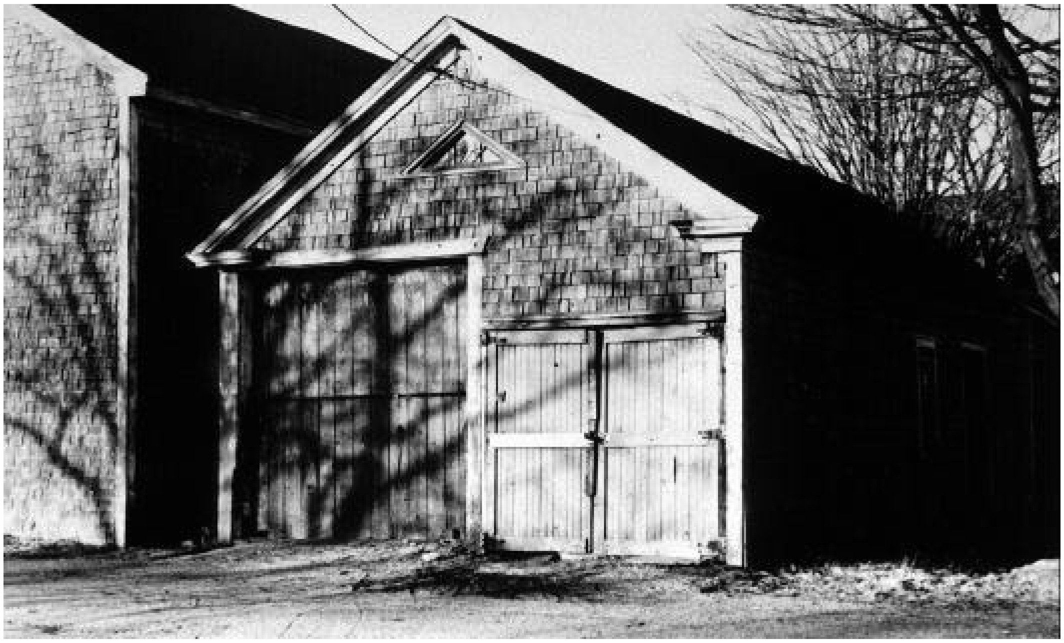
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXII, July 1982, Number 1, pg. 6
Volume XXV, July 1986, Number 1, pg. 1 cover.

453. Gladys Beals and Parasol

Gladys Beals of the Middleborough Historical Association models a parasol used by Lavinia Warren, the Middleborough girl who married the famous Tom Thumb of P.T. Barnum's circus fame. Next to Mrs. Beals is a dress owned by Lavinia, who grew to be 32 inches tall. Photographs, pieces of furniture and other articles owned by General and Mrs. Thumb are on display in the Middleborough Historical Museum.

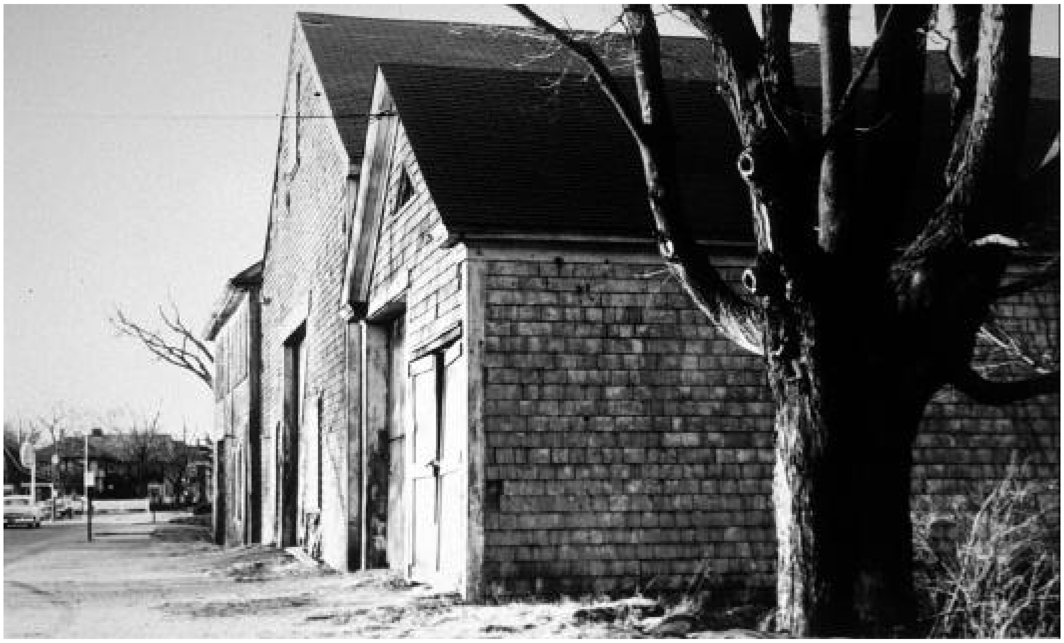
Source: The Middleboro Gazette – Jane Lopes Quote





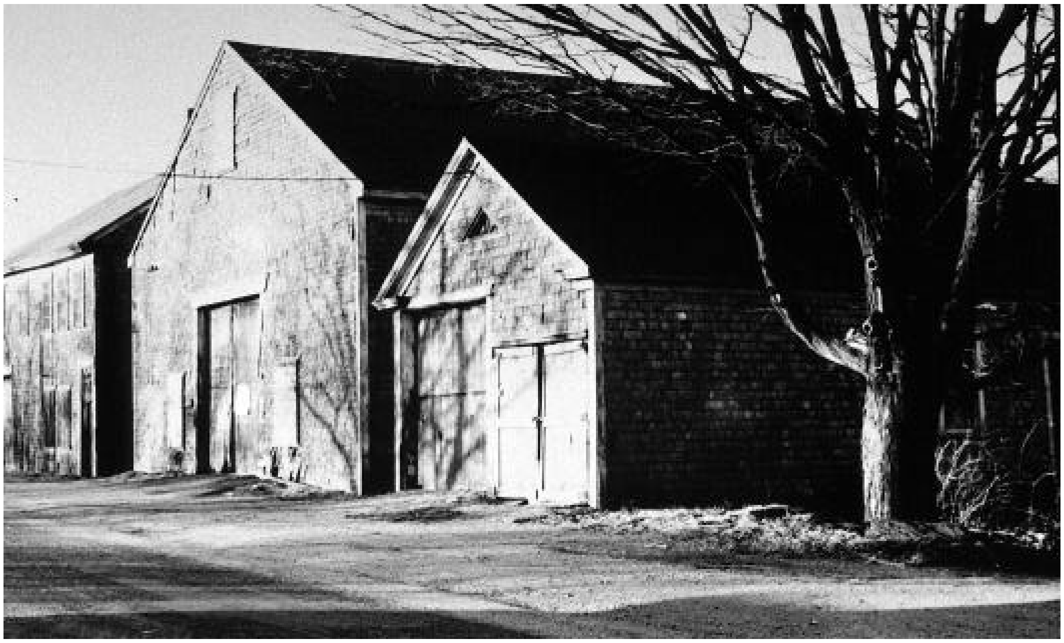
454. One of the Peirce Barns

This little building was the last in a row of the Peirce Barns that were torn down to make way for a parking lot behind the police station. It holds a tantalizing thought for me. Could this be the one room school that was in this neighborhood when the School Street School was built in 1875?



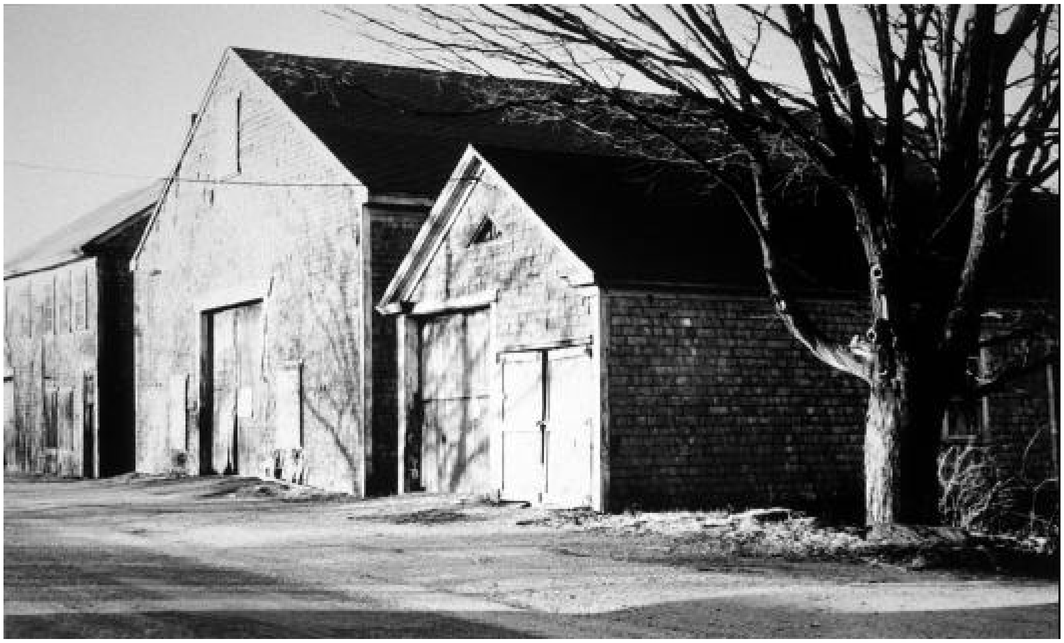
455. Peirce Barns

This view looks past the Peirce Barns to North Main Street.



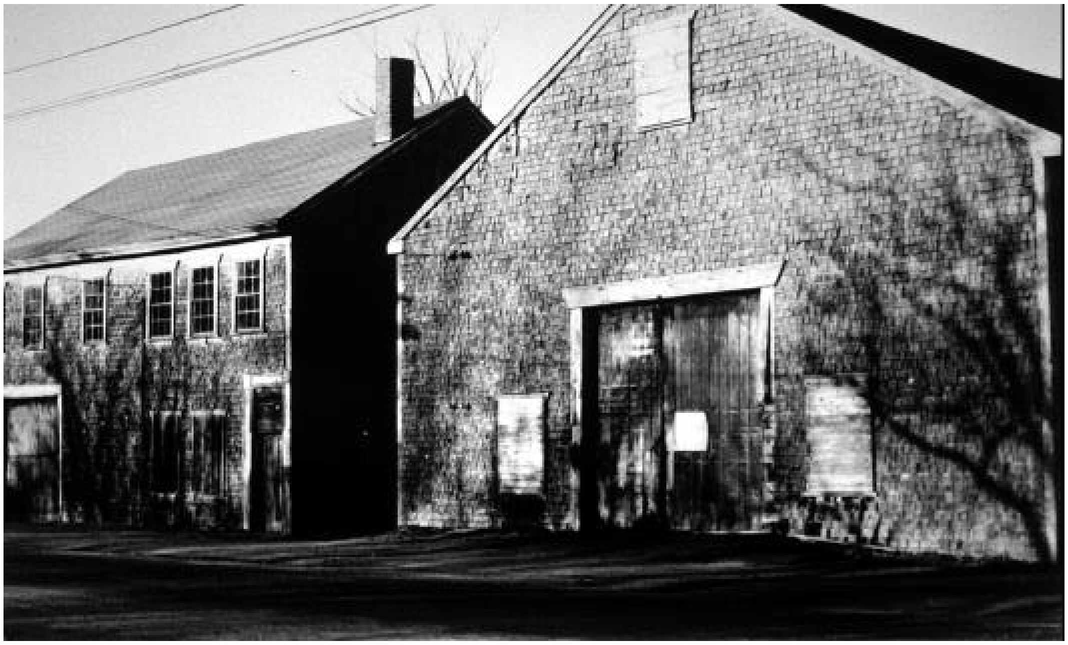
456. Peirce Barns

When the Nemasket House on North Main Street had need of more space for their clientele’s coaches, the middle barn would be leased.



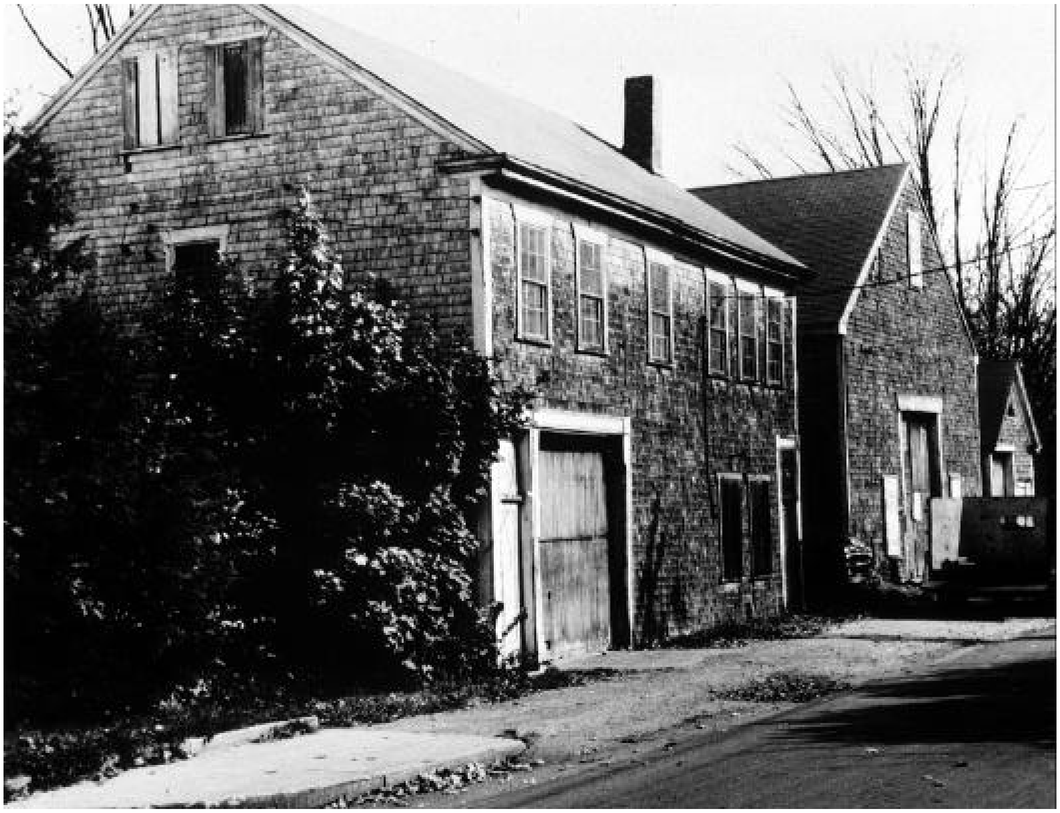
457. Peirce Barns

Yet another close-up view of the three Peirce Barns that were torn down for a parking lot.



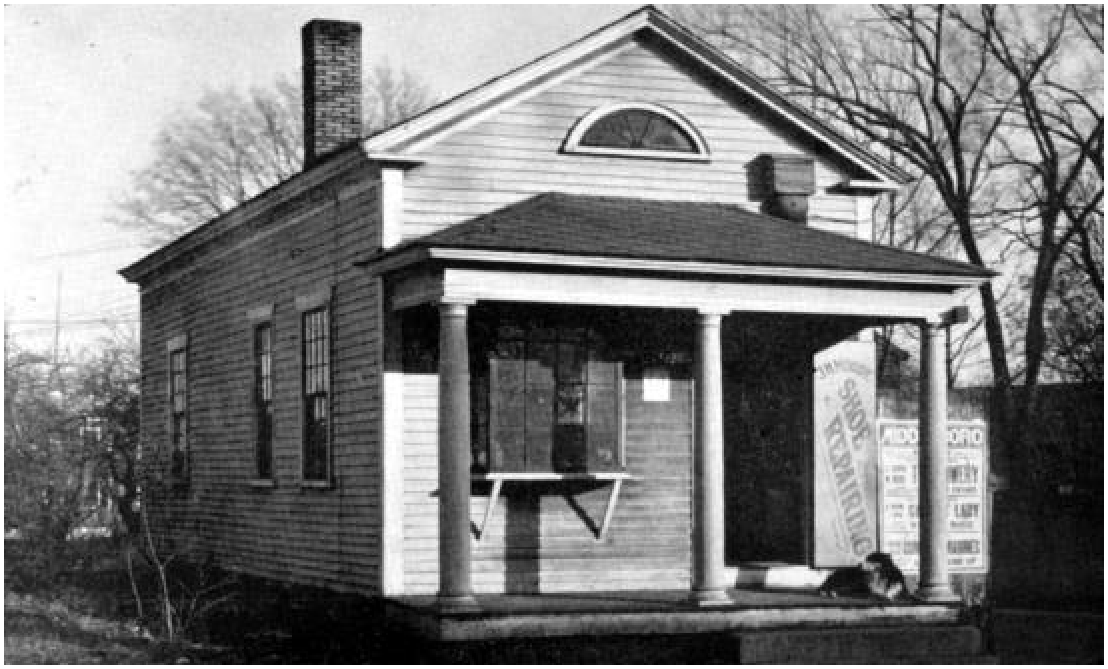
458. Peirce Barns

Another view of the barns that were much in demand before the advent of the automobile.



459. Peirce Barns

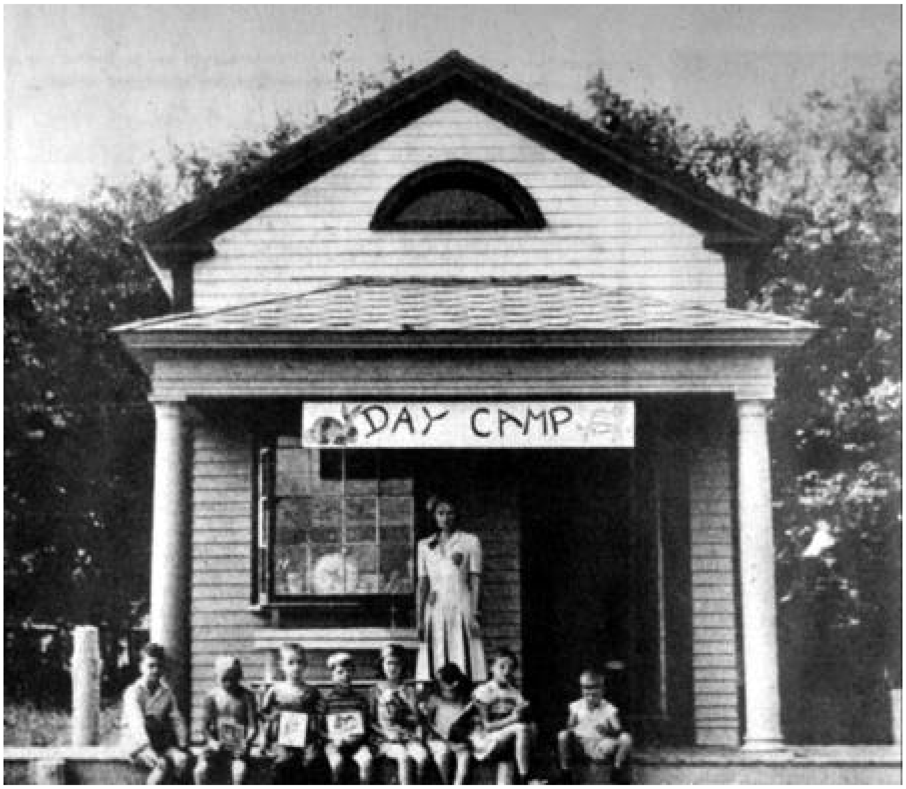
This is a close-up of the two busy barns behind the Peirce Store. The one on the left had many uses as a public hall and manufacturer along with the right one as overnight parking for horses and their conveyances.



460. Moody's Shoe Repair

This little building was built at about the same time as the Peirce Store but was never used by Peter Peirce. This Greek revival gem was used for many enterprises. The picture shows it as Moody's Cobbler Shop for many years and one can note the circus advertisement on the right.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XIV, January 1973, Number 2, pg. 1, cover.

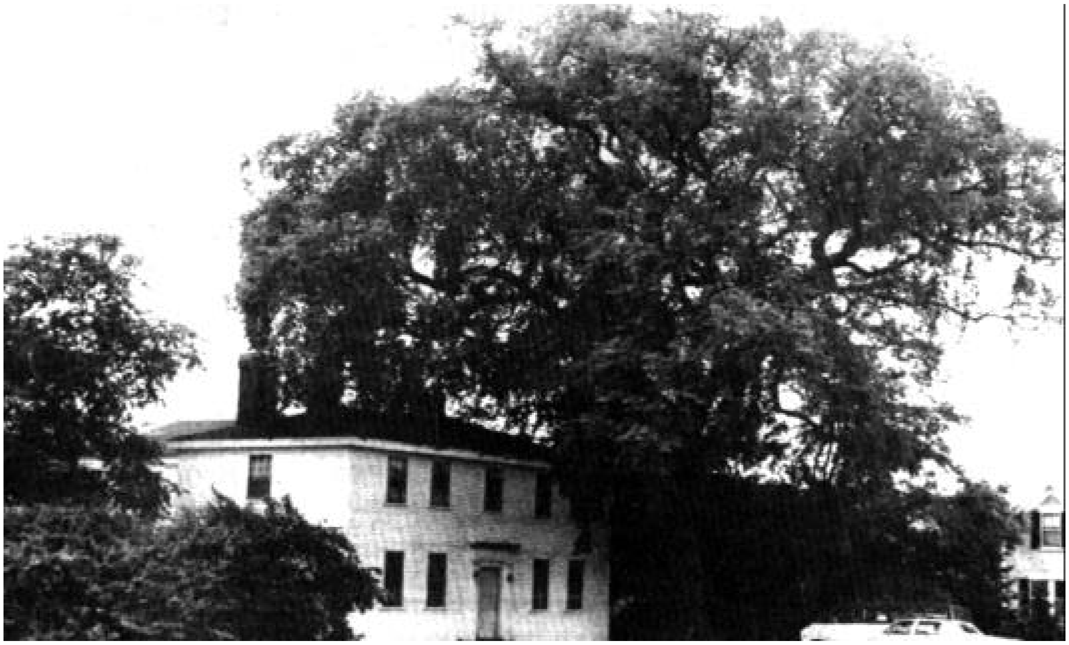


461. “Day Camp”

The little building was moved to the Children’s Corner at the playground and used as a day camp. It was later destroyed by arson.

462. Colonel Peter H. Peirce

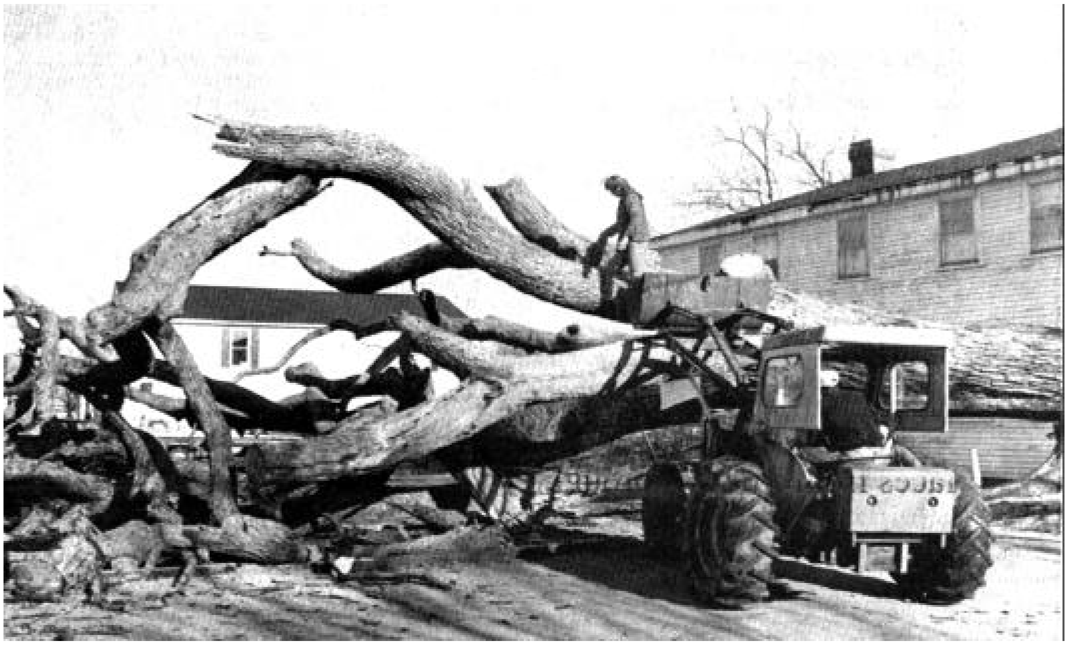
Colonel Peter Hoar Peirce went out on his own to develop his own grocery store; which became the hub of the area business wise enabling his son Thomas to bequeath 1/2 million dollars to the Town of Middleborough.



463. Major Peter Hoar House

“Gigantic elm tree, more than a century old, dwarfs Major Peter Hoar House on Main Street in Lakeville. It is noted in town history that Major Peter Hoar planted it when he purchased the house in 1854.”

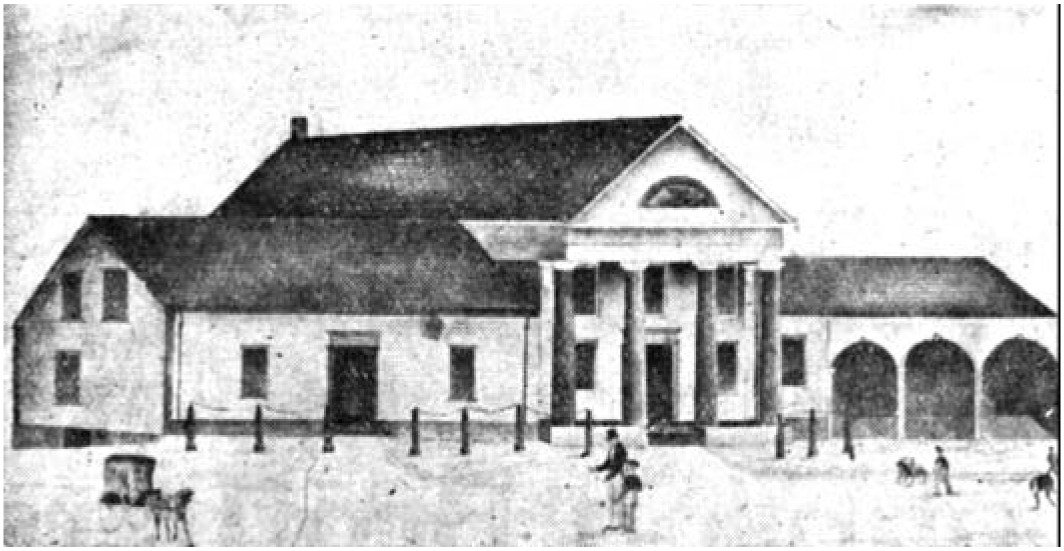
Source: Clint Clark Quote



464. Major Peter Hoar Tree

"Veteran of the battle of Lexington, selectman of Middleborough for more than fifty years, Major Peter Hoar planted the elm tree in front of his home on Main Street in Lakeville where it survived until taken down last Saturday."

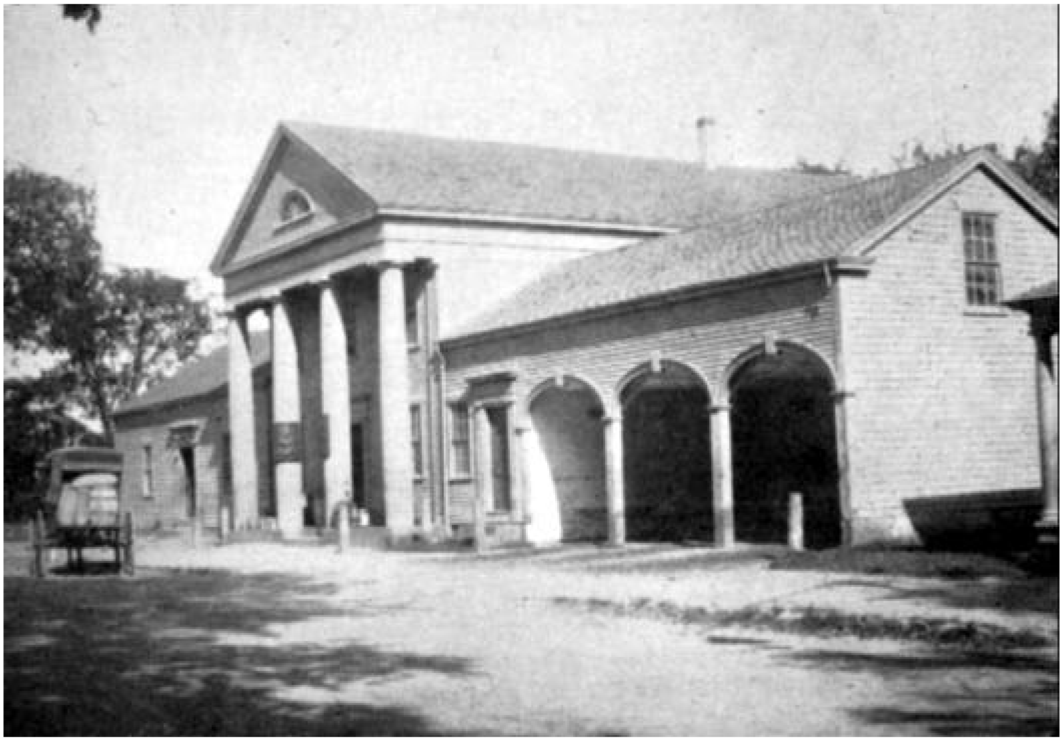
Source: Clint Clark Quote



465. Old P.H. Peirce Company Grocery

“The P.H. Peirce Grocery on North Main Street was founded by Colonel Peter H. Peirce, one of the most wealthy and influential citizens of town in his time. He served several terms in the state senate at the breaking out of the War of 1812, he was in command of a company which did Coast Guard duty at Plymouth and elsewhere. The grocery, after the death of Thomas, the last survivor of Colonel Peter’s children, was purchased by Elton L. and Herbert A. Pratt who had been in the employ of the Peirce family in the store, and it now carried on under the old name.”

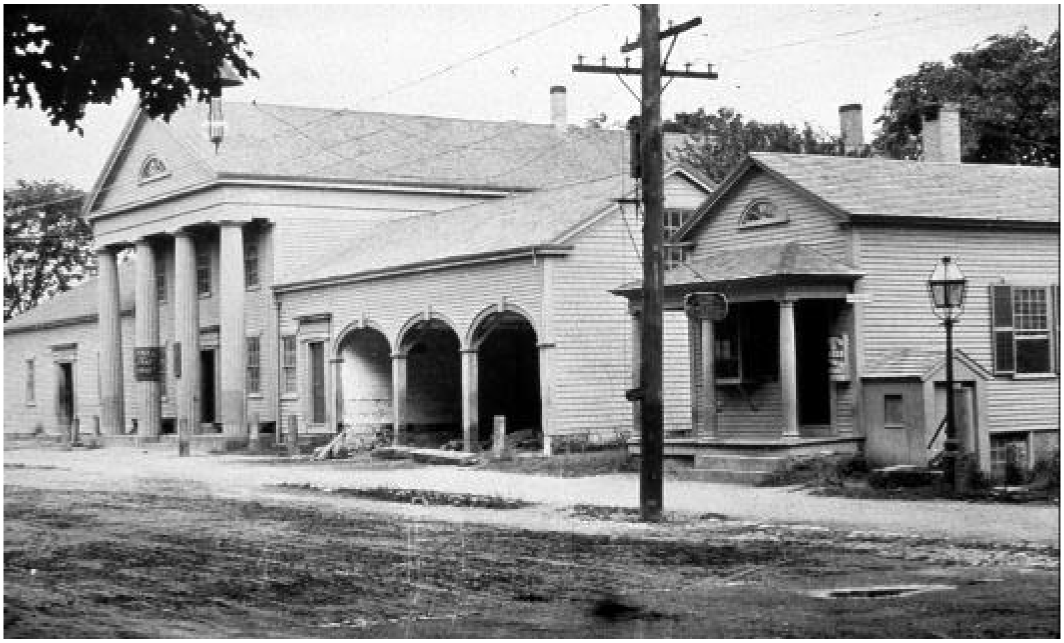
Source: A Direct Quote from the 1933 Middleboro Gazette



466. P.H. Peirce Store

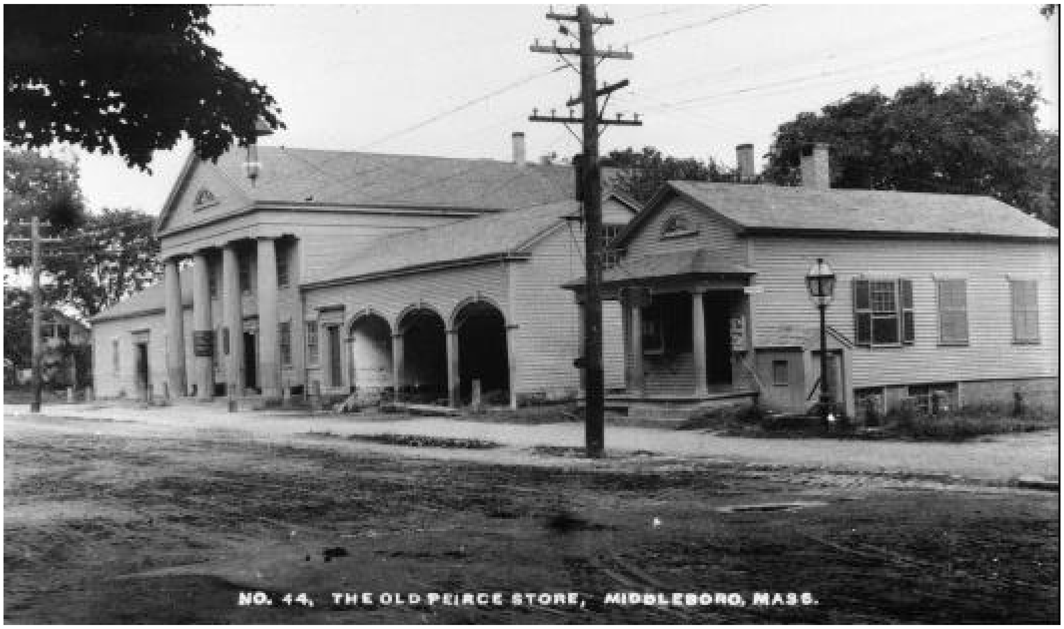
This view shows the carriage sheds that predated Hertz Rent A Car. The farmers could leave their wagon in one of the bays to have their supplies loaded.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume VIII, November 1966, Number 4, pg. 2.



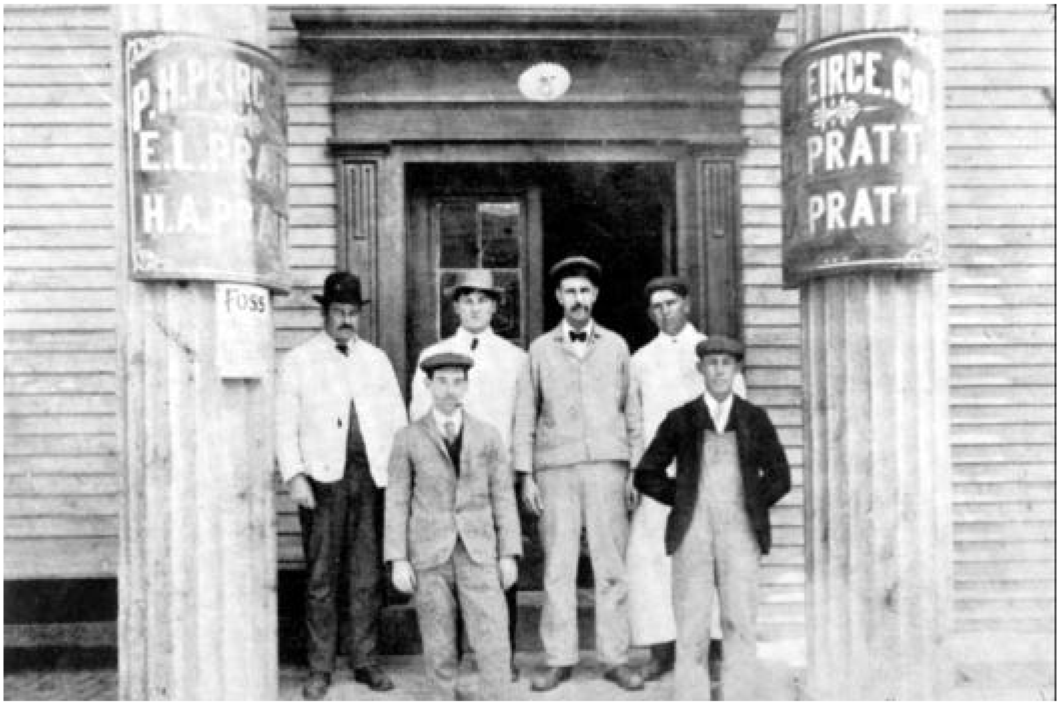
467. P.H. Peirce Store

This view shows the little building; one can note the kerosene street lamp and the town pump behind it. There was a hall on the second floor of the Peirce Store and among the tenants was the Sacred Heart Parish before their first church was built on Centre Street.


NO. 44, THE OLD PEIRCE STORE, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

468. P.H. Peirce Store

We have a good picture of the side of the little building and in the distance a side view of the Captain Drew House before Central Fire Station was built.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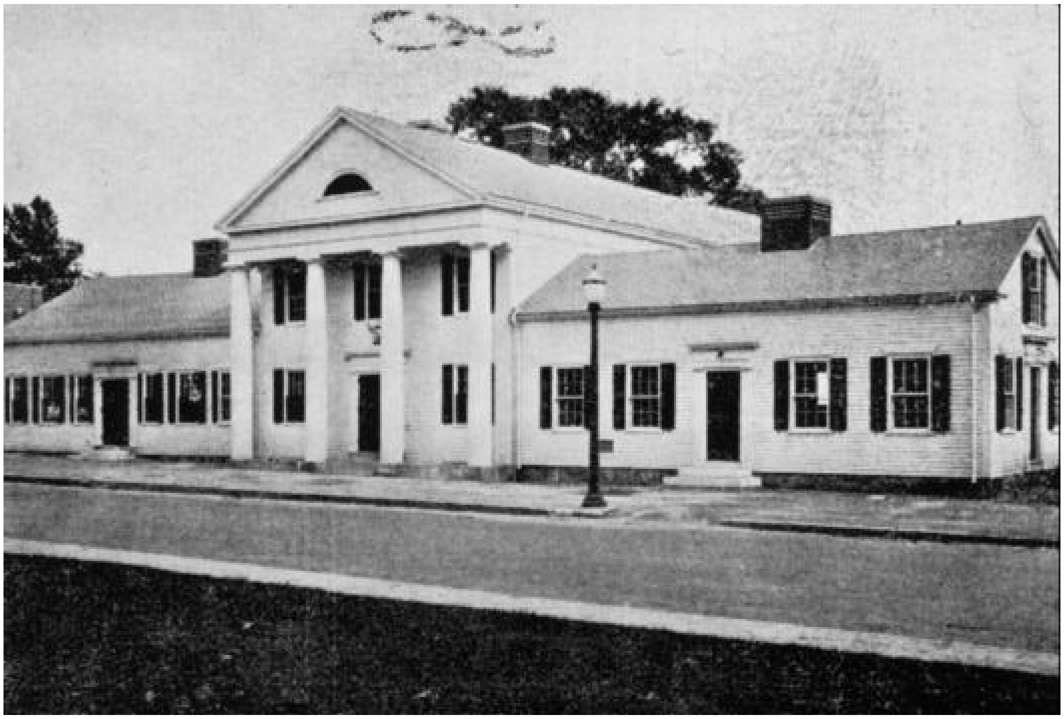
469. Peirce Store Doorway

Back row, left to right; Elton L. Pratt, Chester H. Porter, William Fessenden, and Louis Keyes. Front row, left to right, Herbert A. Pratt and Arthur Coffin.

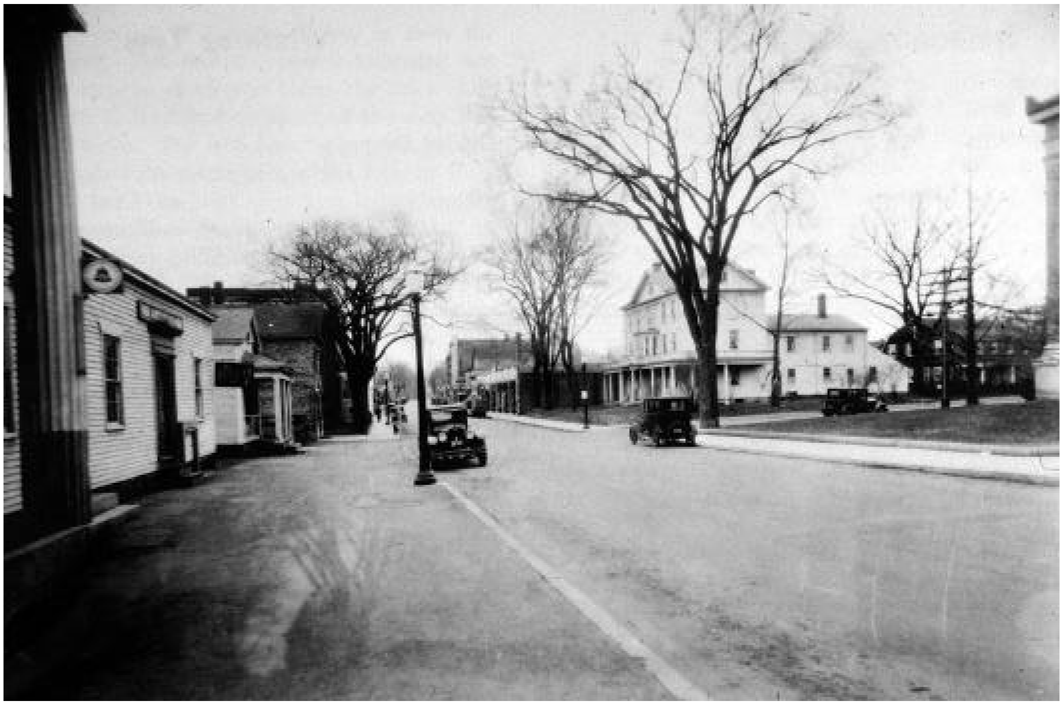
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume VIII, November 1966, Number 4, pg. 1 cover.



470. Police Station

When the Old Peirce Academy building was to be torn down, (the police station was in the rear ell), the police station would have to be relocated and the Peirce Store was selected. The Thomas S. Peirce Trustees sold the building and land to the town for thirteen thousand dollars, work was begun in December 1935 and was completed September 1936.

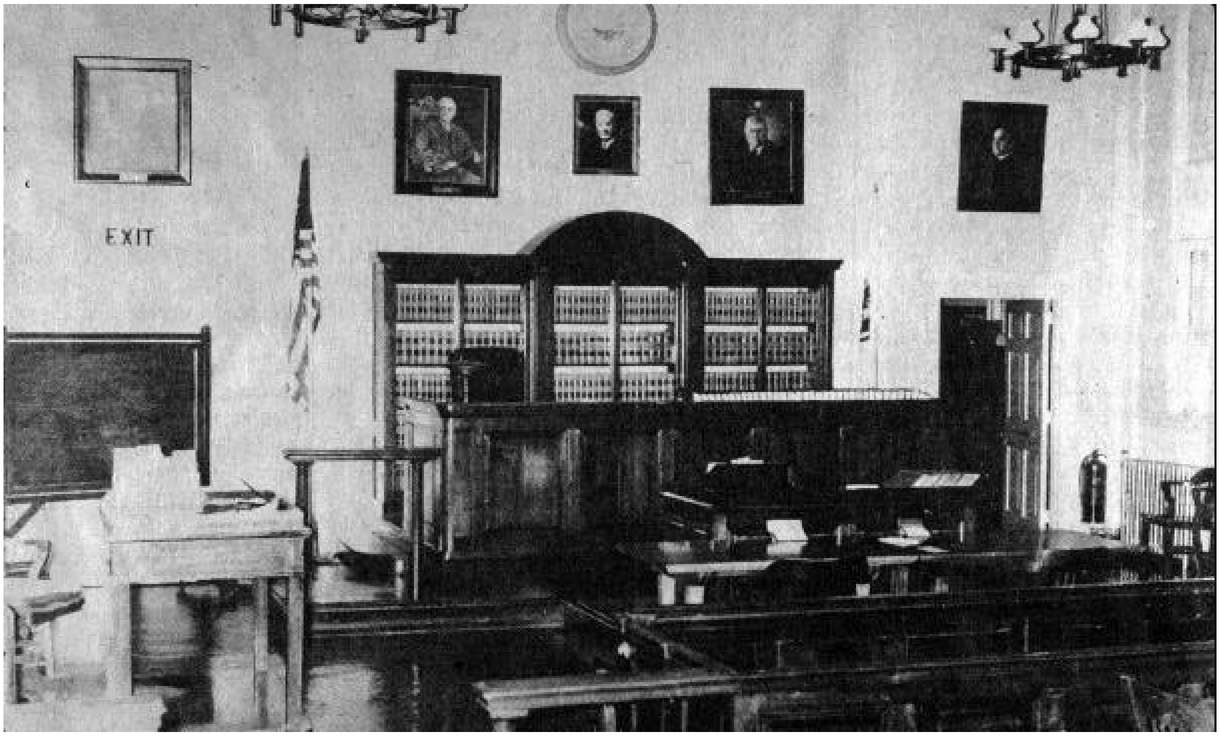
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume VII, April 1965, Number 2, pg. 5



471. North Main Street in the 1920's

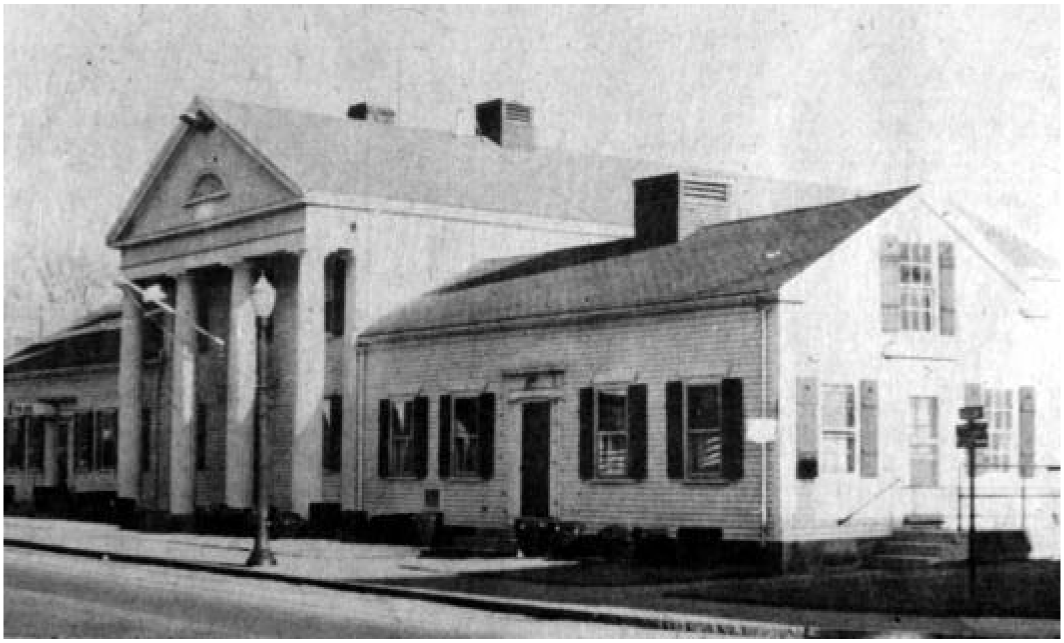
This 1920's view down North Main Street shows a corner of the police station on the left and corner of the library on the right. On the left, we see the little building, the brick building and the YMCA; on the right we see the Martinique and the stores up to the Peirce Block.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XIX, April 1979, Number 3, pg. 1 cover.



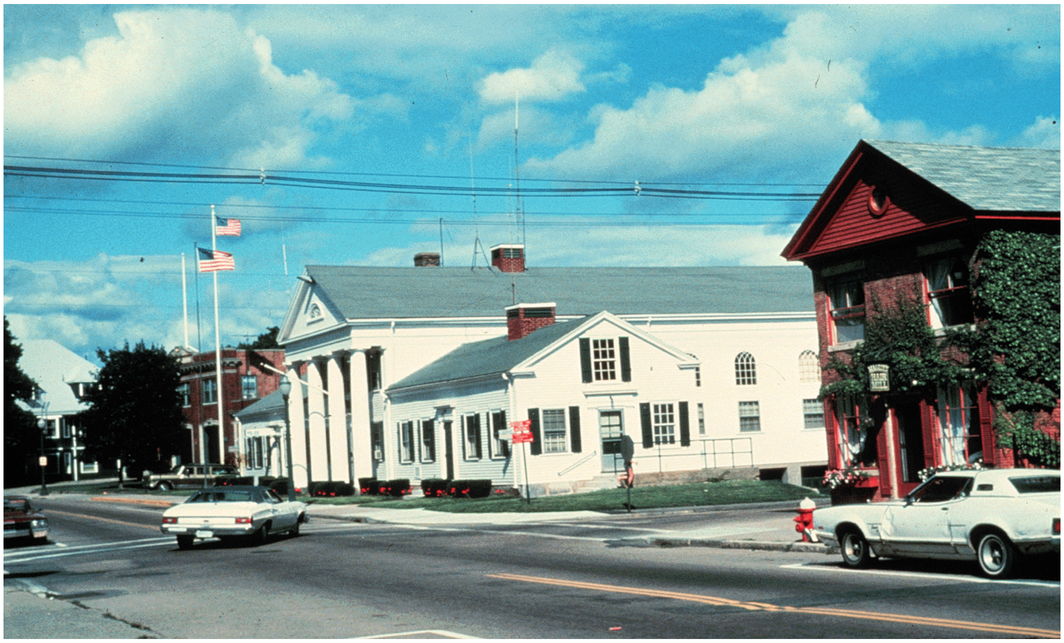
472. Court Room

This central wing of the Peirce Store housed the Fourth District Court of Plymouth County for many years until a brick edifice in the town of Wareham replaced it. The only thing that remains of the old courtroom are the bookcases on the back wall.



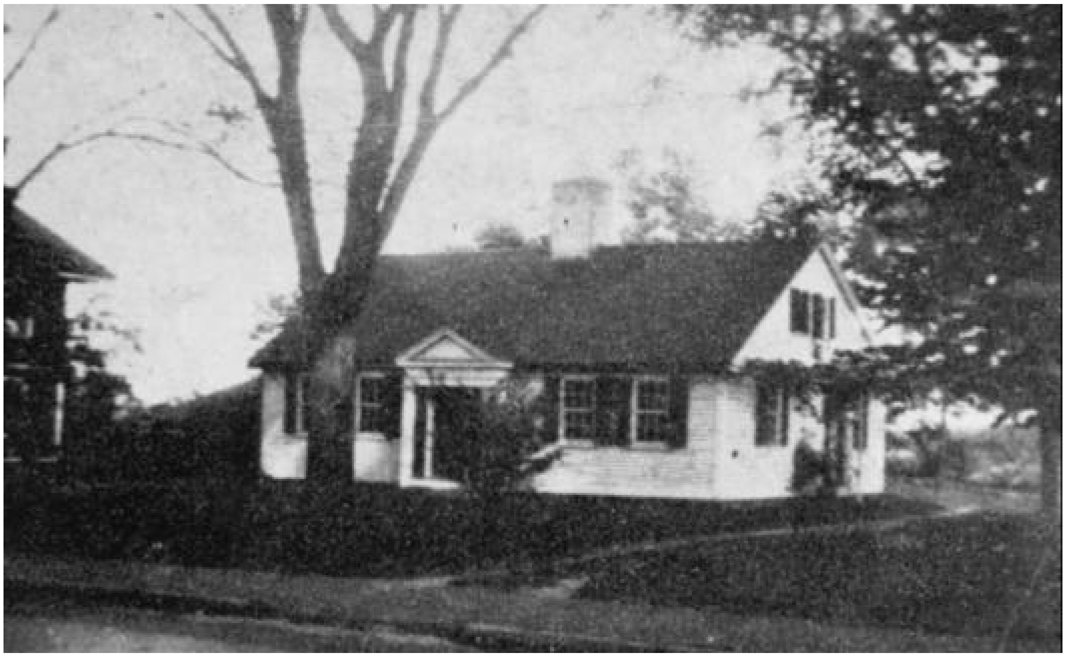
473. Police Station

This historic relic of Middleborough’s past lives on as its police station.



474. Police Station

This colorful view shows the Robinson Law Office on the right with a beautiful shot of the Police Station and on to the Fire Station, flags blowing in the breeze.

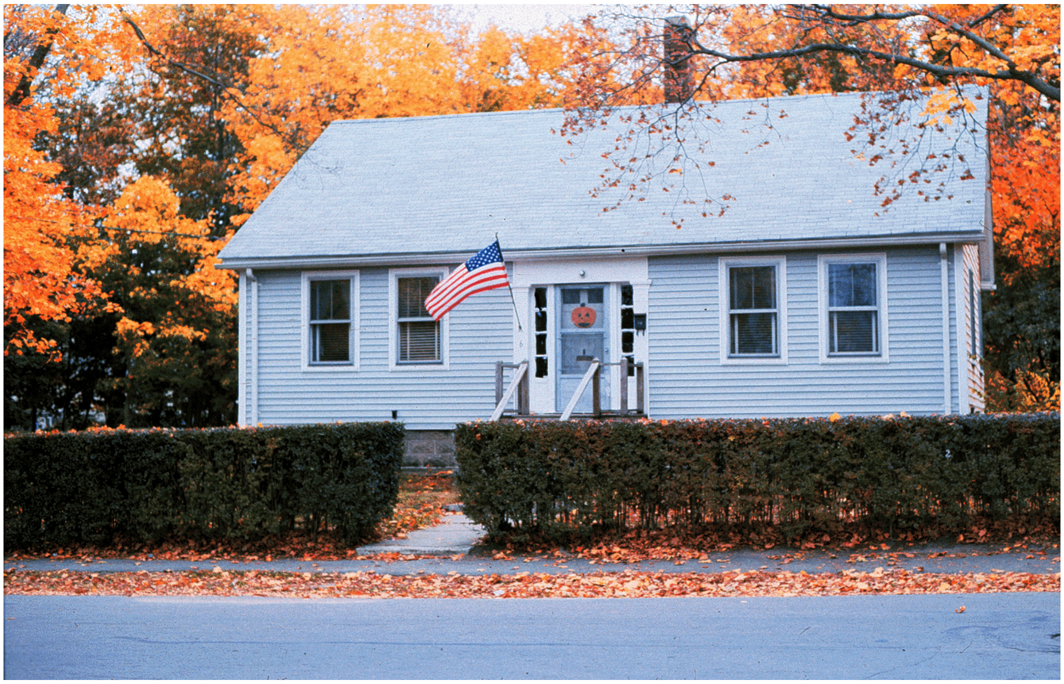


475. Captain Drew House

“Where now stands the modern fire station on North Main Street once stood the homestead of Captain Edwin Drew, a commander of sailing vessels during the civil war. Allen Shaw, one of the early druggists of the town, originally owned the house.

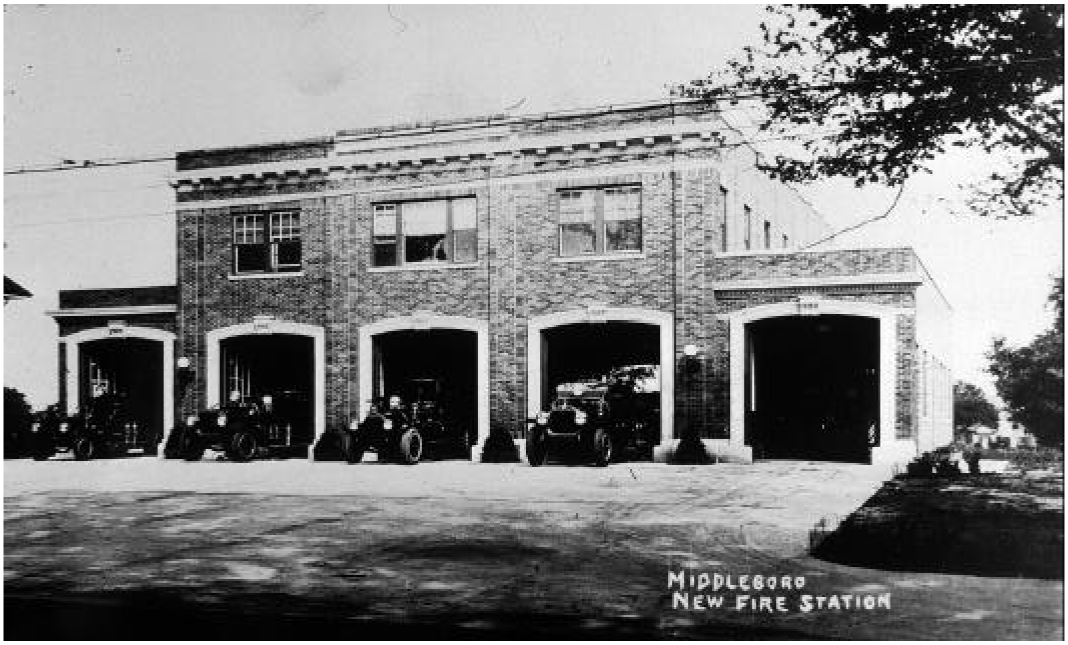
Captain Drew’s son, Elmer O. Drew was a well-known antique dealer, there was also a son, Stephen and a daughter, Elizabeth. The small white house was moved in 1925 and placed on the corner of Frank and Shaw Streets. The large barn on the property was moved at the same time to the Peirce Playground and converted into a field house, recently burned.

Source: A Direct Quote from the Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XIV, May, Number 3, pg. 4



476. Captain Drew House

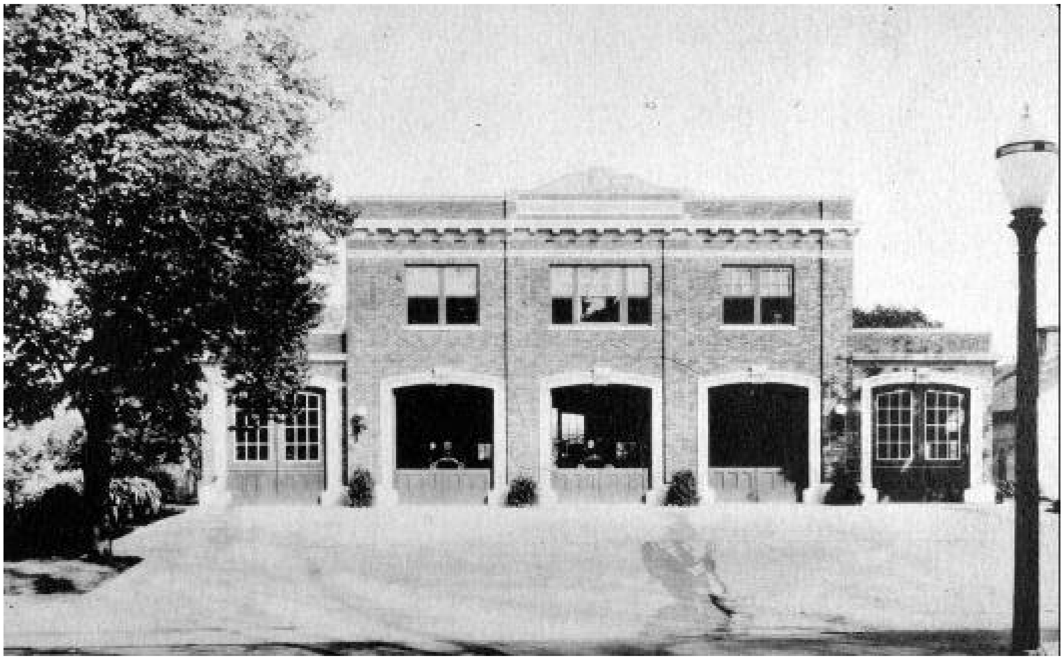
The little house stands neatly on the corner surrounded by a trim hedge in 1998. The Shanks family lived here for many years and now a young family named Perkins lives here.



477. Middleborough New Fire Station

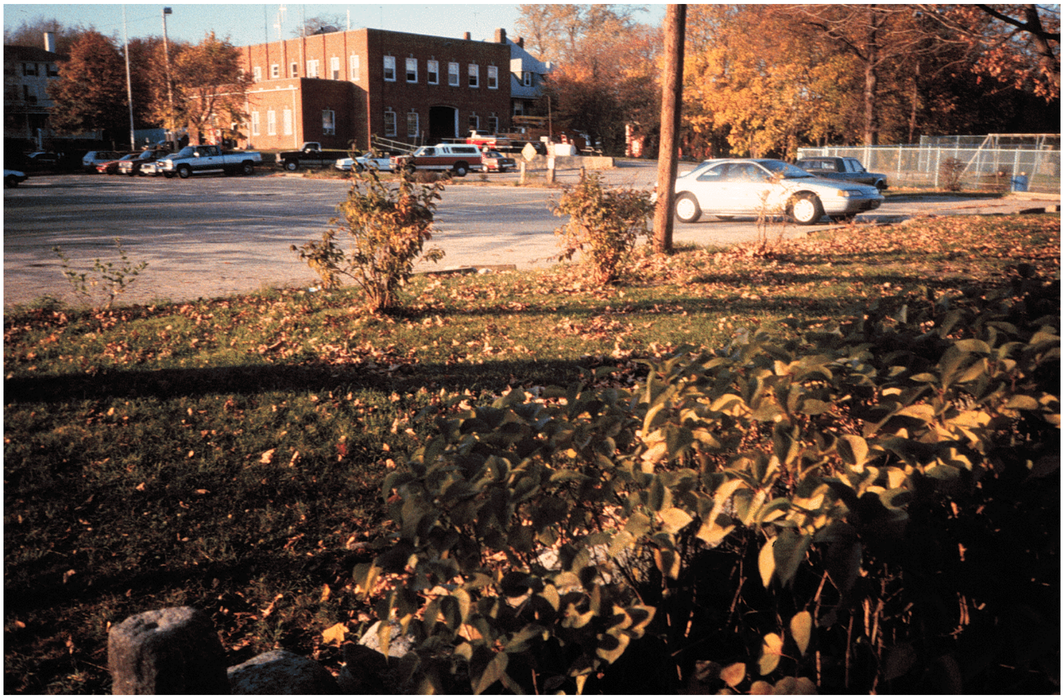
The new station replaced the old one on School Street. It's dedication on December 30, 1926 was due to the great generosity of the Peirce Trustees who gave over $76,000 for the lot, building, furniture, and landscaping. The town appropriated $15,000.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 567-568



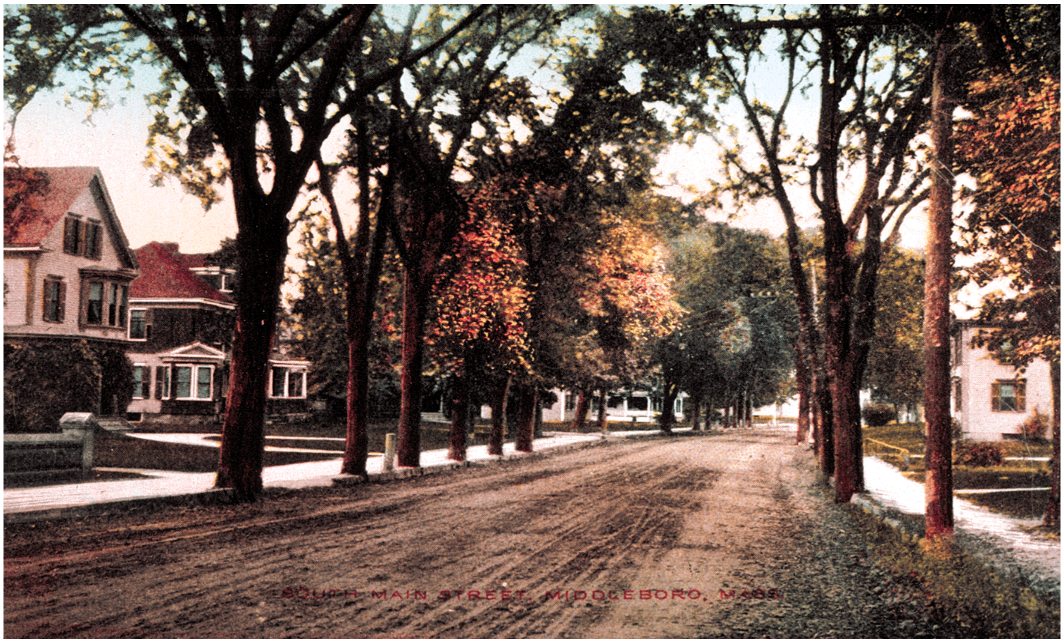
478. Middleborough Fire Station

On the second floor the regular men (most firemen were "call" men) had sleeping and eating facilities. The bay doors at the lower right have since been remodeled to accommodate office space built behind them. The basement level, entered from the rear by sinking concrete ramps is today a maze of ports and beams to bolster the upper floor with the new long pieces of apparatus added during the years of the twentieth century.



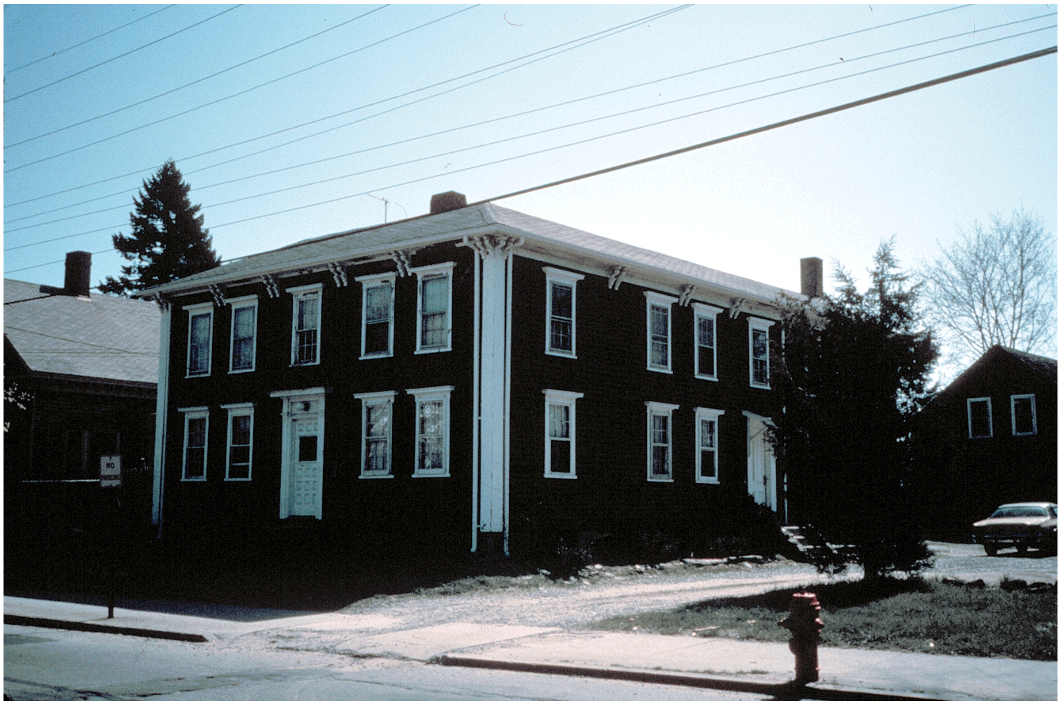
479. Fire Station Rear

I took this view of the fire station rear from the museum grounds on Jackson Street.


SOUTH MAIN STREET, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

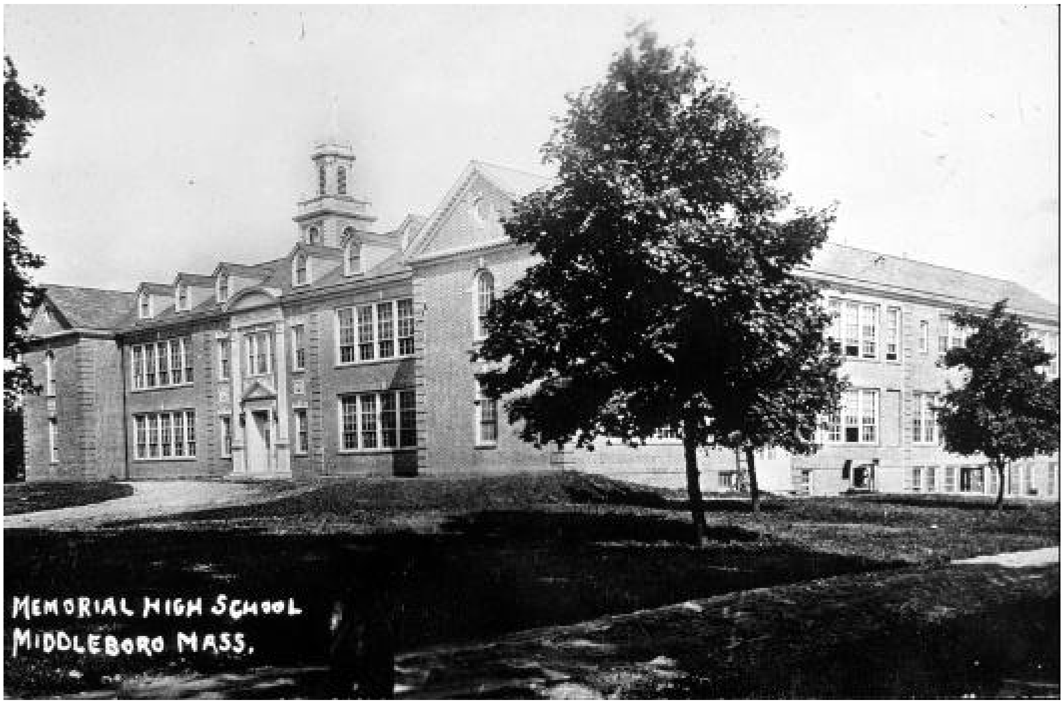
480. North Main Street

Note the texture of the roadway on this main thoroughfare leading easterly to Plymouth - before the macadam covered the roadways for the auto. The beautiful elms that arched this and many of Middleborough’s downtown streets were sadly decimated in the great hurricane of 1938.



481. An Old Home

The home on the right is the same home we see in slide 481. The structure visible at the right rear is the barn.

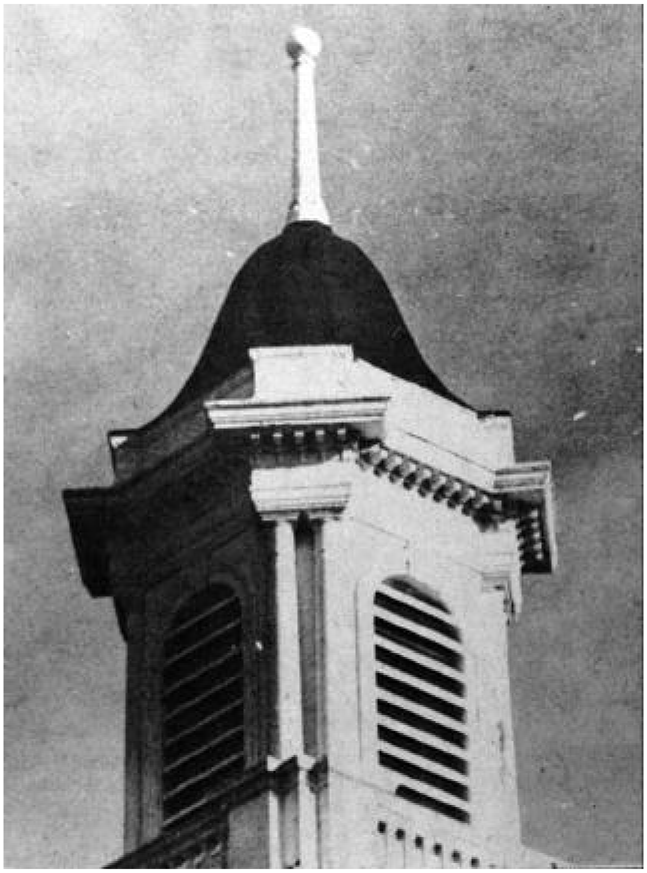

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL
MIDDLEBORO MASS.

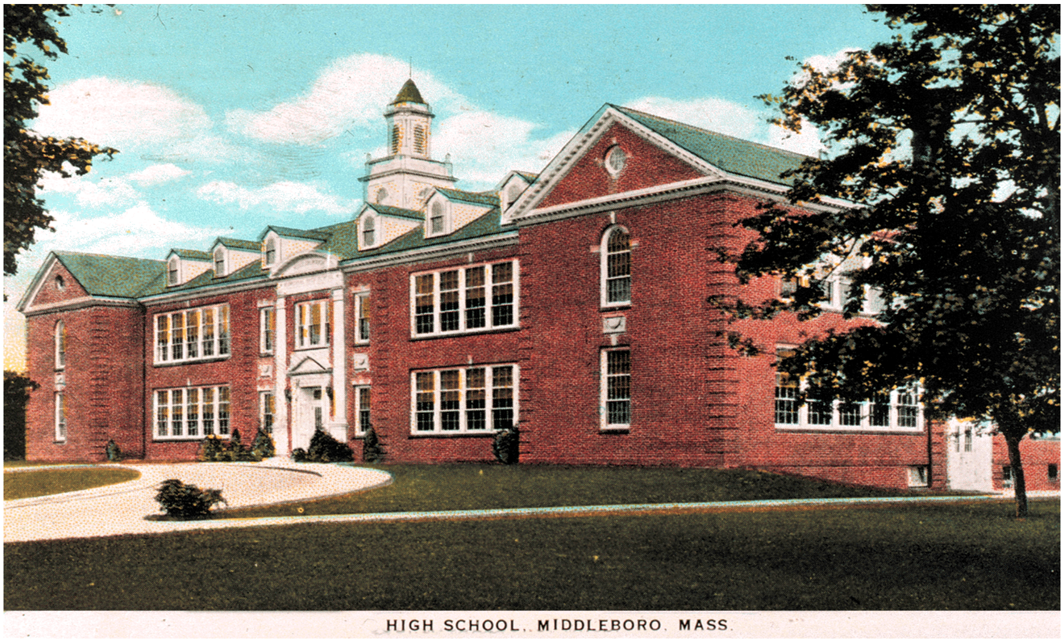
482. Memorial High School

The beauty of the colonial design of the front of the new high school highlights this photo taken a few months after its dedication.

483. Memorial High School Cupola

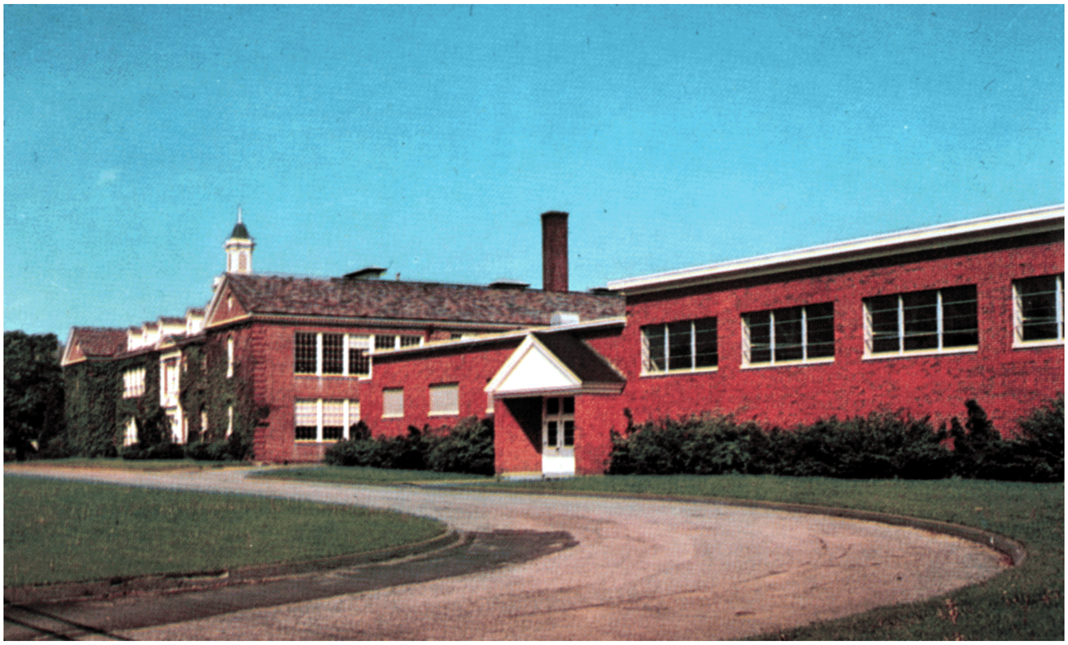
An excellent photograph of the cupola showing the detail of its design.




HIGH SCHOOL, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

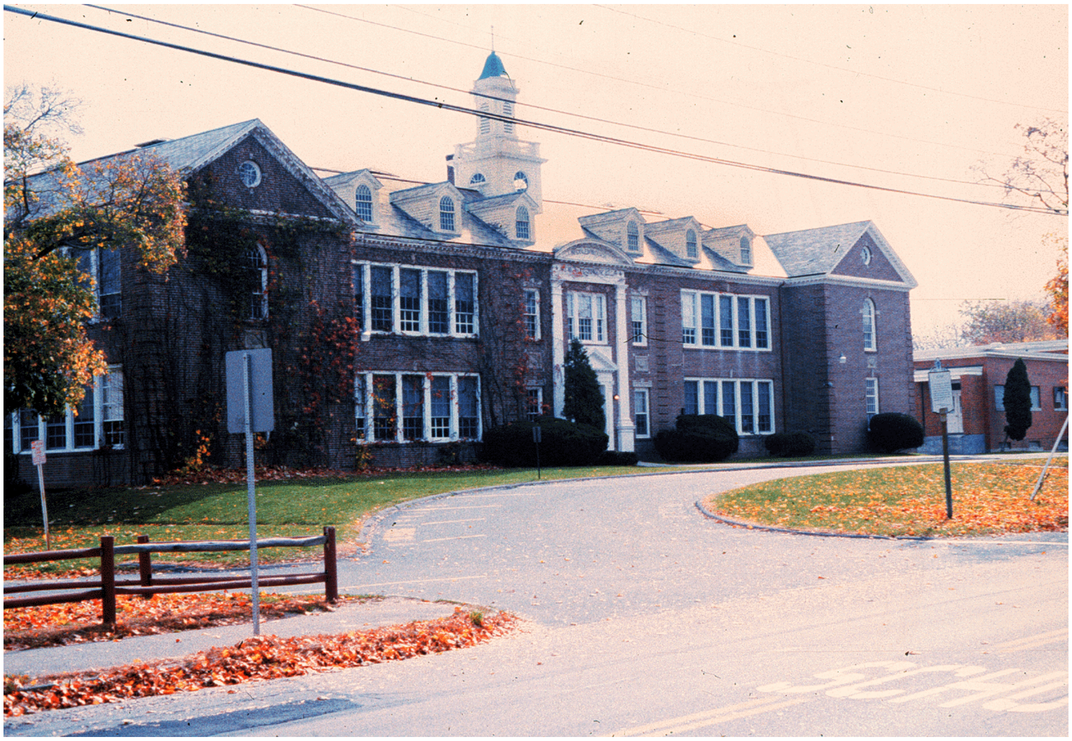
484. Memorial High School

Townspeople felt their new school built in the short-lived prosperity of the mid-twenties should be named the Memorial High School in recognition of the services of Middleborough men and women in World War I.



485. Middleborough High School

By the late nineteen fifties the gym was too small and the major addition shown here was built. It also included a fine enlarged cafeteria. By the 1990's when the long time principal Alan Lindsay was newly retired, townspeople named this structure the Alan B. Lindsay gymnasium in his honor.

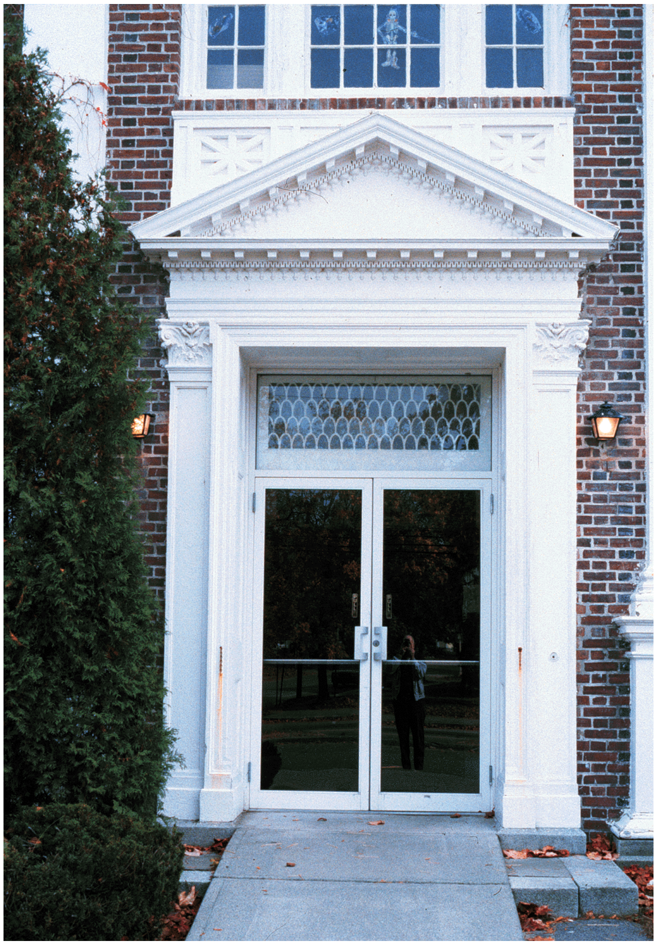


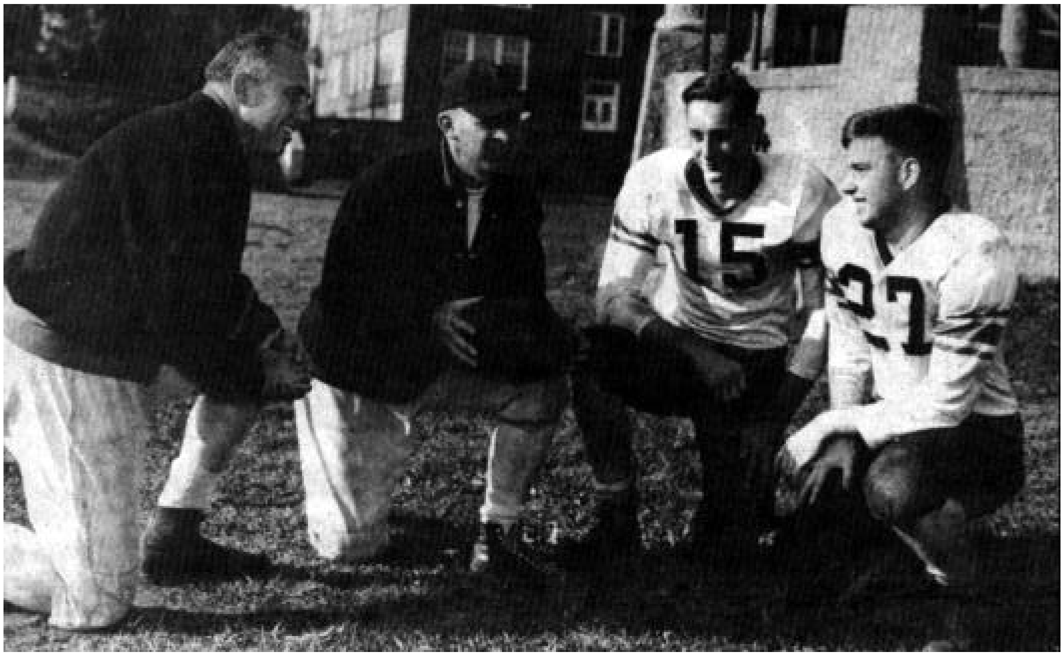
486. Middleborough Jr. High School

A contemporary photo some seventy years after it was built, the school almost appears to be fading into the mist of antiquity as the bright summer sunlight reflects light from the roofline of the building. This is a view looking southeast, taken from North Main Street.

487. Front Entrance Memorial Jr. High School

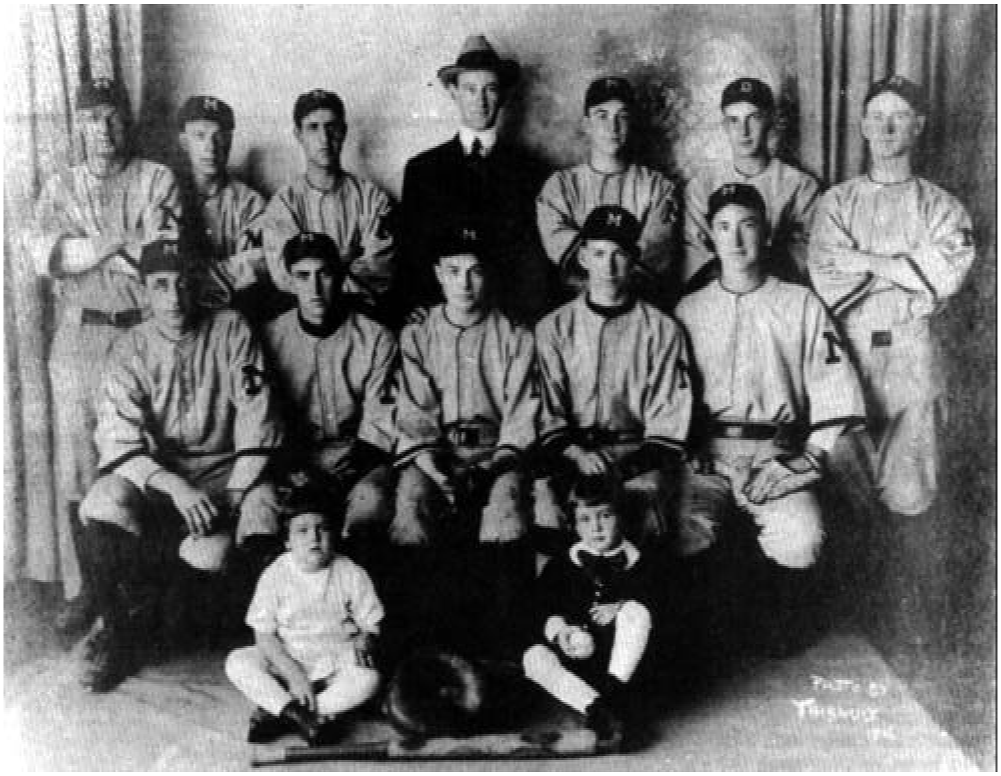
This shot shows the pediment, with its dental molding over the front entrance of the Jr. High. The photographer captured in the new aluminum doors is Walter Thompson, the citizen who donated this unusual collection of Middleborough scenes spanning more than two centuries of the town's early life, including this (unwitting) self photo.





488. Talking Sachem Strategy

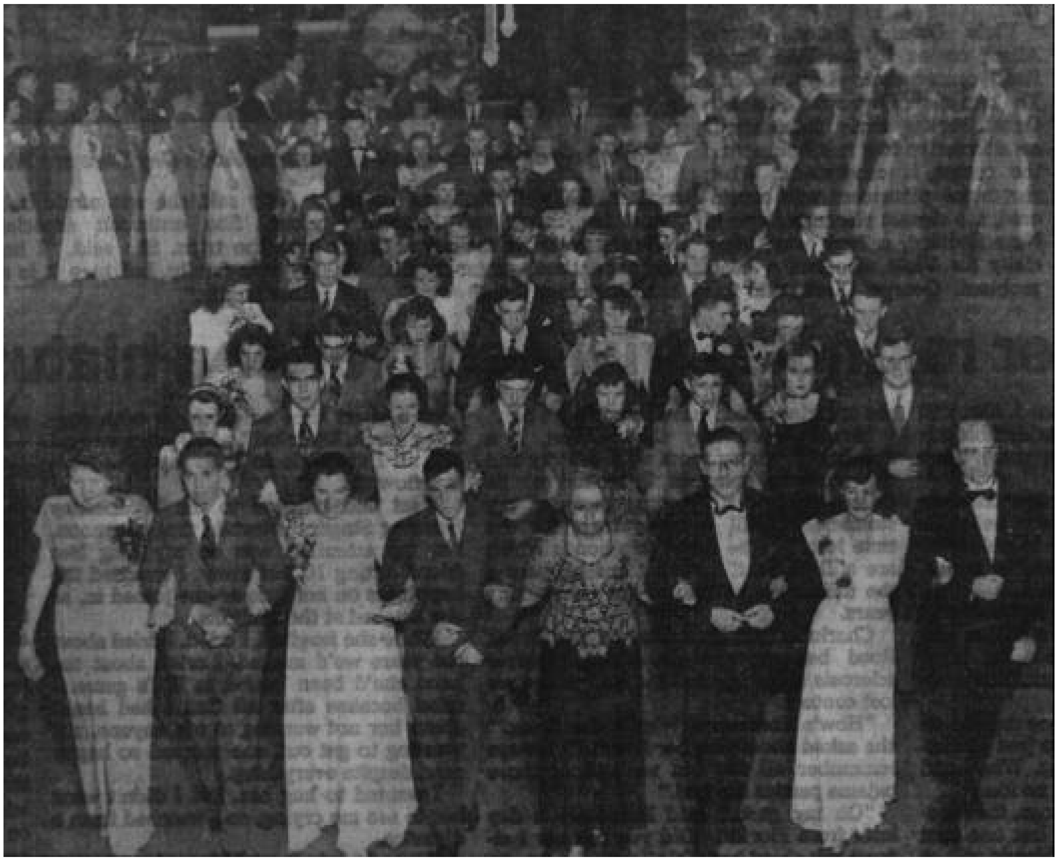
Talking Sachem Strategy 36 years ago were, from left the late Al Farley, coach; Henry Battis, head coach, retired, and for whom Battis Field was named; and co-captains David Smarsh, now a deputy chief in the local fire department; and Bill Washburn, who son plays this year.



489. 1916 Town Baseball Team

"The 1916 Middleborough Town Baseball Team with its star Cy Morgan (sitting, fourth from left). The team included several local familiar family names such as McAuley, Kelly, Cabral, Ryder, Witbeck, Ware, Gammons, Reed and Mendall. This photo is courtesy of Randolph Gammons who is the child on the left. Gammons' father, Mel Gammons, is the first player seated at the left."

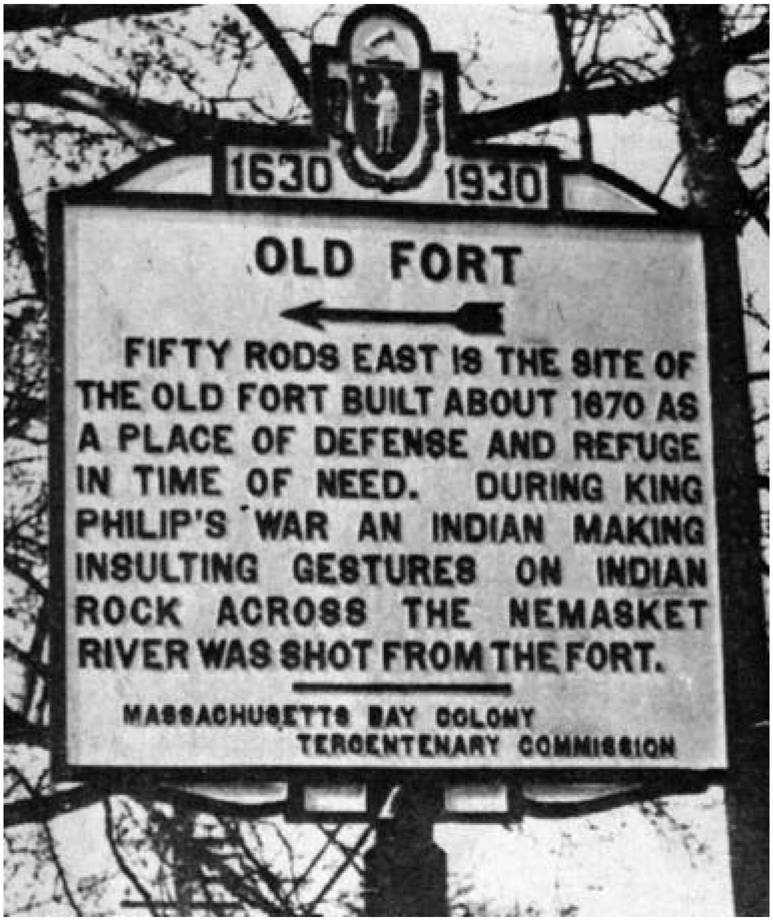
Source: Dick Thompson Quote



490. Girl Scout Formal Dance

“Forty five years ago, Girl Scouts in Middleborough held a formal dance for their peers. Leading the grand march, from left, were Ann Goodridge, Allan Dodge, Emmy Lou Reed, Harold Dunham, Miss Abby Rugg Field, Henry B. Burkland, Troop Leader, Mrs. Benjamin J. Bump and Mr. Bump.

Source: Enterprise Correspondent, Claire Rockwood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MASSACHUSETTS BAY COLONY
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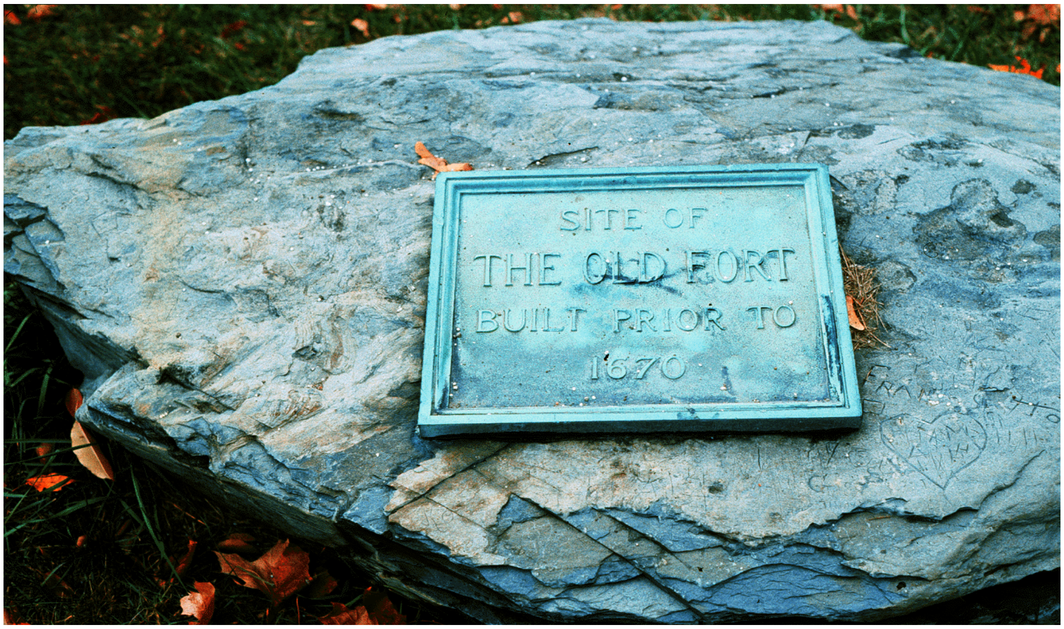
491. Old Fort Marker

Markers were placed by the Massachusetts Tercentenary Commission and this is one; it stands today as structurally sound as the day it was erected almost seventy years ago.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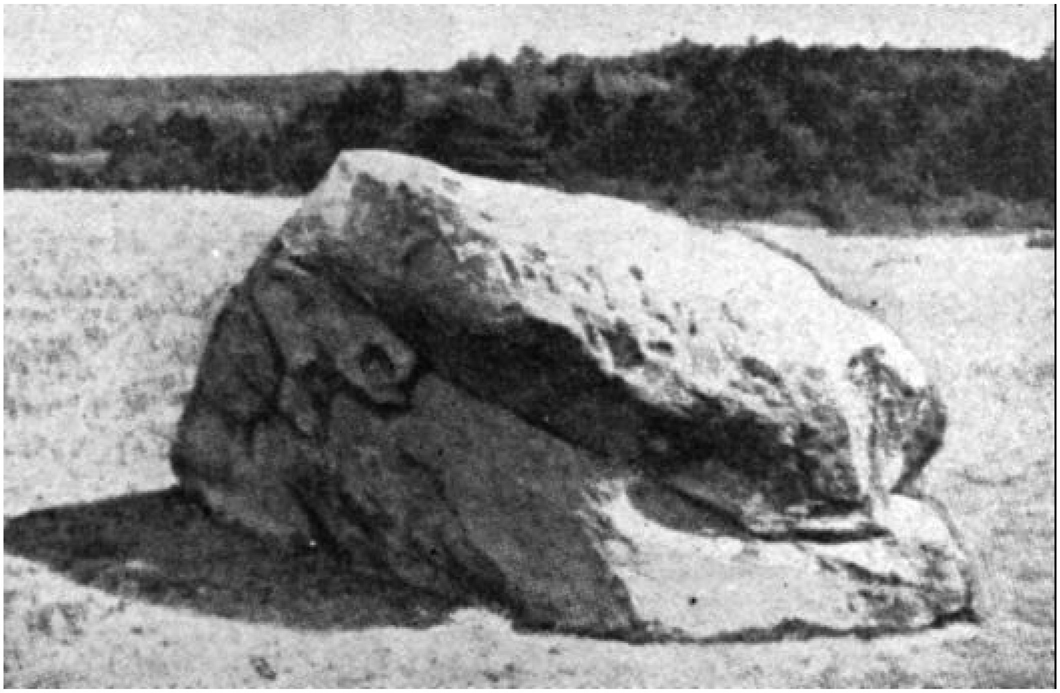
492. Old Fort Plaque

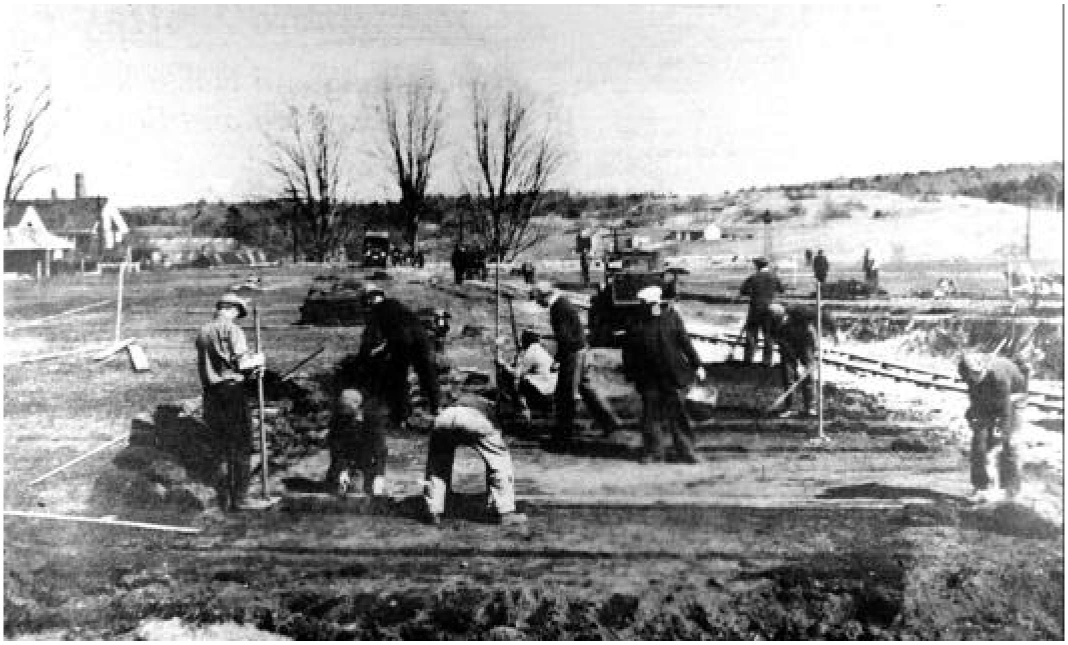
Located east of first base on the ball field in the rear of the Junior High School, this marks the appropriate location of the fort that overlooked the Nemasket River and was itself a part of a large stockade that housed some 65 Middleborough families during the hostile years of King Phillips War (1670-1677).



493. Hand Rock

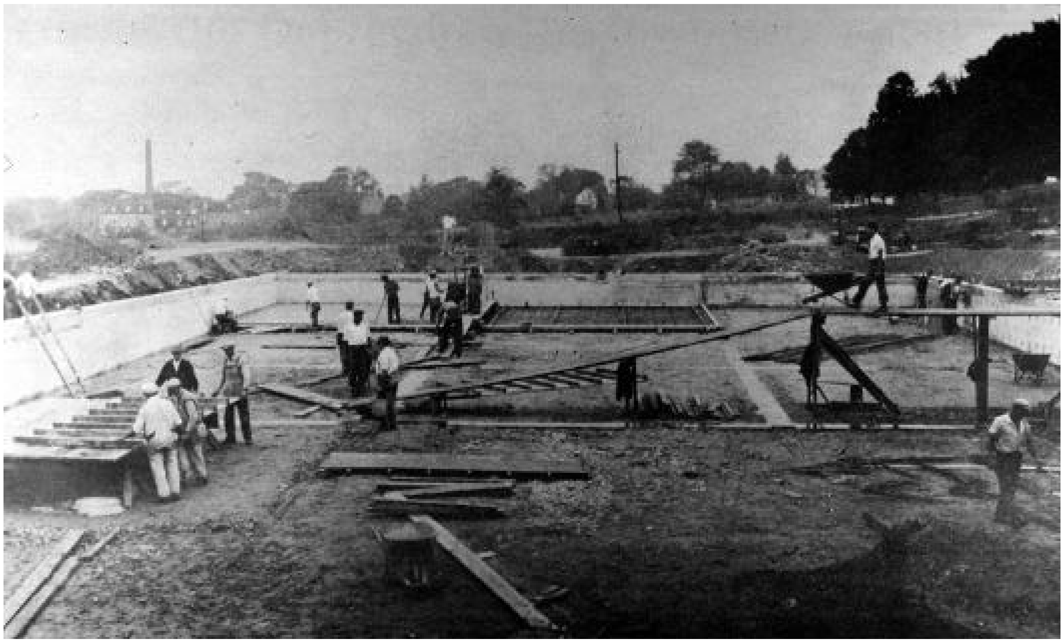
Legend says a Native American stood on this rock making “obscene gestures” until felled by a shot from the Middleborough fort, across the Nemasket in what we must consider a remarkable feat of marksmanship it if did indeed happen. The long barreled rifle that was allegedly used is today located in the Old Colony Historical Museum in nearby Taunton.

Clearly visible on the rock is the sculptured hands that we find similarly sculptured on the Great Sachem Rock at the foot of Rock Street and on the rock that juts out of Assonompsett Pond near Pocksha.



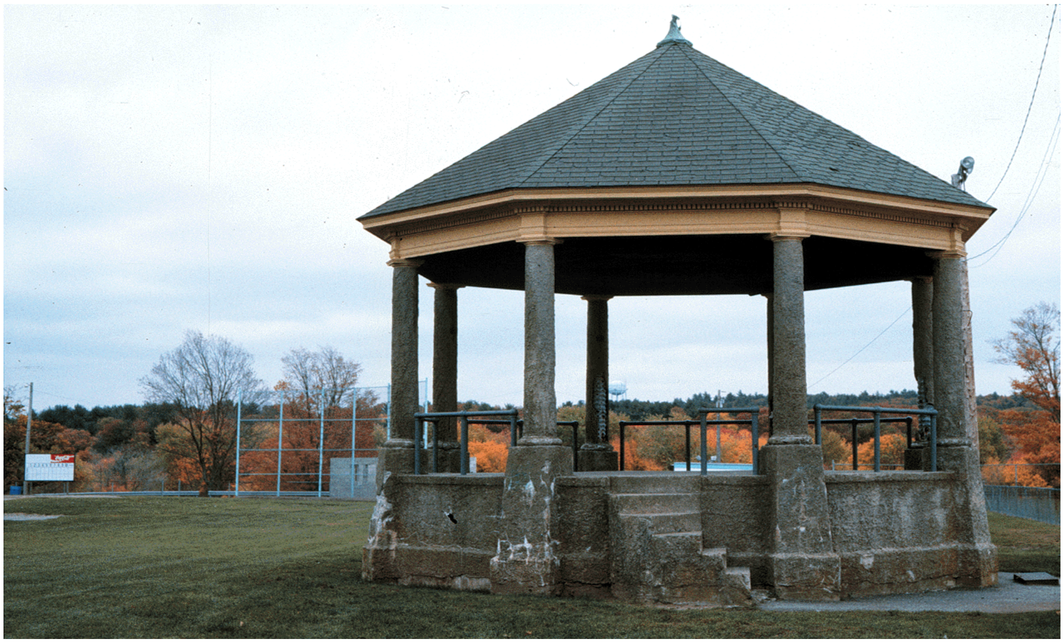
494. Erection of Town Playground

The New Deal Era made dramatic changes in some of Middleborough's historic areas. Here we look east and the line of three trees makes the eastern boundary of the historic fort that was burned to the ground during King Phillip's War. The men are working to make a beautiful ball field (getting paid $10-12 a week, good pay during the Depression) which was once the land enclosed by the stockade that housed some 65 Middleborough families during the war.



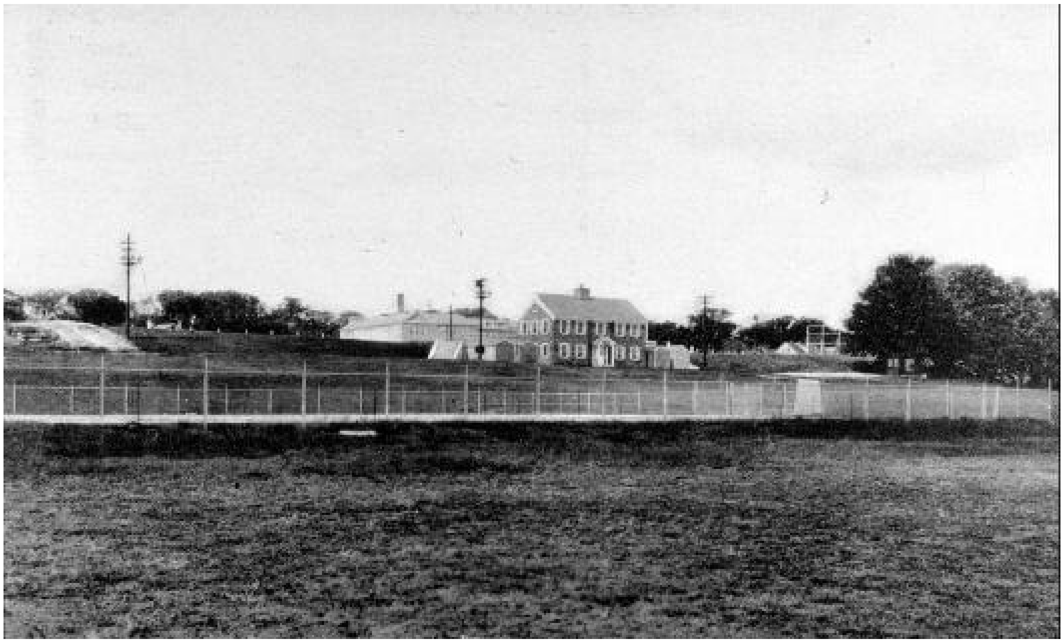
495. Erection of Town Pool

Looking northeast we see the chimney of the old Star Mill to the right and visible are houses along Coombs Street. As these men work to construct the Swimming Pool, other men are working to the left and rear of this photo reworking the land into a football field where both the High School and Mitchell Club played after World War II, and a beautiful baseball field that both the high school and the Town Twilight League played their games. Some years later another football field was built in what had been a marshy area to the left down by the Nemasket, named Battis Field.



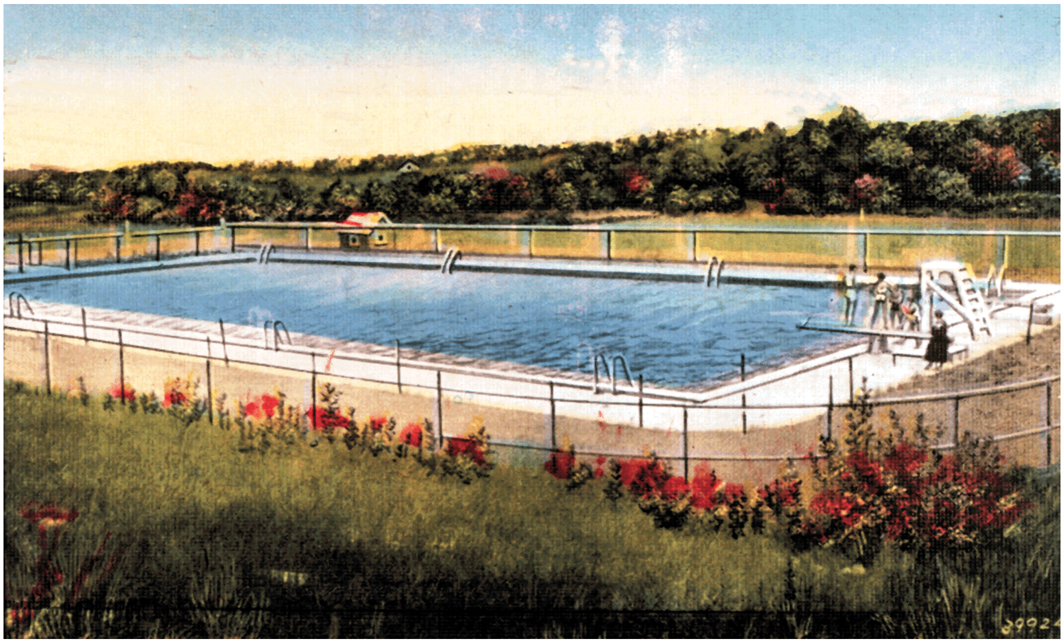
496. Bandstand

Constructed to stand on land behind the Town Hall, now a parking lot, this bandstand dating from 1919, was moved to its present location in the early 1930’s where it stands today, the unfortunate recipient of careless handling and little use for more than half a century. This view shows its location on the playground and the baseball diamond to the rear of the Junior High School.



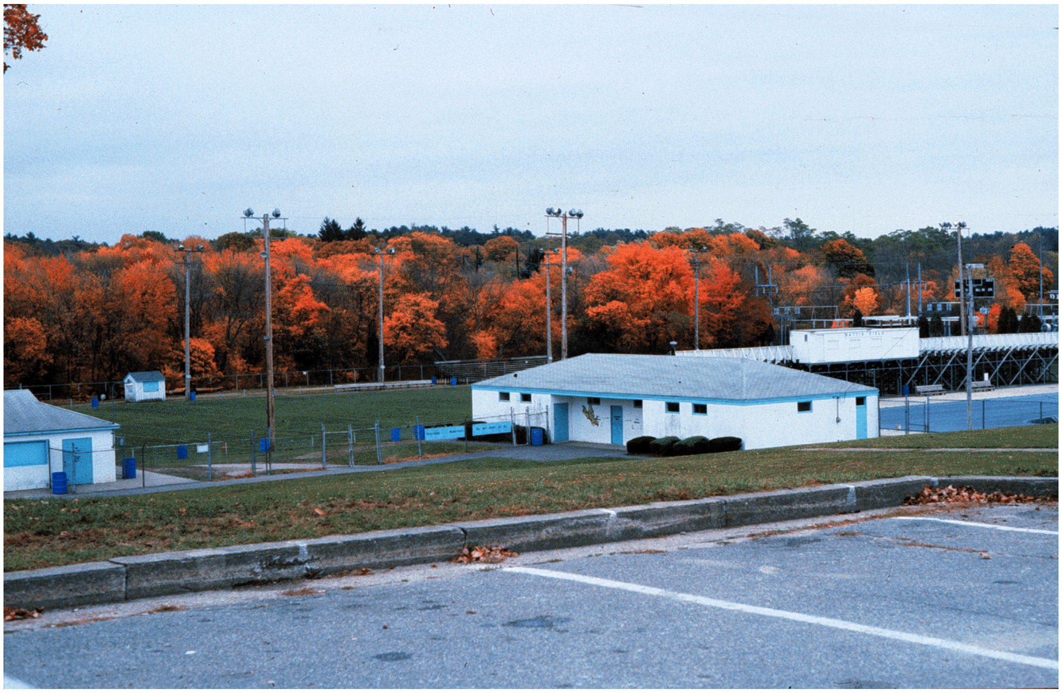
497. Playground Offices and Bath Houses

Believed to be the barn behind the Fire Station (where Captain Drew’s house stood), this building was probably moved in the late thirties to become the field house for the new playground complex built in that period. Careful examination reveals the bathhouses to the left and right of the structure. It later burned, believed started by vandals and was replaced by a similar structure about 1965.



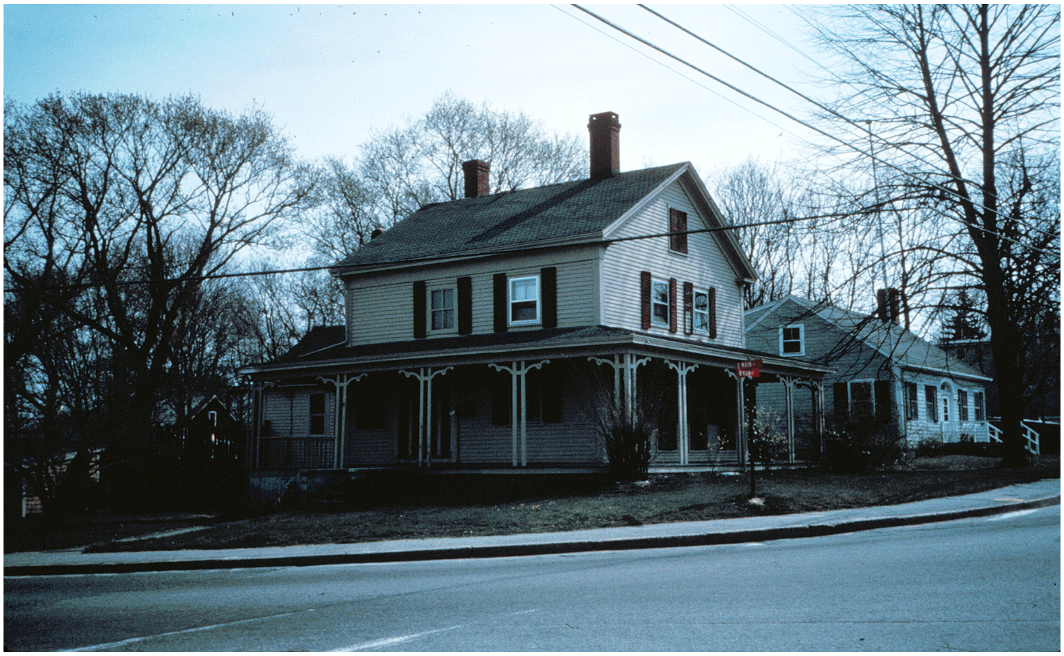
498. Municipal Swimming Pool

Looking east toward Indian Hall, we see the jewel bequeathed to Middleborough by the Great Depression. Its first ever municipal swimming pool (5 cents to swim!) and still in use a half century later by the youth of the town. Visible to the rear is the land apparently in some stage of leveling that later in the decade became Battis Field.



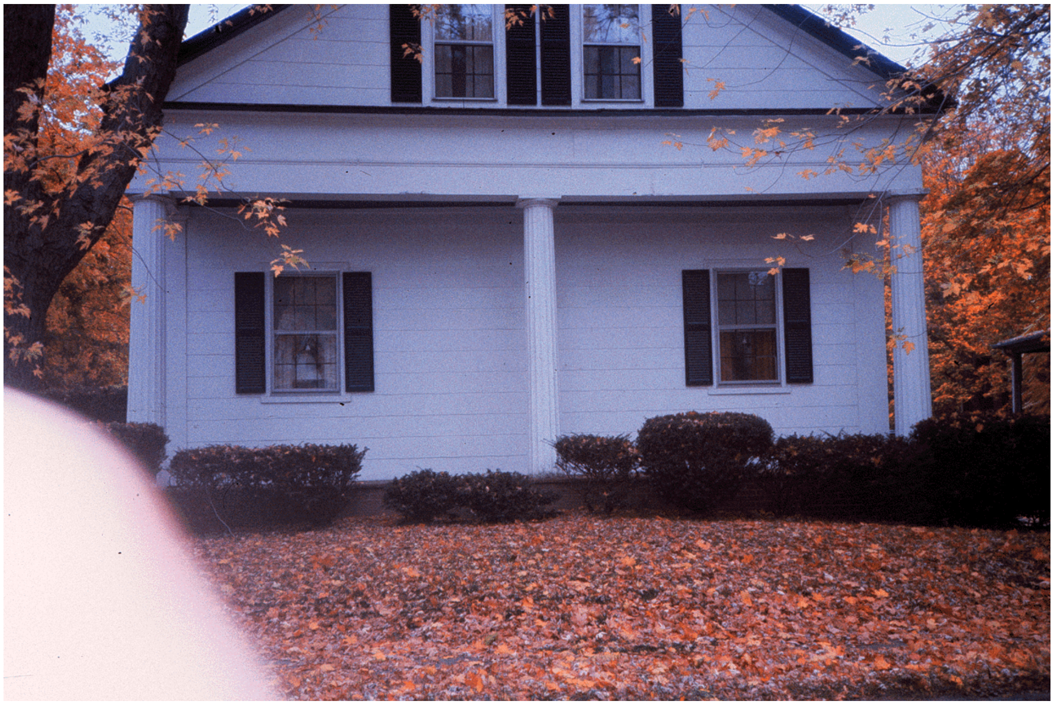
499. Municipal Bath Houses

When the bathhouses in the field house burned in the early 1960’s they were replaced by these structures. To the left of this photo is the concession stand and clearly visible are the stands and scoreboard of Battis Field.



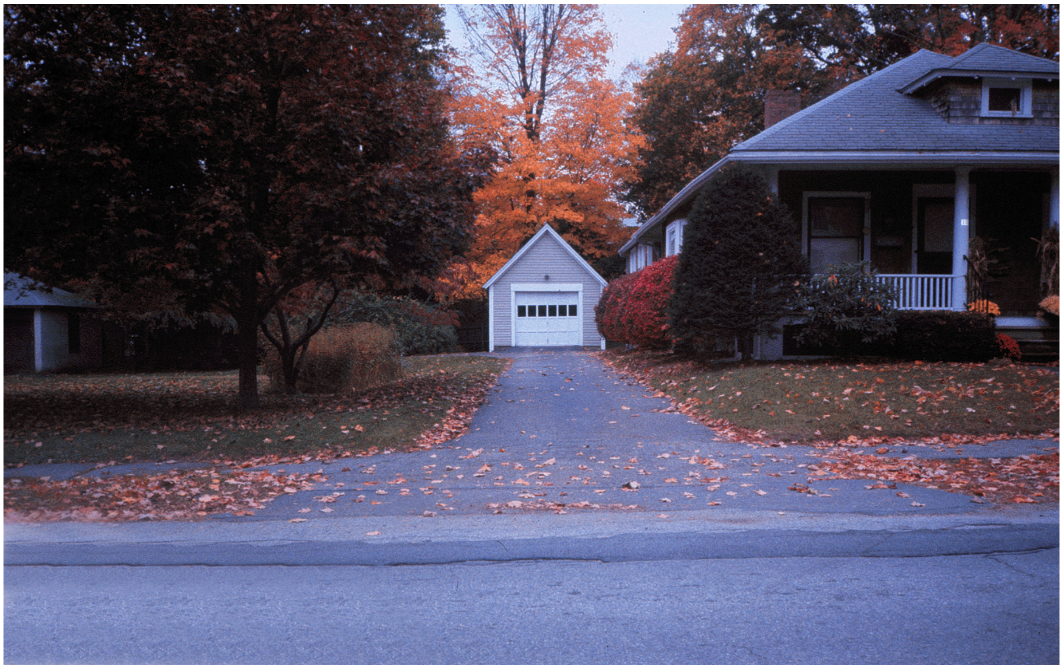
500. Tripp House

This family home for generations located at the corner of North Main Street and East Main had the carriage sheds to the rear, common to the houses of earlier generations until very recent years, when the passage of time slowly reduced them to crumbling rubble.



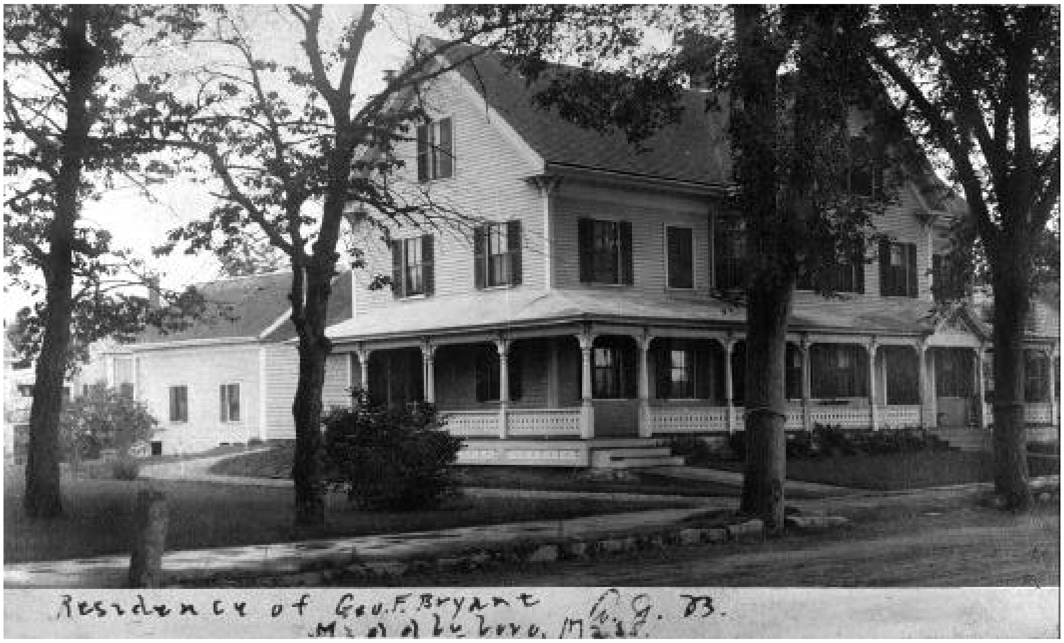
501. Former No. Main Street House

After the Jones Block fire this dwelling was moved to North Street. It is minus one of its columns.



502. Ernest Pratt Home

The reason that I have this picture of the Ernest Pratt Home is because of the small garage at the end of the driveway. This small building originally was on the grounds of the old Starr Mill and housed Middleborough's first hand drawn fire engine – a tub on wheels. On the 4th of July some frisky teenage boys pulled the tub out of the firehouse and ran around the Center of Town with it. Middleborough's 1st piece of fire equipment was then thrown into the bonfire at the 4 Corners and burned.


Residence of Geo. F. Bryant
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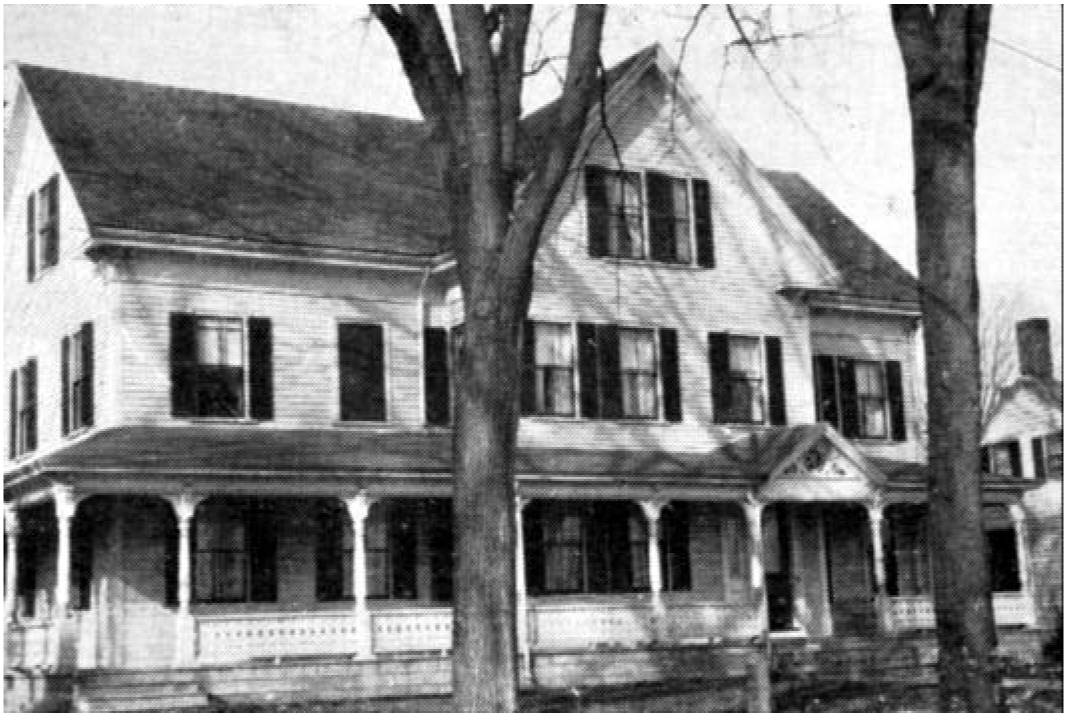
503. Bryant Home

A view of the Bryant Home on North Main Street as it looked in the early 1900's. Today this serves as an apartment house.



504. Bryant Home

A story often told was that the resident of this home switched houses with the resident of the Victorian mansion on East Main Street.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
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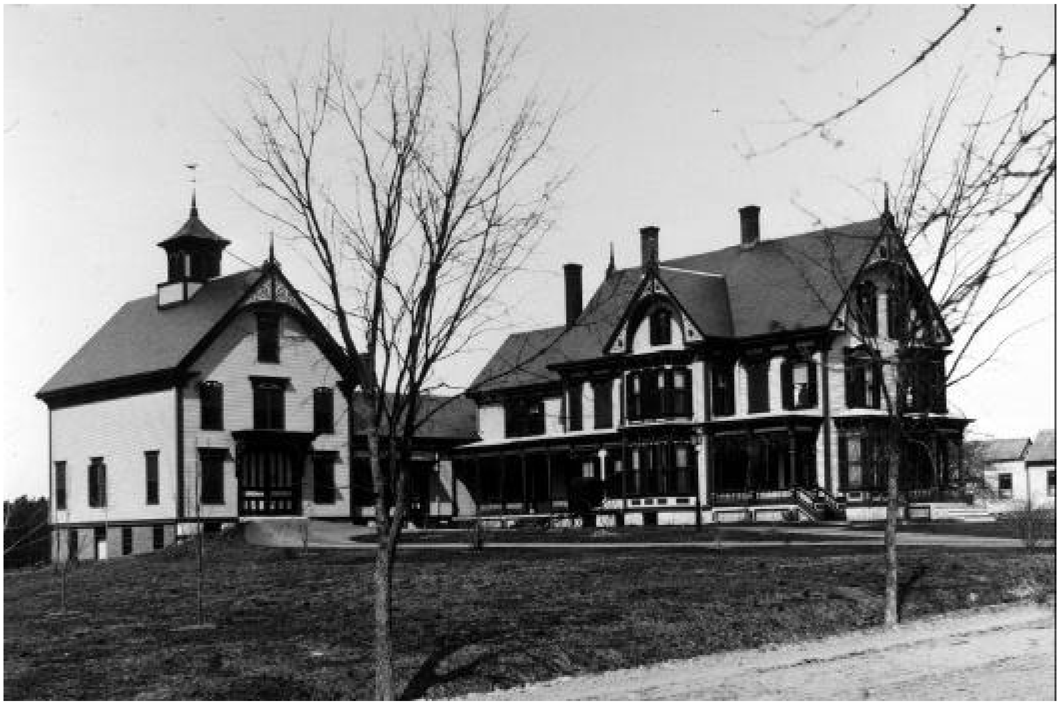
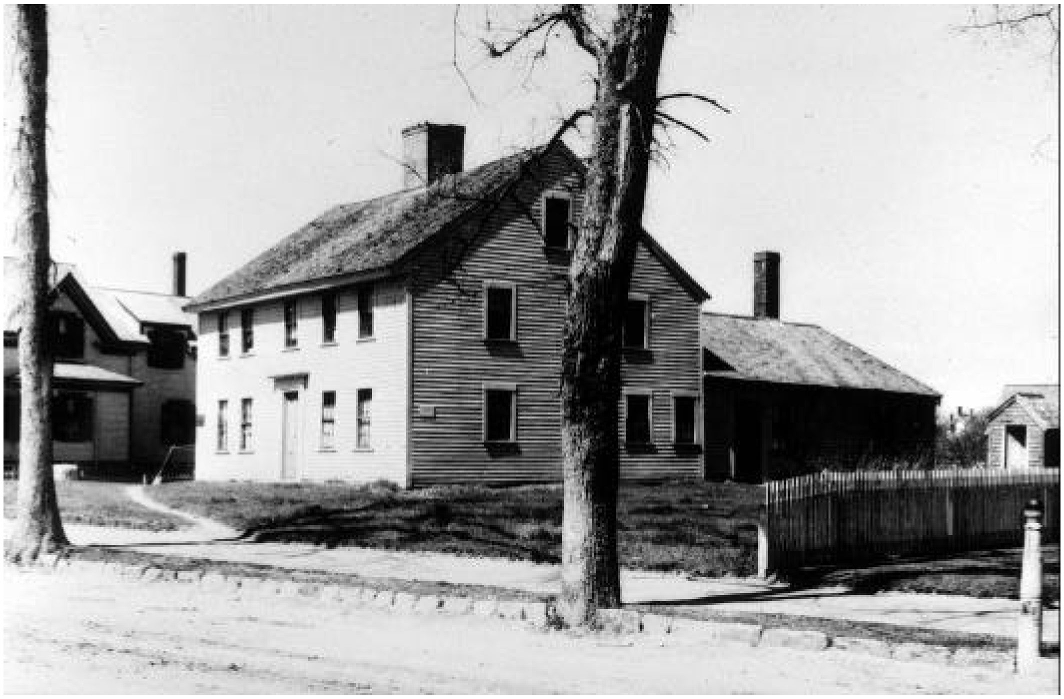


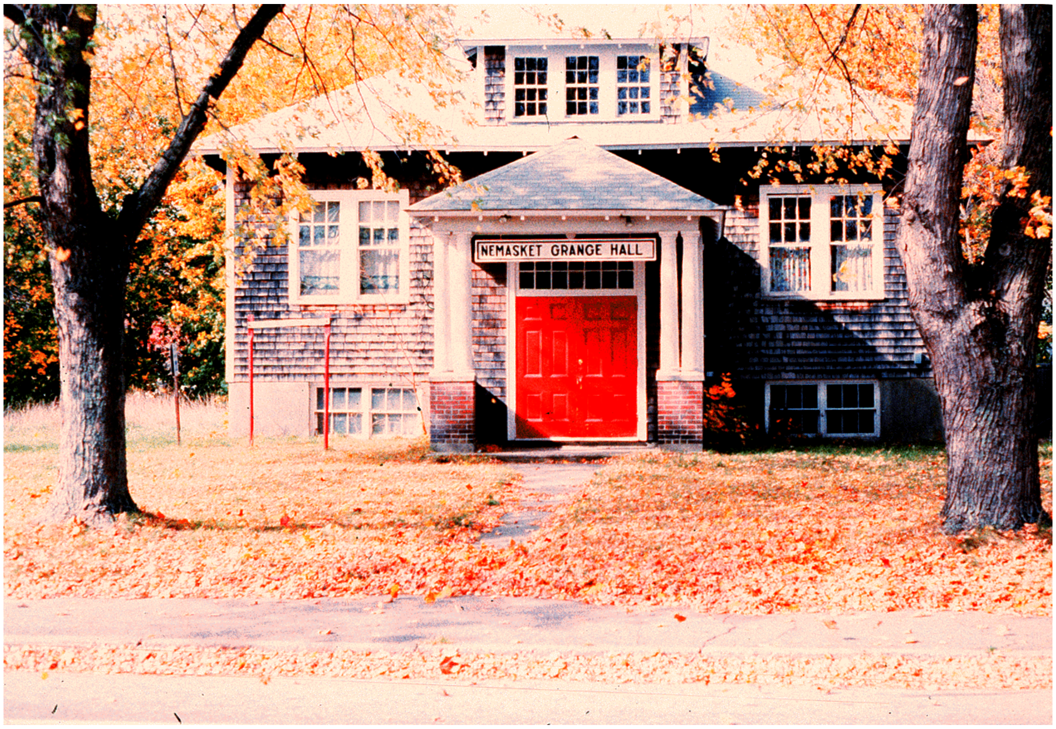
505. Mrs. Abby T. Evans' Home

This house is still standing and is considered a Middleborough landmark on East Main Street.



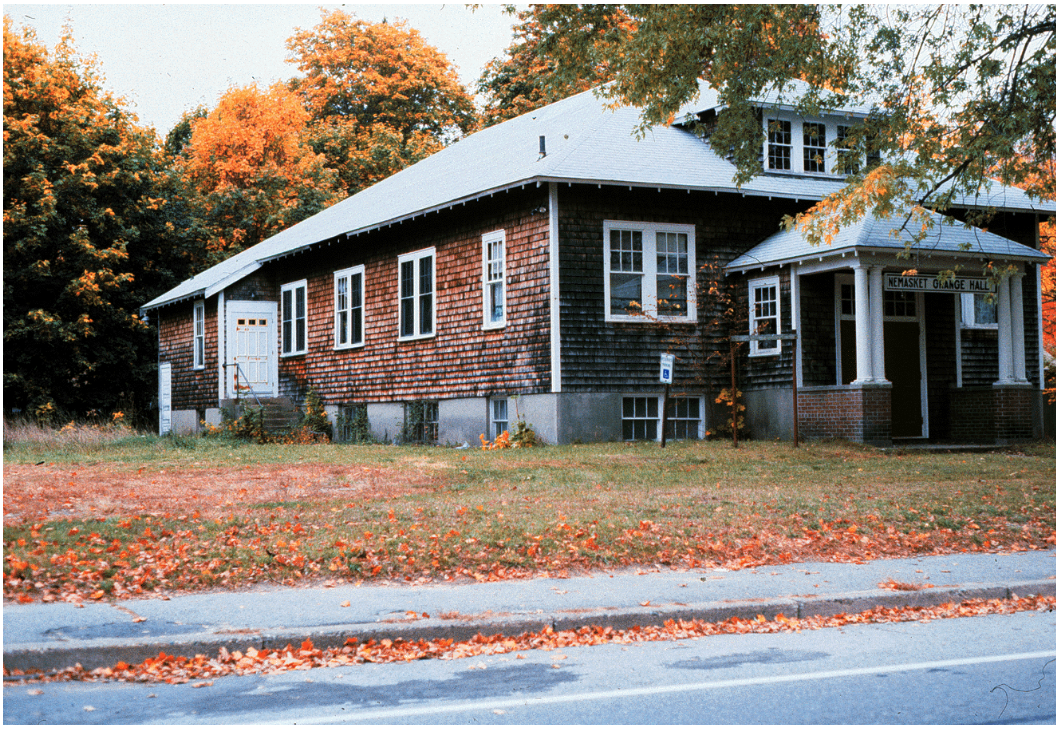
506. The Old Barrows House

This was the home of Thomas Barrows. When it was taken down in the 1920's it was one of the oldest houses in town. It was a typical Garrison house of the period, with oak plank covering from 2" to 2-1/2" thick, as to be bullet proof. The house had small windows high up from the ground so that no shot could hit the family.


NEMASKET GRANGE HALL

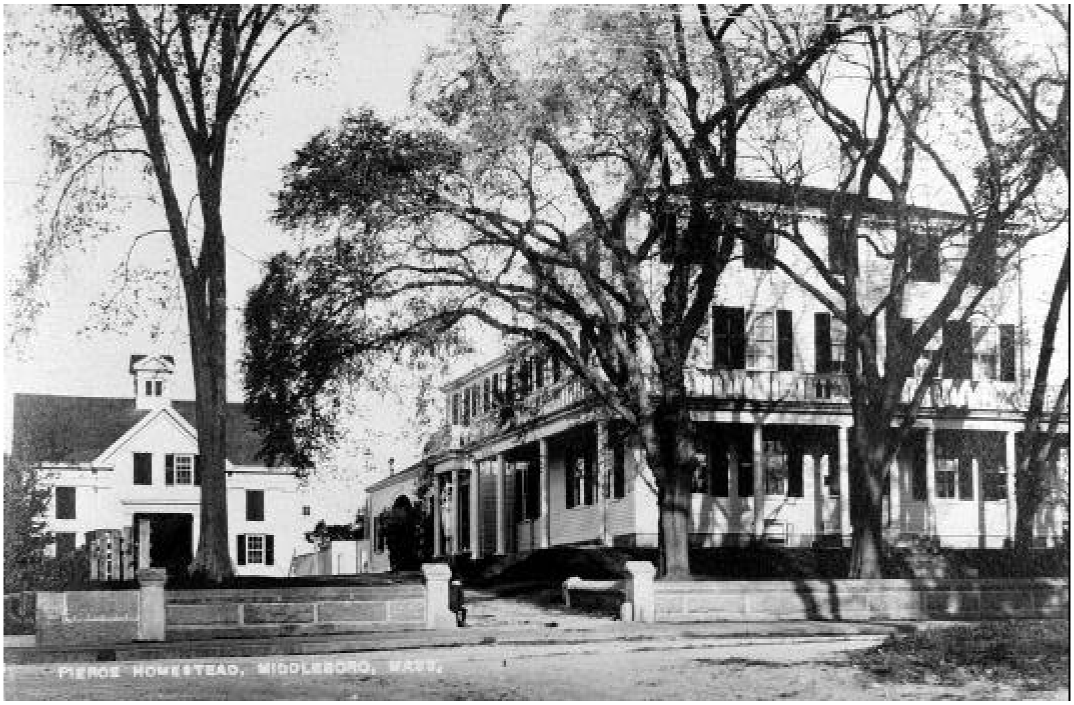
507. Grange Hall

The new Grange Hall was first used on April 2, 1929, and was heavily used by many Middleborough groups because of its auditorium and stage, and kitchen and banquet hall.



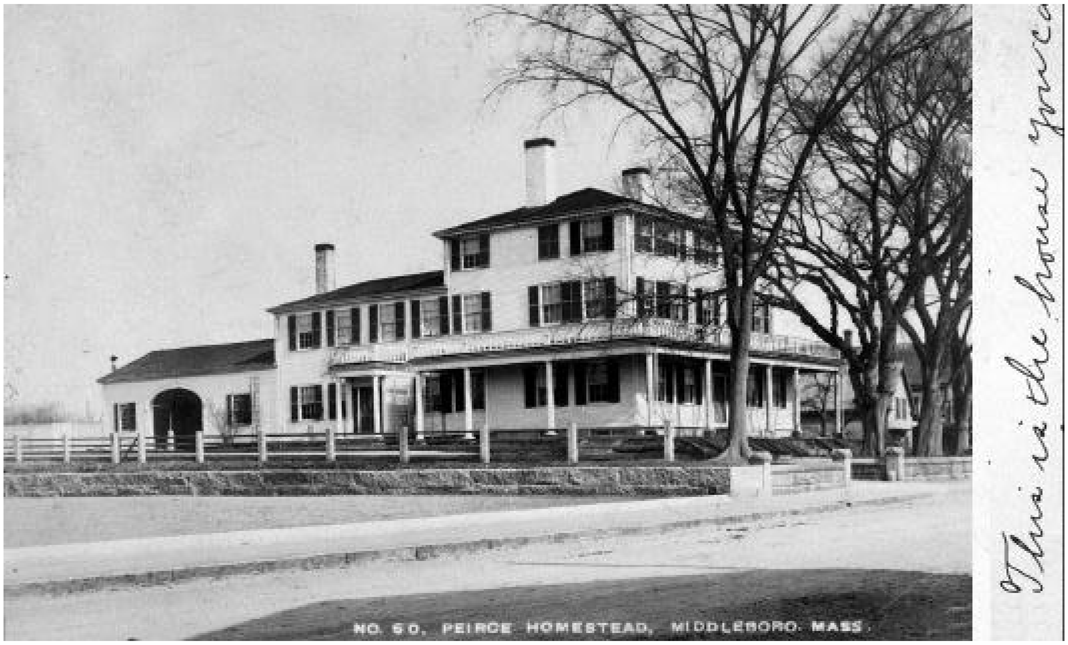
508. Grange Hall

The hall was built on the site of the old Garrison house owned by Miss Jennie Carpenter in 1920. In 1996 due to low membership, the Nemasket Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, #158, which was organized in February 1888, disbanded and sold the building later to become the Black and White Theatre.



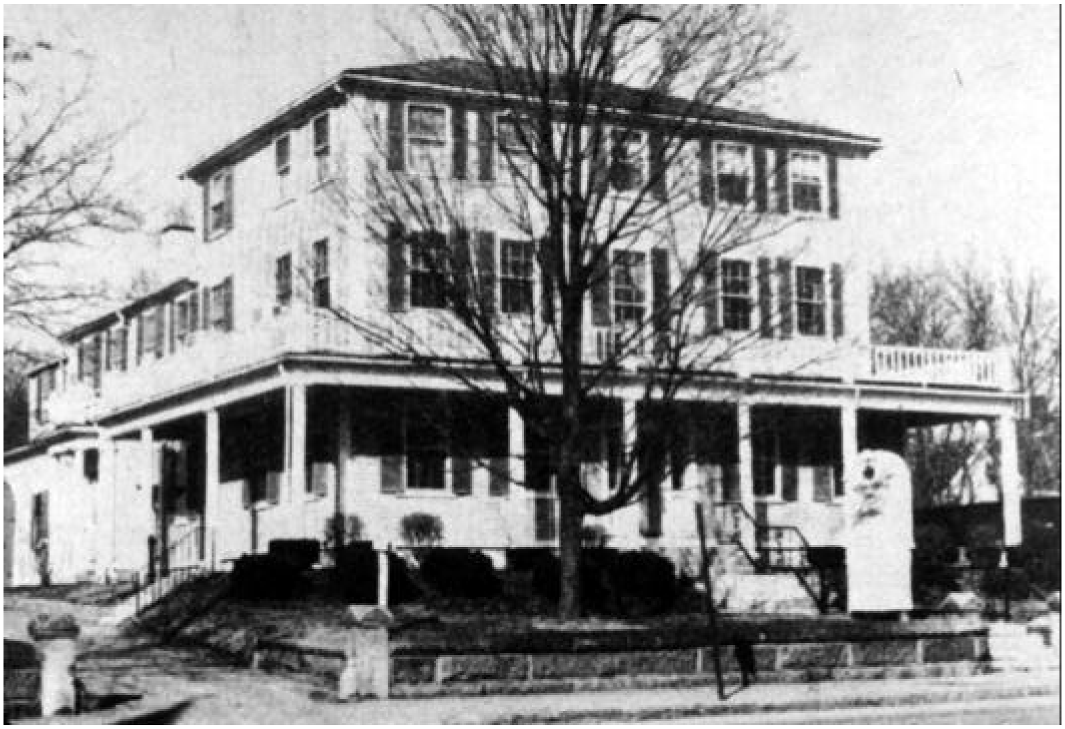
509. Colonel Peter H. Peirce Residence

Colonel Peter Peirce married Nabby Sproat in 1816. Originally the top two floors of the mansion were the original home and as Peter became more prosperous with his store the house was raised and large reception rooms were added to fit his status. The porch and gallery were added to hide the discrepancy in the size between the old and the new.


NO. 60. PEIRCE HOMESTEAD, MIDDLEBORO. MASS.
This is the house you c

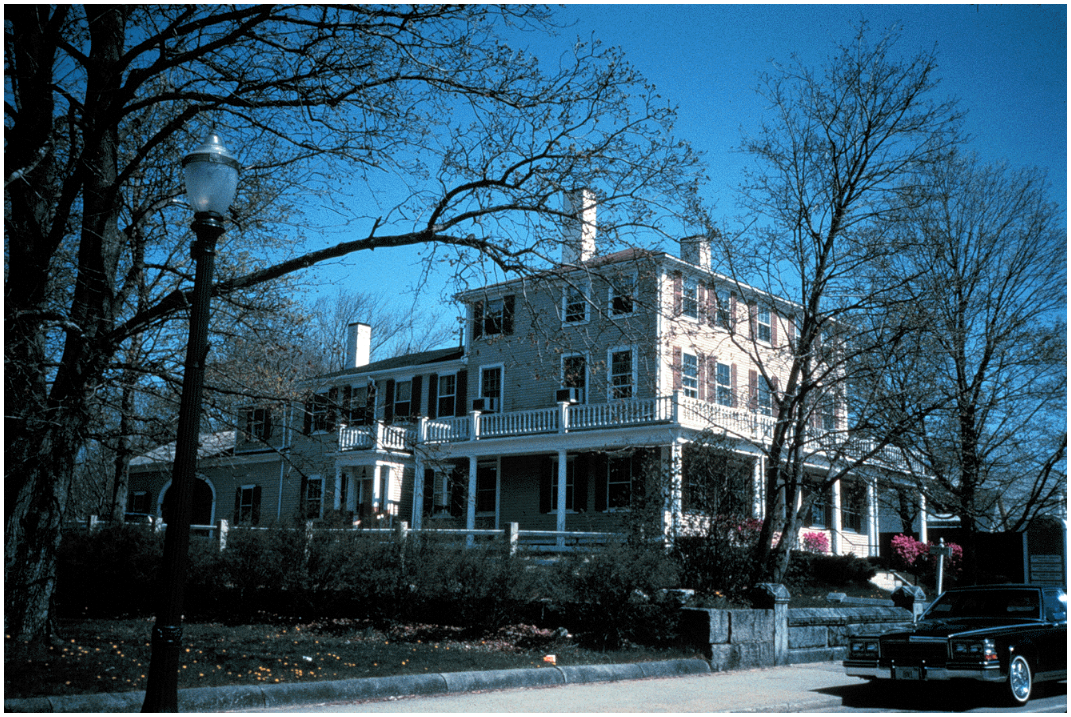
510. Colonel Peter H. Peirce Residence

The beautiful building was home to only two families. Peter raised his large family here and in 1904 Andrew J. Pasztor bought the home, and upon his death Ellis G. Williams converted the building for business purposes.



511. Colonel Peter H. Peirce House

This picture was copied from the Middleboro Gazette from a business advertisement. The business shingles can be seen as one approaches the front door. The three story-floating staircase is still in use today.



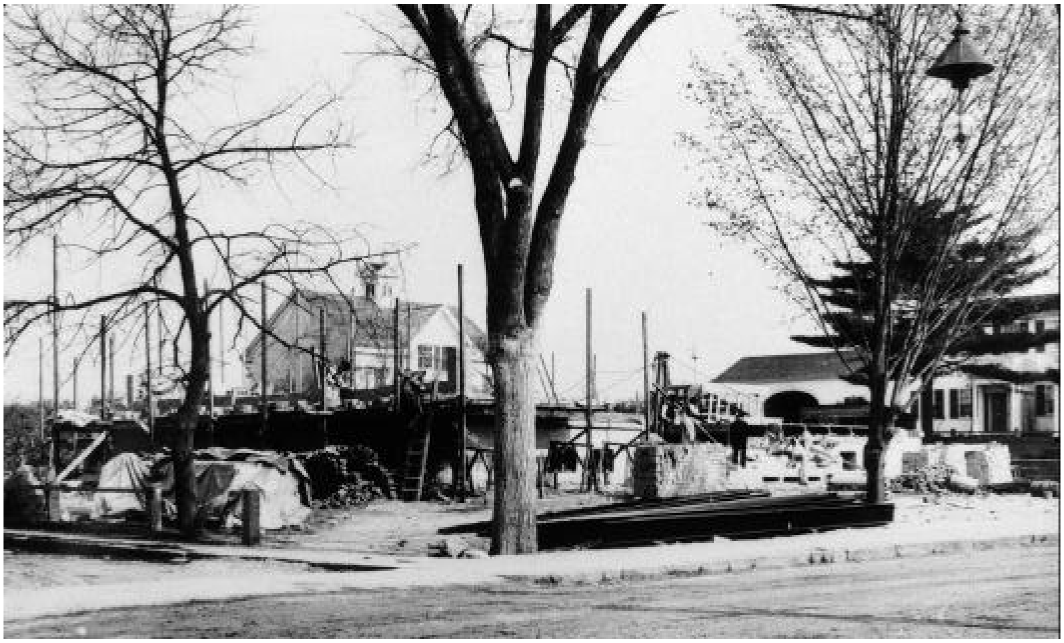
512. Colonel Peter H. Peirce House

The beauty of the Peirce mansion is still visible today, thanks in part to Attorney George Decas who has his office here and has taken great interest in the Peirce family. The two top floors and rear ell are used as apartments.

513. Thomas S. Peirce

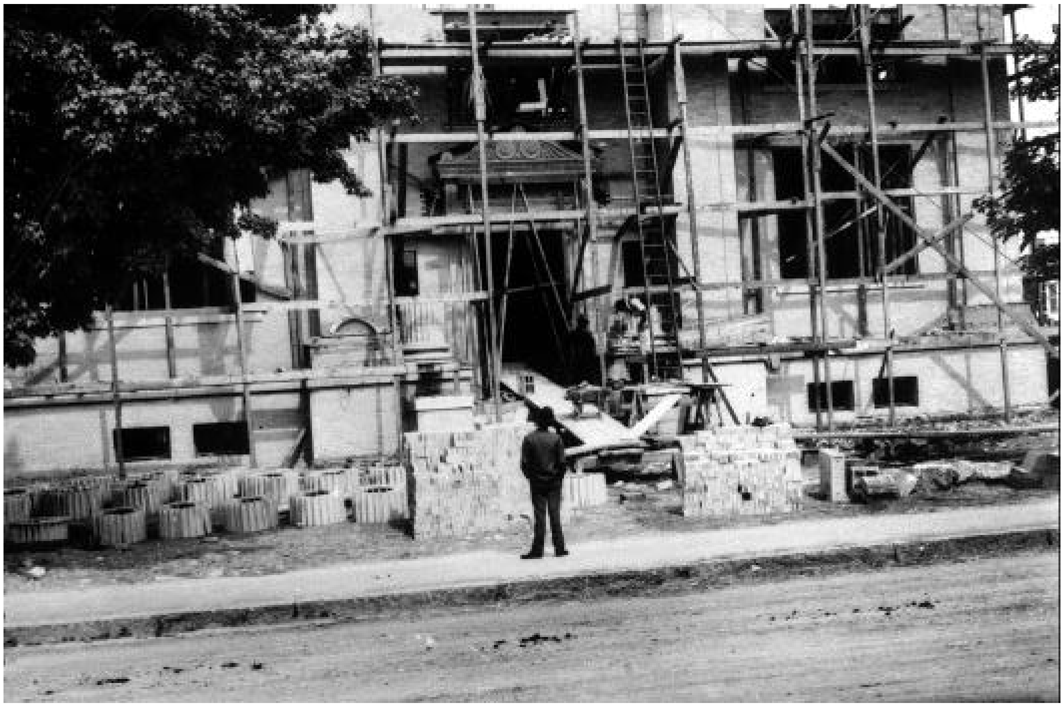
Thomas Sterling Peirce had great admiration for Chester E. Weston and this fact was the reason for Mr. Peirce’s donation of a half million dollars to the town. Mr. Peirce died in September 1901.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Vol. VII, June 1965, Number 3, pg. 4



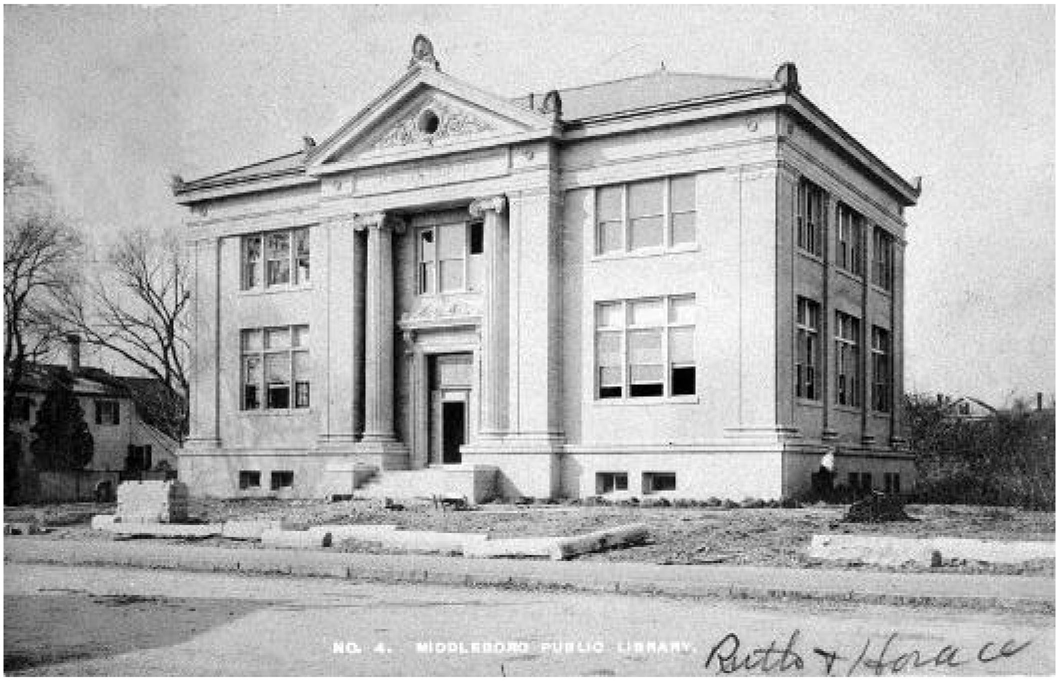
514. Library Foundations

This early photo shows cellar foundations of the public library being built in the Colonel's squash lot.



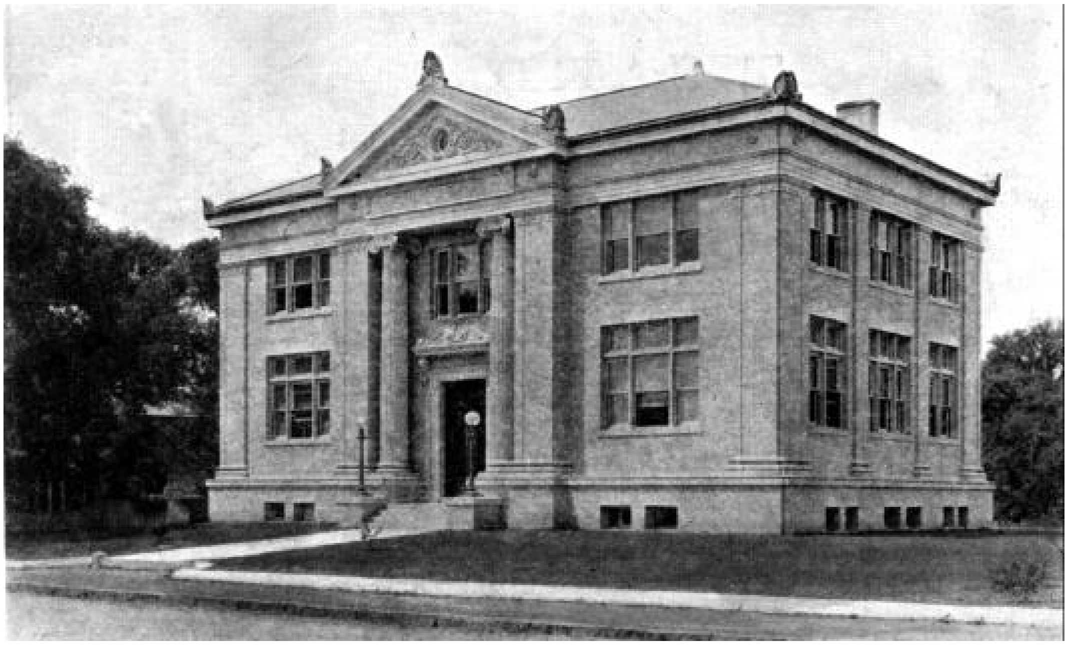
515. Library Erection

This view shows the outer walls rising to the roofline. On the left may be seen the slices of the columns that are being built on either side of the entrance.


NO. 4. MIDDLEBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY.
Ruth + Horace

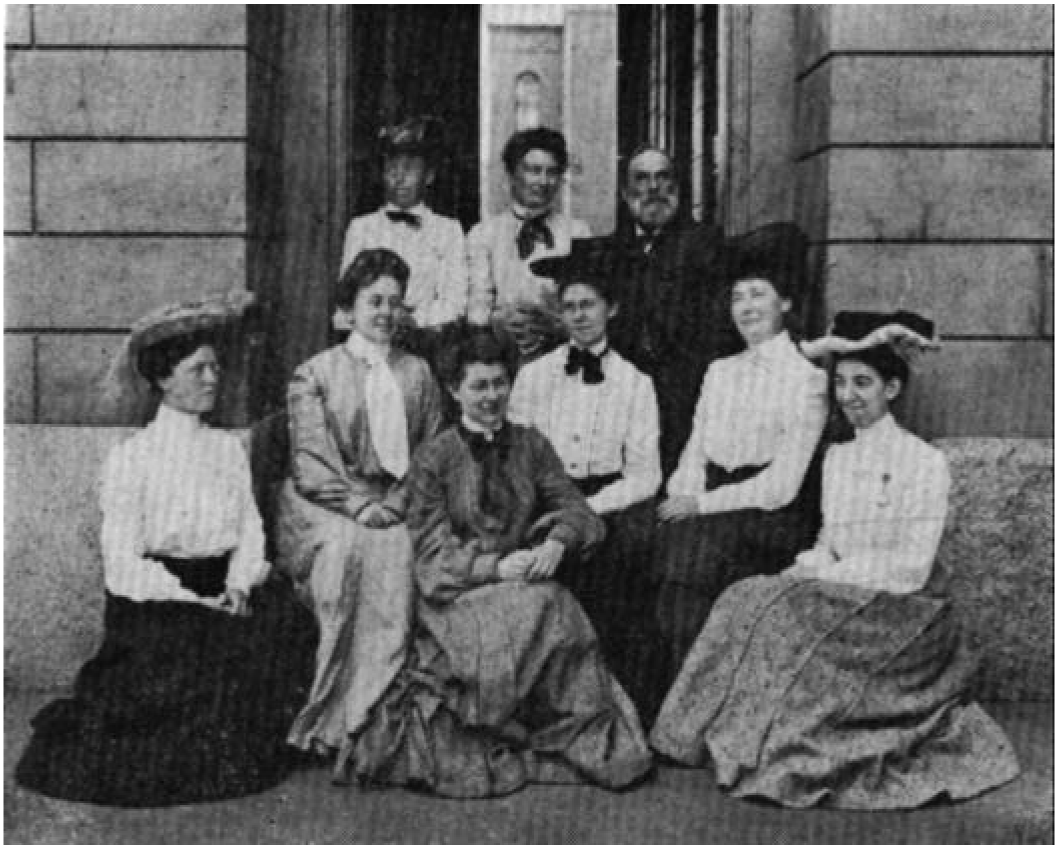
516. Nearly Complete Library

In 1903 the new public library is nearing completion. One can see the Martinique on the left. At this time there were no homes to the rear of the library.



517. Public Library

In 1901, when Thomas Peirce died, he left $50,000 for the building of a new library, plus another $50,000 for books.



518. Staff, Middleborough Public Library

Taken at opening of new library building, 1904. Front row left to right, Myra Leonard (Mrs. William T. Tillson); Marion Tillson (Mrs. Alton G. Pratt); Edith Cobb of New Bedford; middle row, Alice Alden, Mary Eddy, Mrs. Adelaide, K. Thatcher; back row, Florence A. Robinson, Mary Farr of Philadelphia, cataloger; Joseph E. Beals, trustee.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
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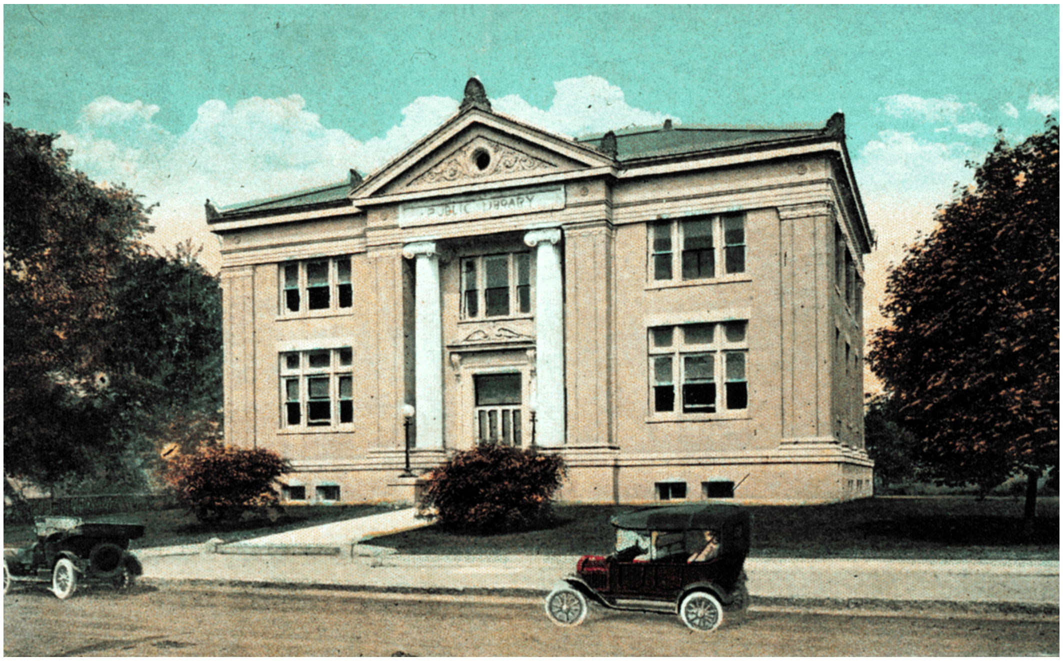
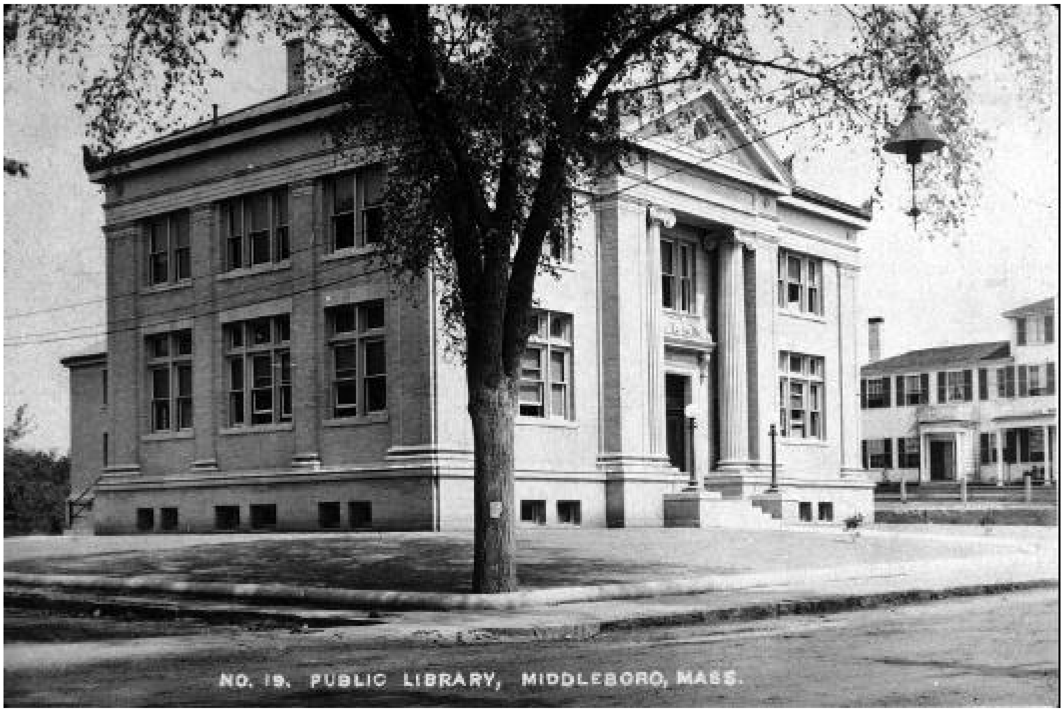


519. Public Library

This view could be of a library in any small city; it was built and furnished with the finest materials of the day. Note the two autos of the 1920's parked in front.


NO. 19. PUBLIC LIBRARY, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

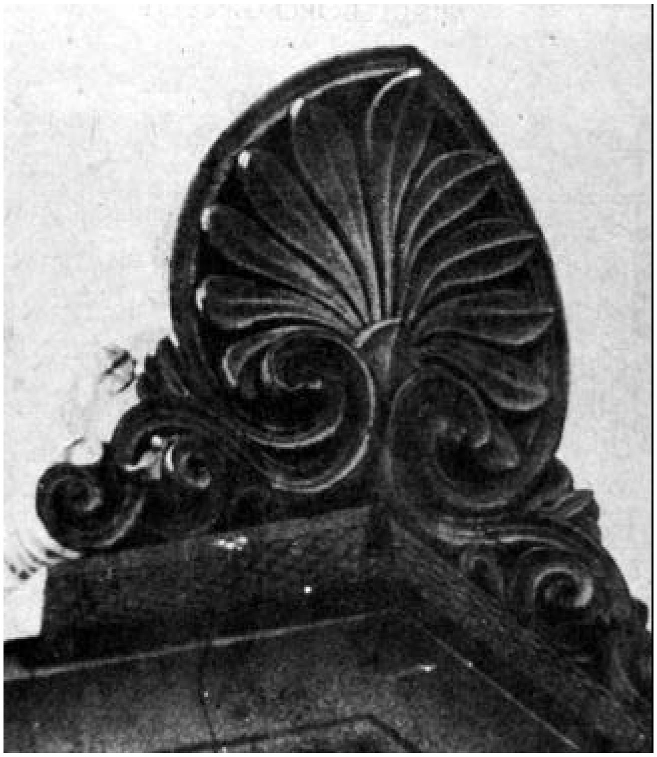
520. Public Library

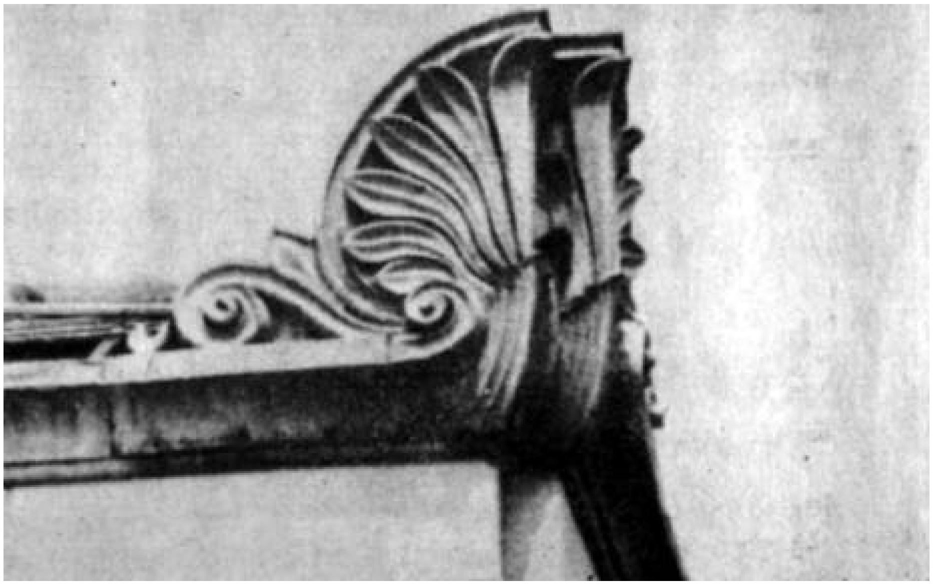
This beautiful photo of a very formal library sitting next to the Peirce mansion; note the incandescent light over the intersection.

521. Library Cornice

“Backlit by setting sun is this ornamental crown of the public library portico.”

Source: A direct quote from Clint Clark, Middleboro Gazette, July 5, 1979.



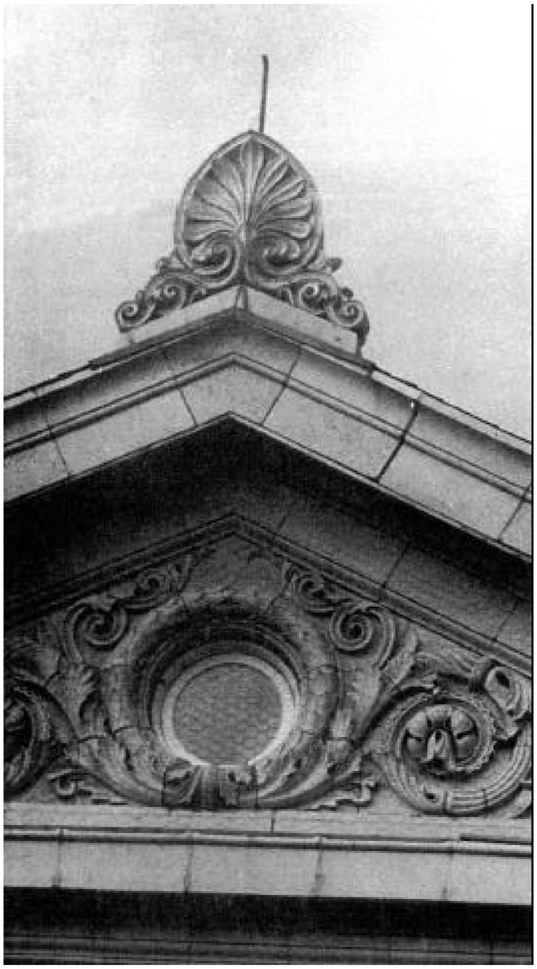


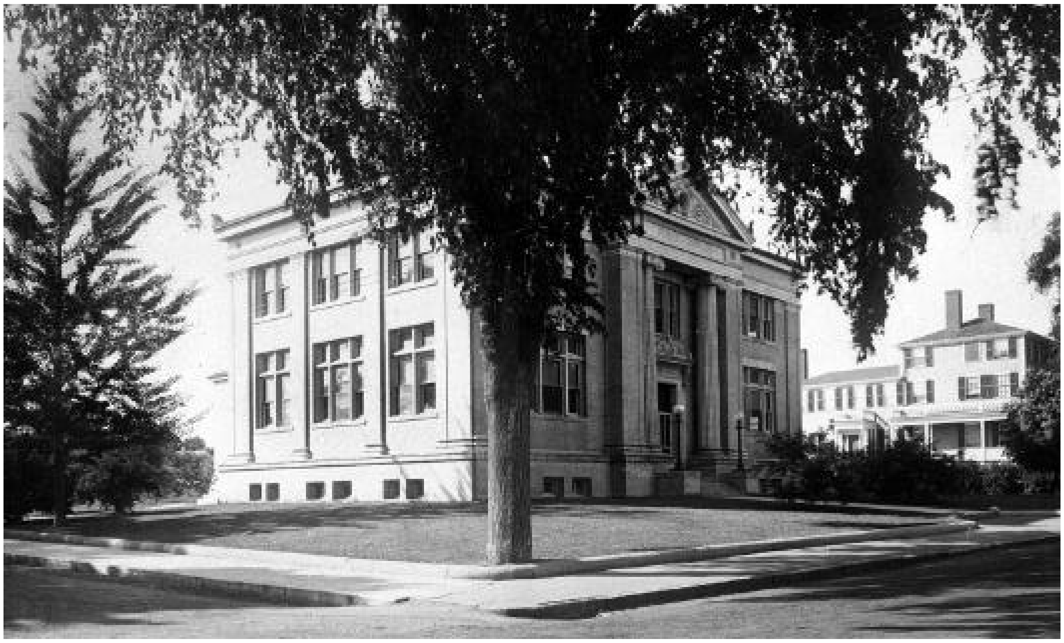
522. Library Cornice

This is another one of Clint’s view of the cornices along the roofline of the library.

523. Library Pediment

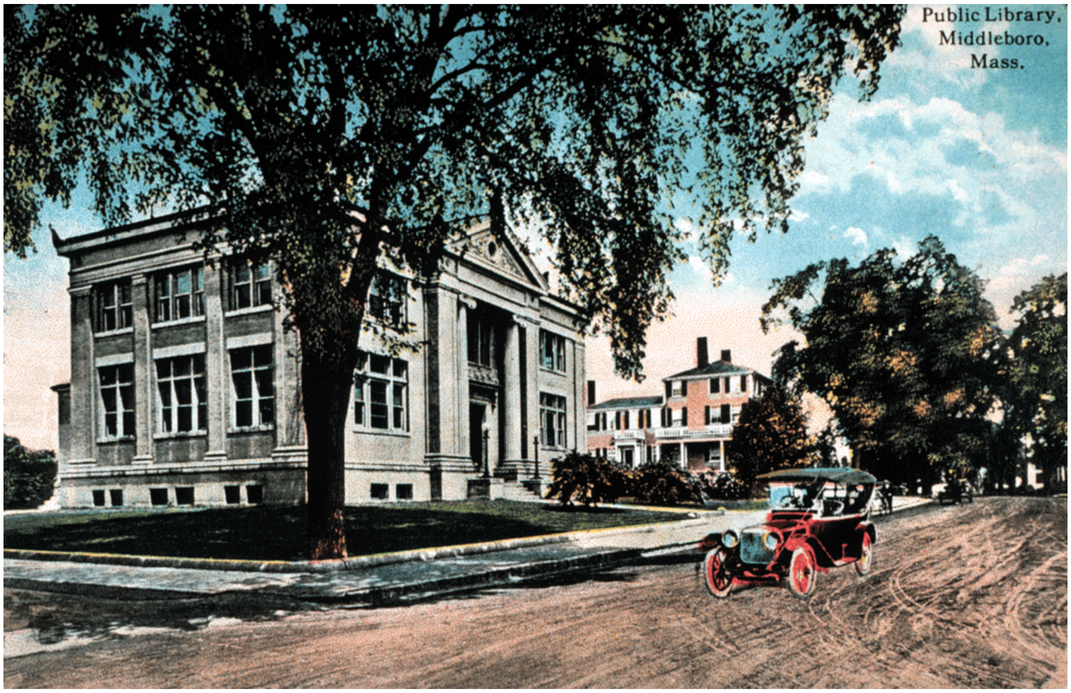
This is a view over the main entrance of the library showing the pediment and circular window.





524. Public Library

In this view one can see one of the stately Elms that graced the town streets.


Public Library,
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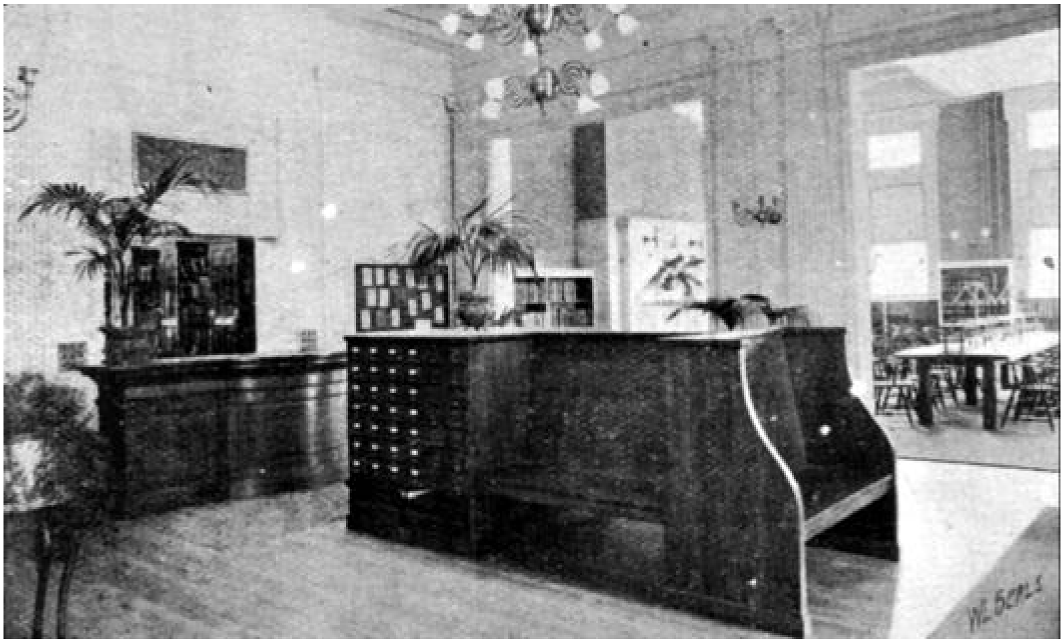
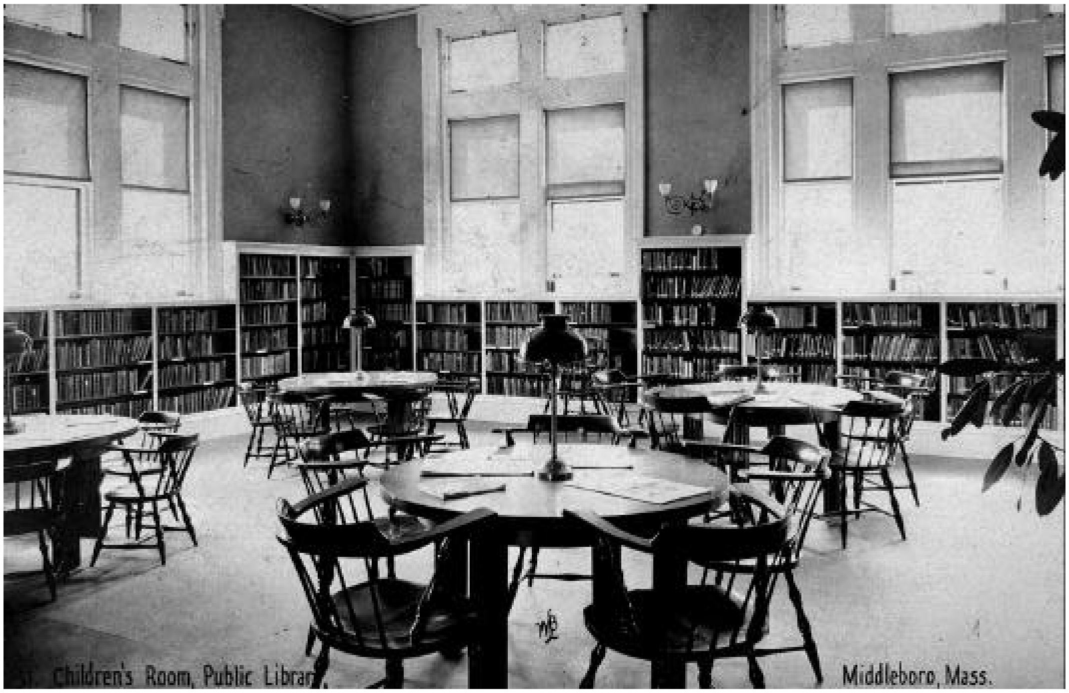
525. Public Library

This scene is typical showing the photographer's car at the intersection on an unpaved road. One can note the tire marks on the road, and the Elms on North Main Street.



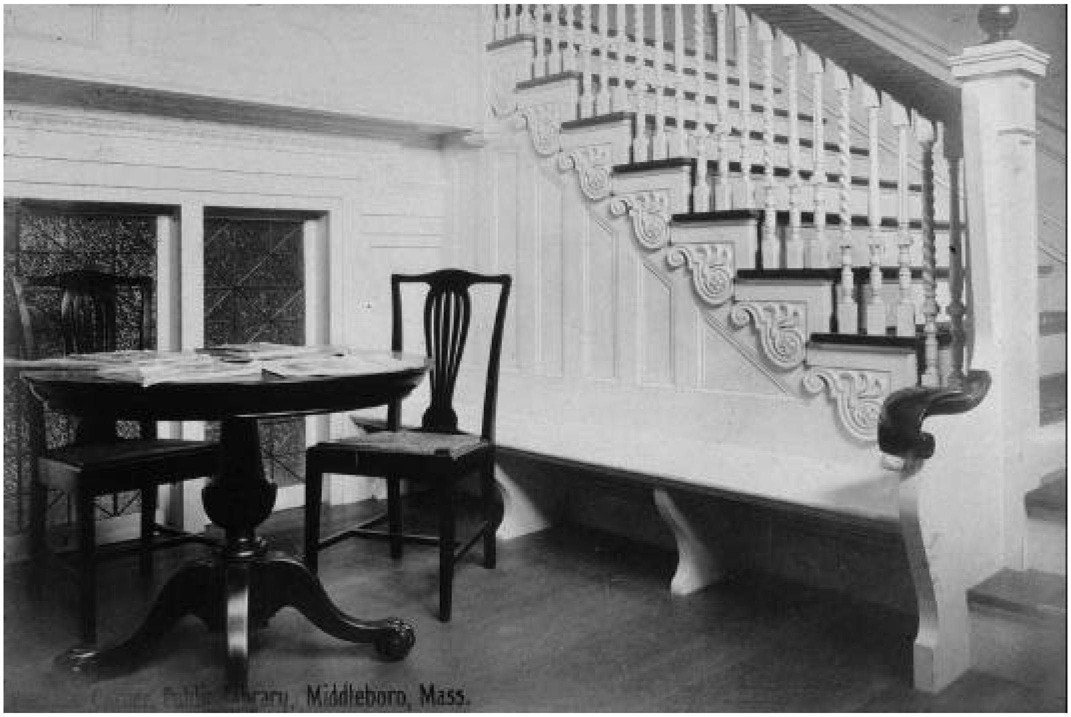
526. Lobby Public Library

This is a view of the main lobby as I remember it. As one entered through the front doors and descended the marble steps; one was confronted by the catalog system and its three benches. The librarian’s desk was at the rear and the adult reading was at the right.


Children's Room, Public Library
Middleboro, Mass.

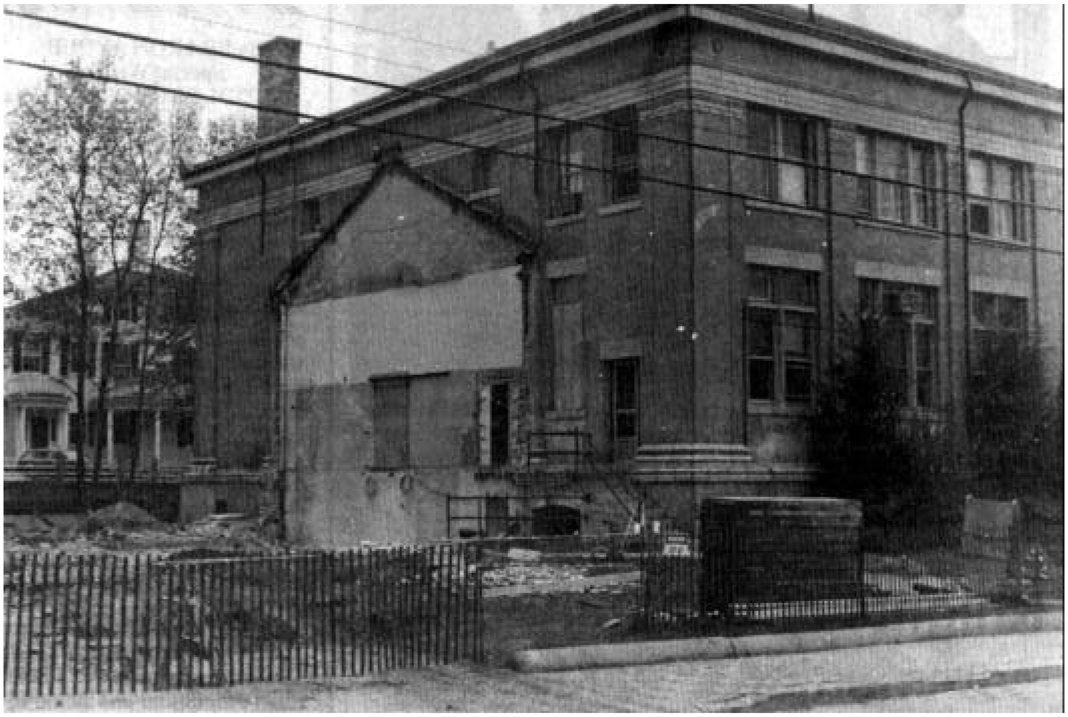
527. Children’s Room Public Library

This is the room where all the school children of my day did their homework and found good books to read. On the right out of view, was a central T-shaped bookcase with a statue of the “Winged Victory”; only the leaves of a rubber plant can be seen at the right.


Corner, Public Library, Middleboro, Mass.

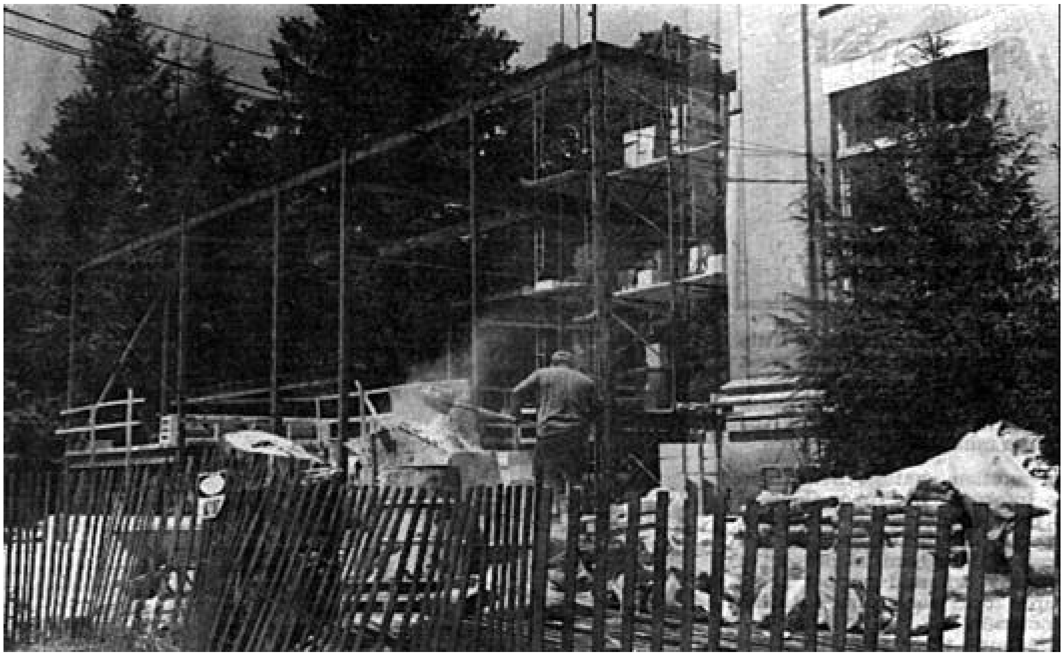
528. “Woman’s Corner” Stair Landing Public Library

This stair landing still looks the same today minus the chairs and table, which are in the genealogy room. Note the beautiful woodwork on the staircase and balustrade.



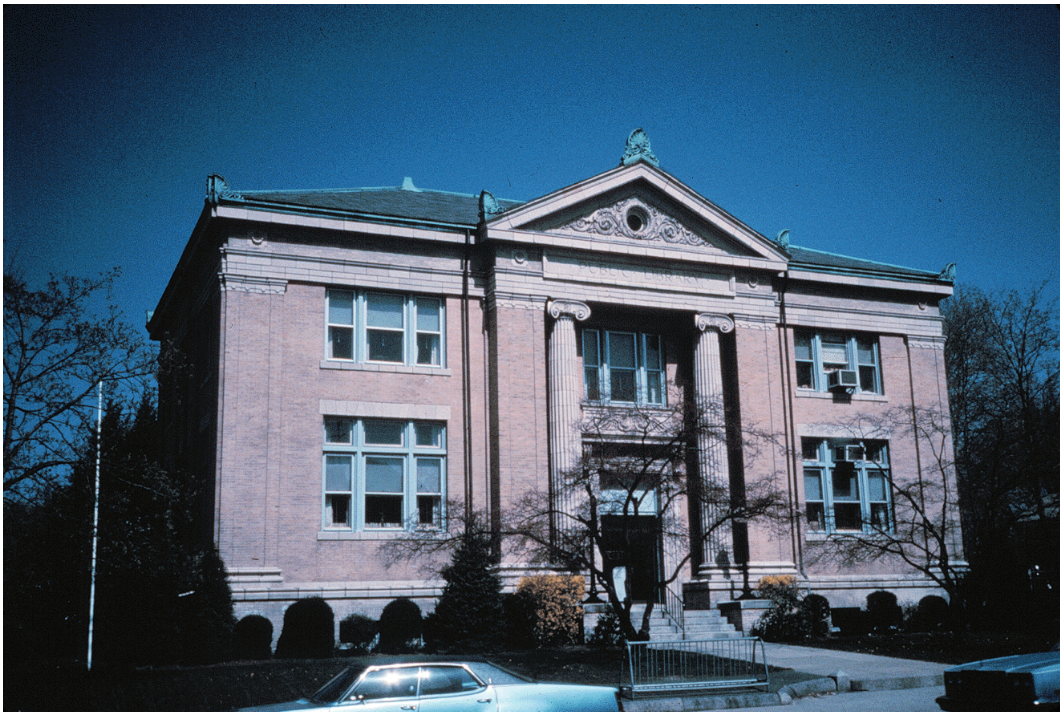
529. Public Library Renovation

In early 1991 the rear "L" of the library had been torn down and the lot was cleared for the rebuilding.



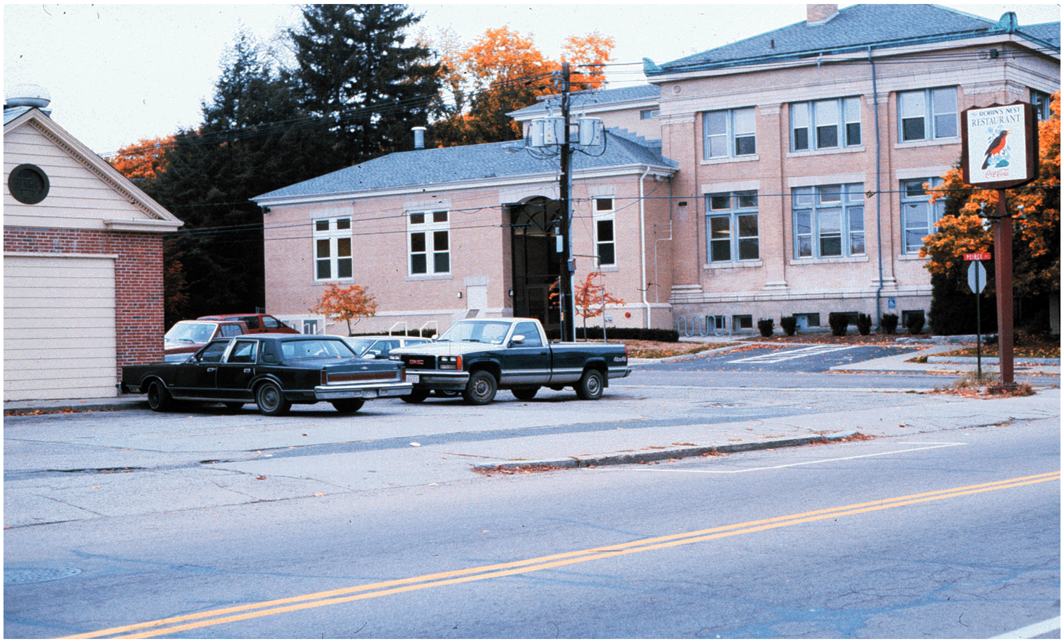
530. Public Library Addition

This is the steel framing for the library addition being put in place in the summer of 1991.


PUBLIC LIBRARY

531. Middleborough Public Library

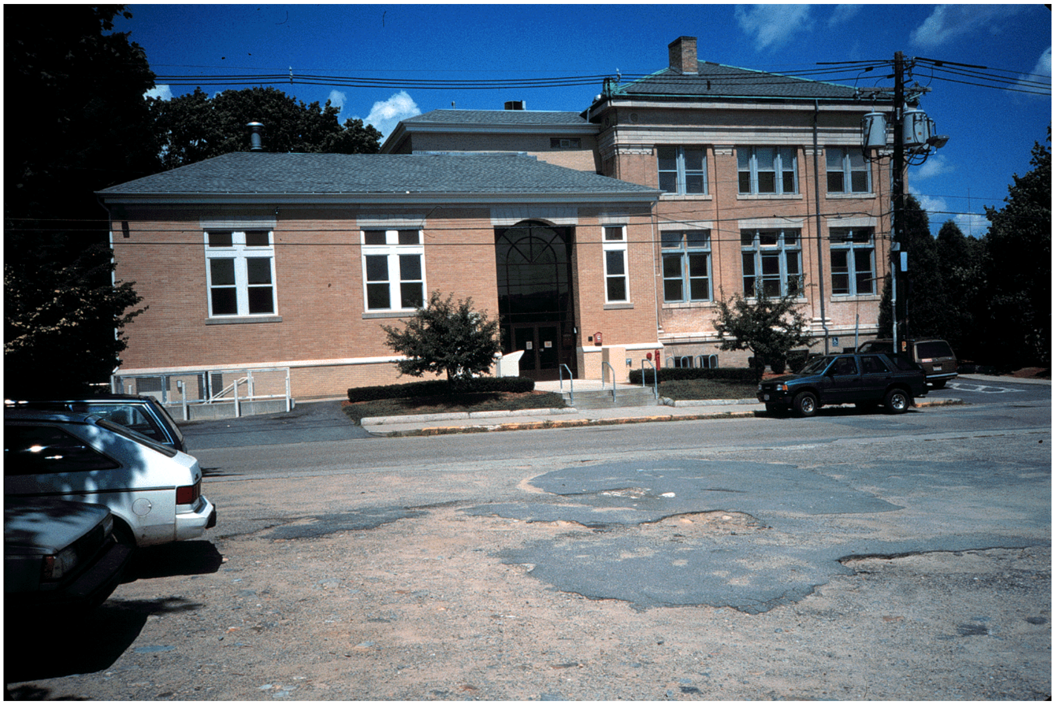
This beautiful view, taken by Janet Griffith on a clear day a few years before the building was remodeled.



THE ROBIN'S NEST
RESTAURANT

532. Public Library

This is a view looking past the old Robin’s Nest Restaurant towards the new addition, which was probably completed around 1992.

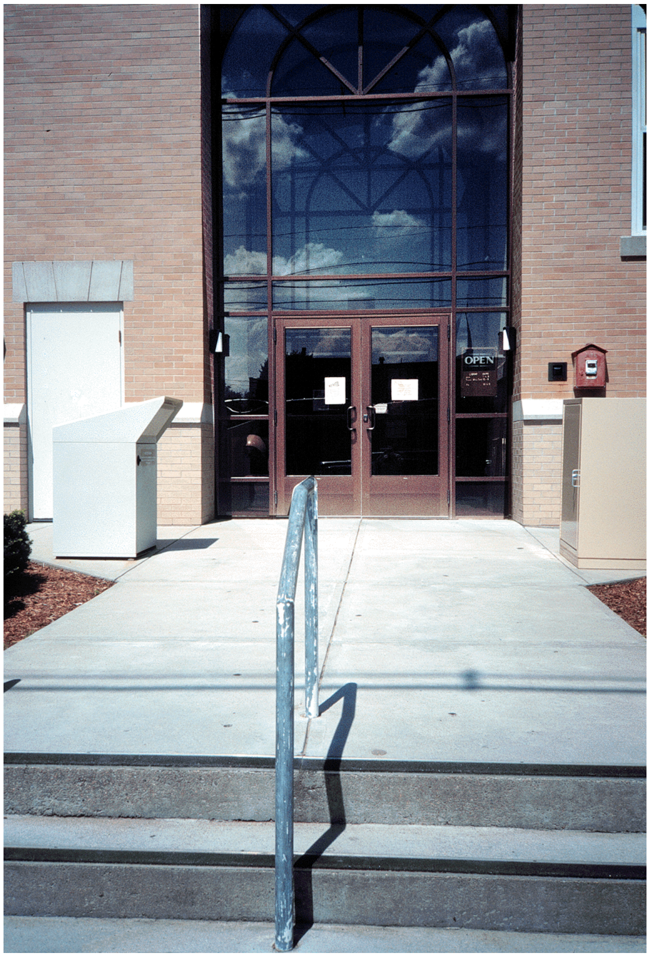


533. Public Library

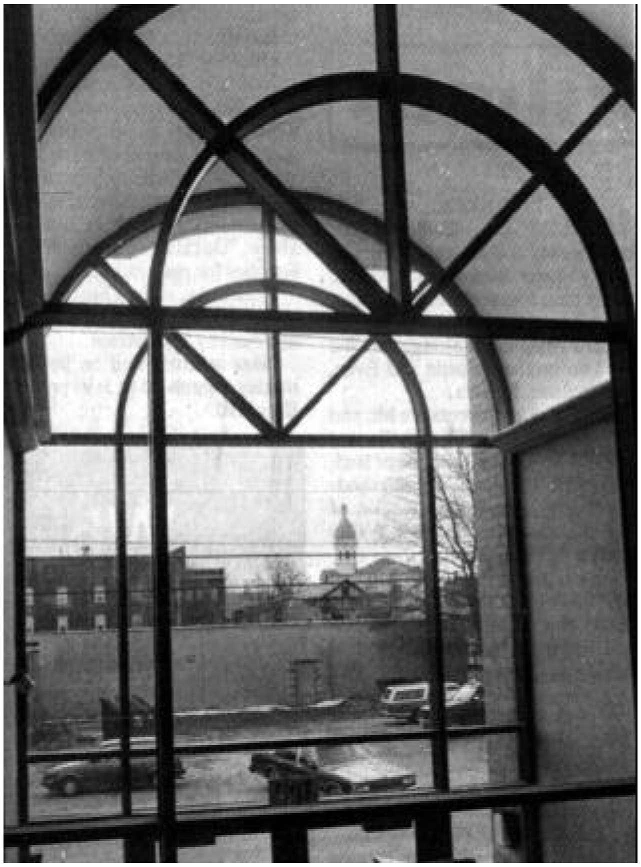
This view shows how beautifully the new addition is married to the old. In the basement of this addition we now have an enlarged children's and conference room.

534. New Addition Doors

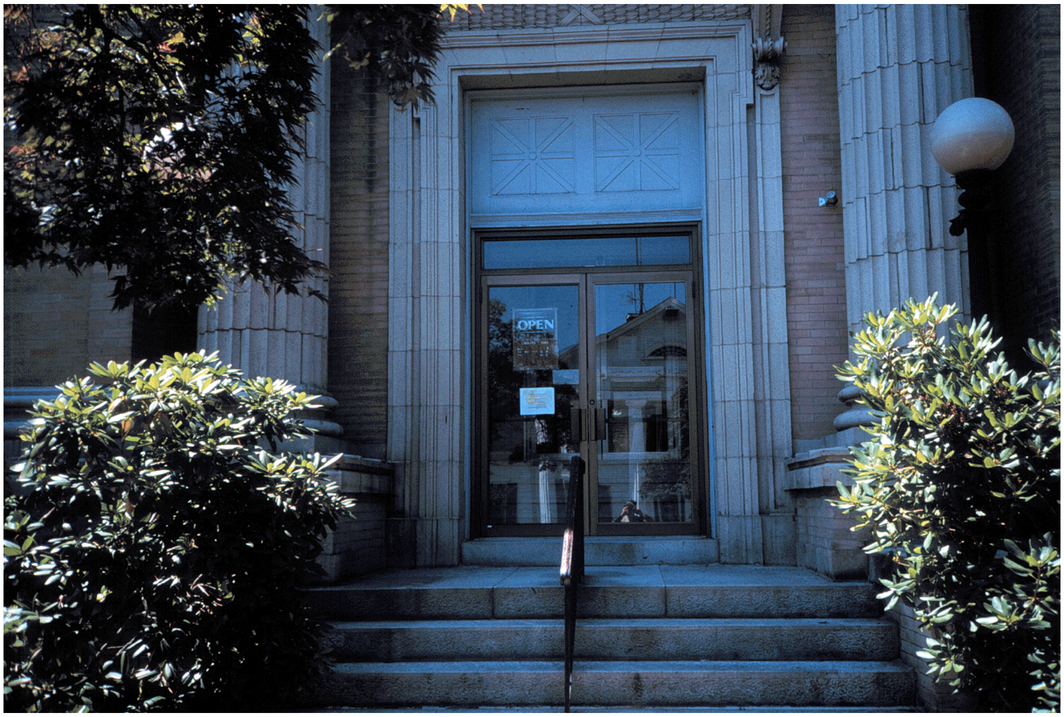
This is the new entrance to the new lobby.



535. Middleborough Public Library

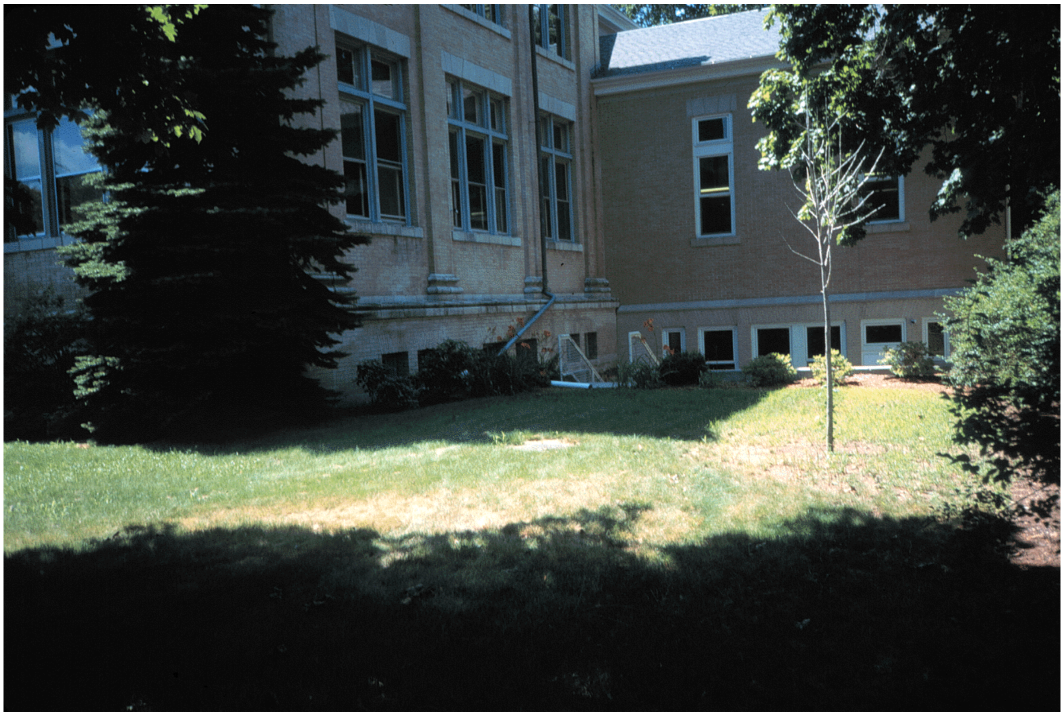


“The old and the new arched window in the entrance to the new library wing frame the graceful symmetry of the 1873 Town Hall tower.”



536. Public Library Main Doors

This is a view showing the new aluminum doors, showing the detail on the columns.



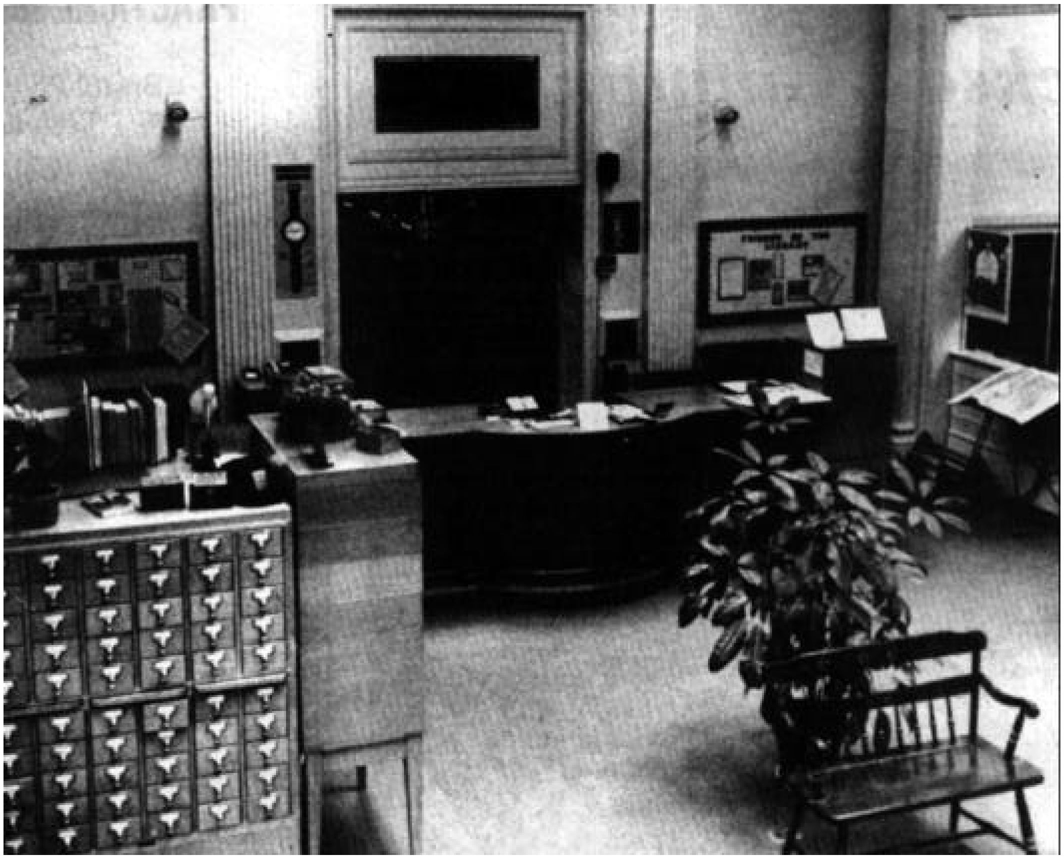
537. Public Library Looking to Addition

This view looks to the patio outside of the children's room.

538. Middleborough Library

“Cramped quarters downstairs at the public library, as library director Marjorie Judd searches for old volumes of the Middleboro Gazette which will be microfilmed to conserve space and prevent the paper volumes from further deterioration.”

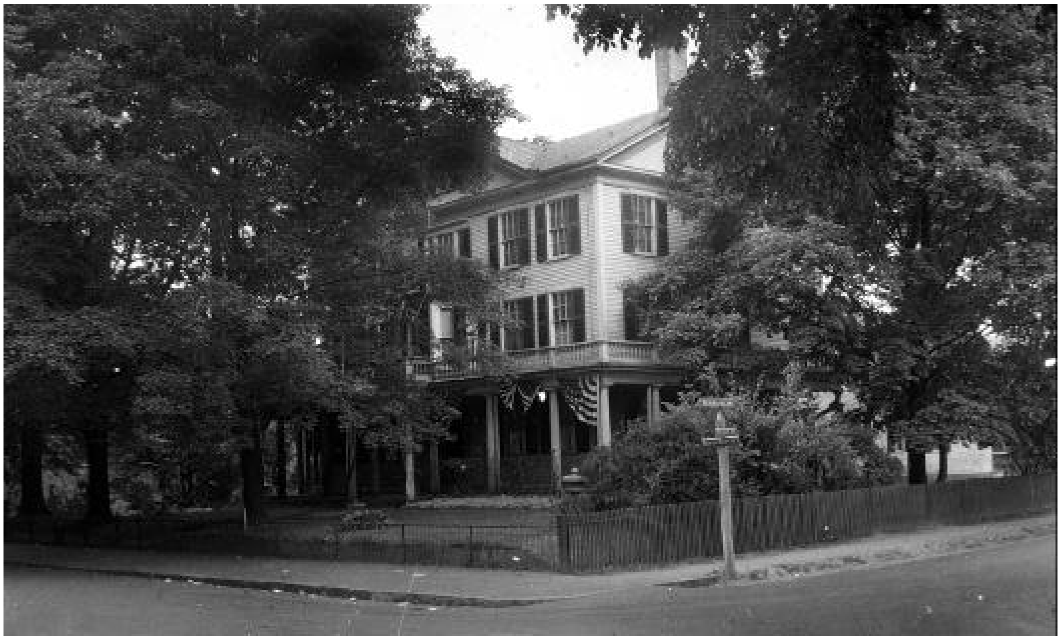
Source: Bob Lessard Quote



539. Public Library Lobby

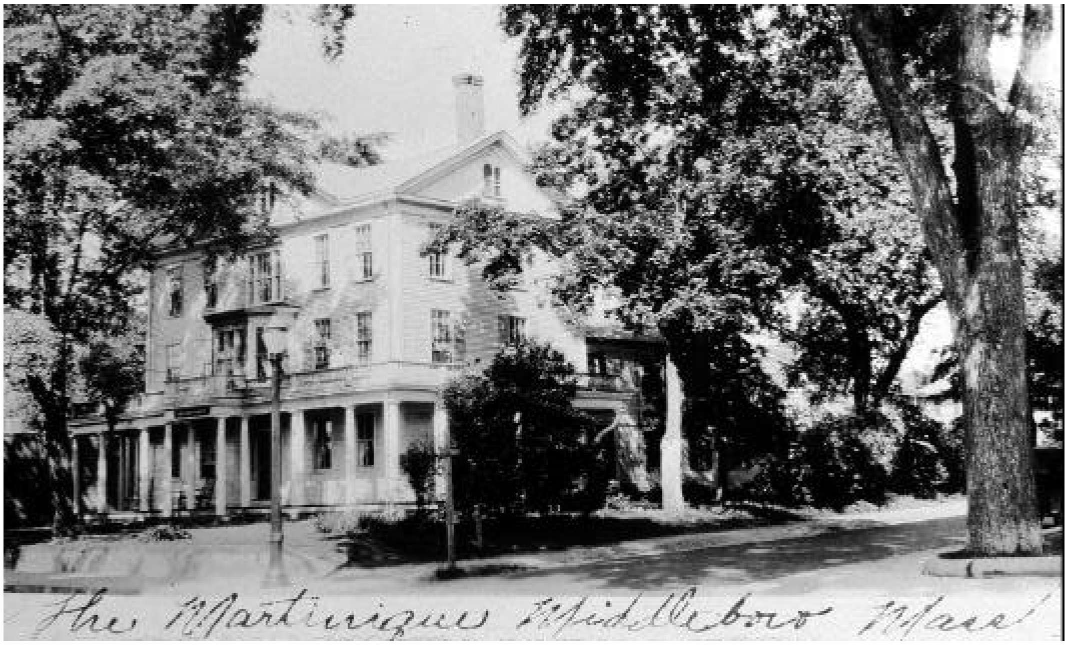
“As this view of the lobby shows, historian Thomas Weston’s description of the public library as ‘a large and commodious building’ was an understatement. Rivaling the Town Hall’s stately splendor, it was dedicated on April 26, 1904.”

Source: Clint Clark Quote



540. Martinique

Major Elijah Tucker built this home in 1828 for his bride, Sarah Louise Peirce.

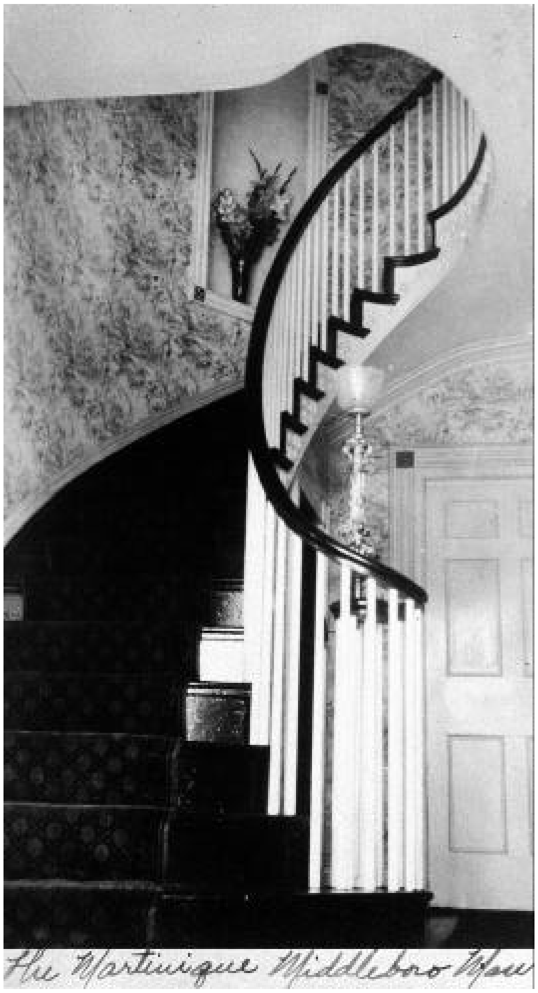

The Martinique Middleboro Mass

541. Martinique

The house was originally built as two stories. It was raised to three stories in 1881. Unlike the Peirce house, the third story was added to the top; thus the floating staircase only ascended 2 floors.

542. Martinique’s Staircase

Although the mansion was torn down in 1957, the staircase still exists with some of the mantelpieces and the leaded glass fan light over the front door in a Lakeville home.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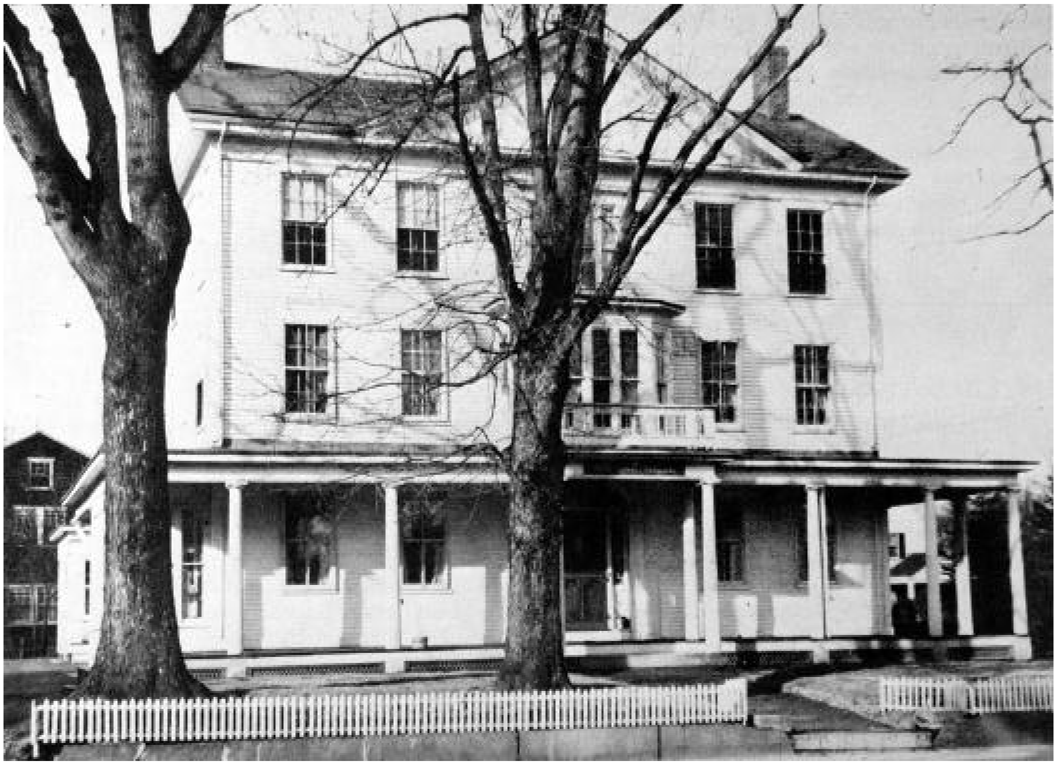
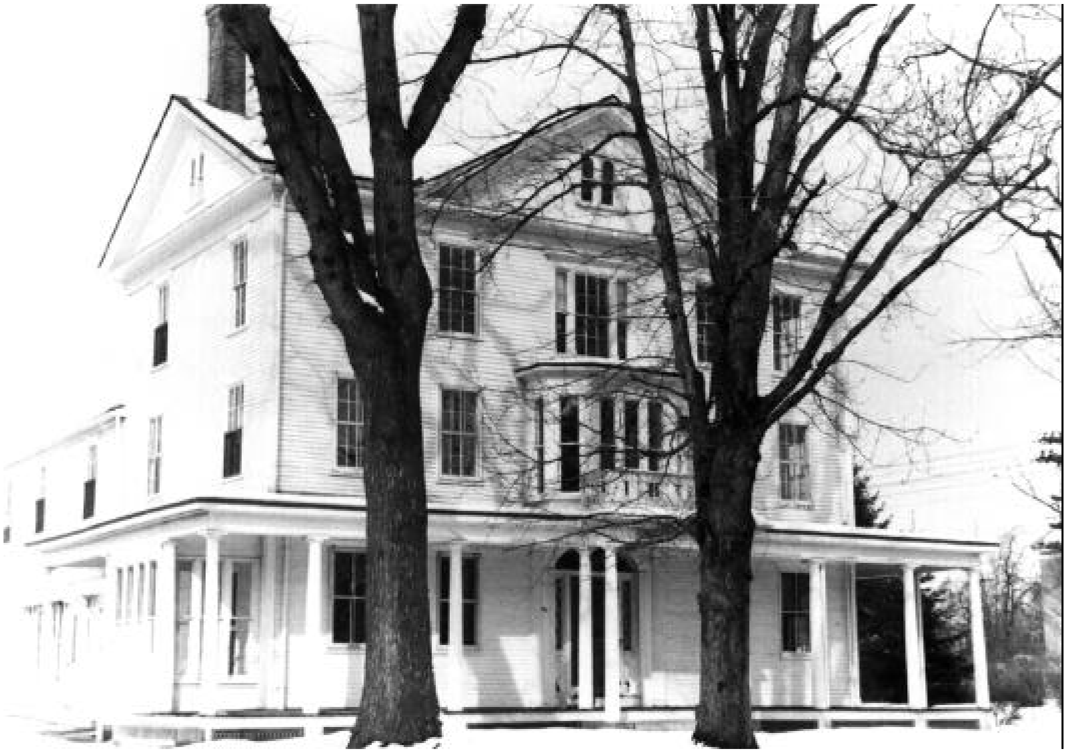


543. Martinique

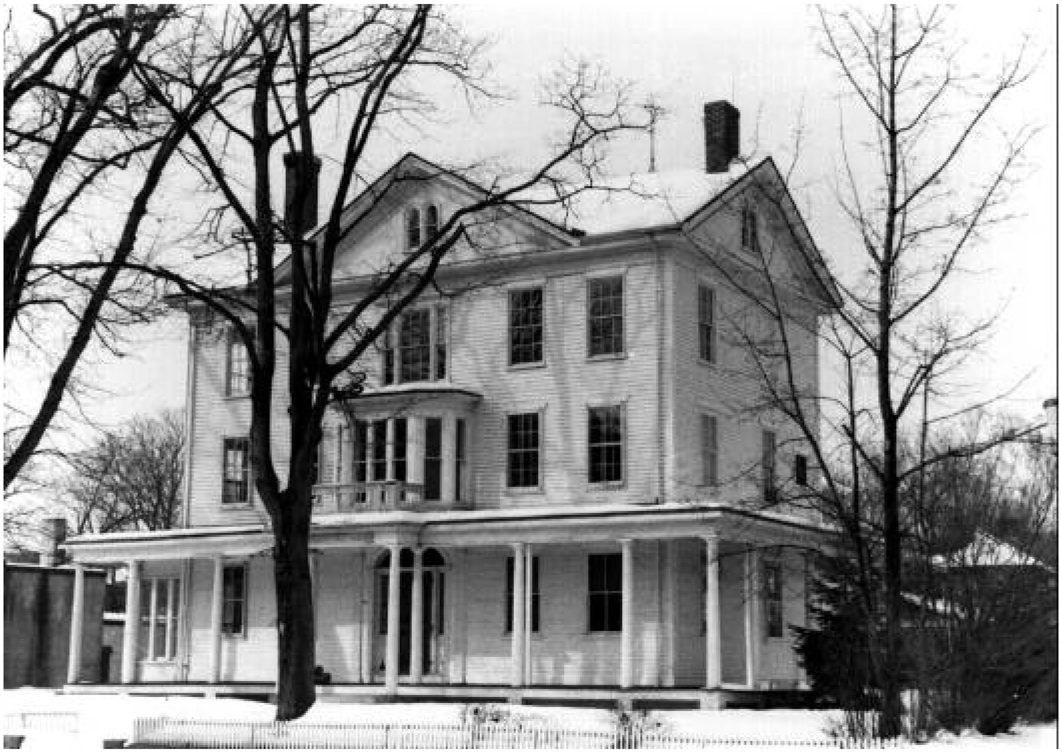
The next owner of the home was Elijah Tucker Jenks, son of Professor Jenks, who made the Peirce Academy so world-renowned. “His son, Elijah Tucker Peirce Jenks was the last of the original family to live in the house."

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXII, July 1983, Number 4, pg. 1 and 3.



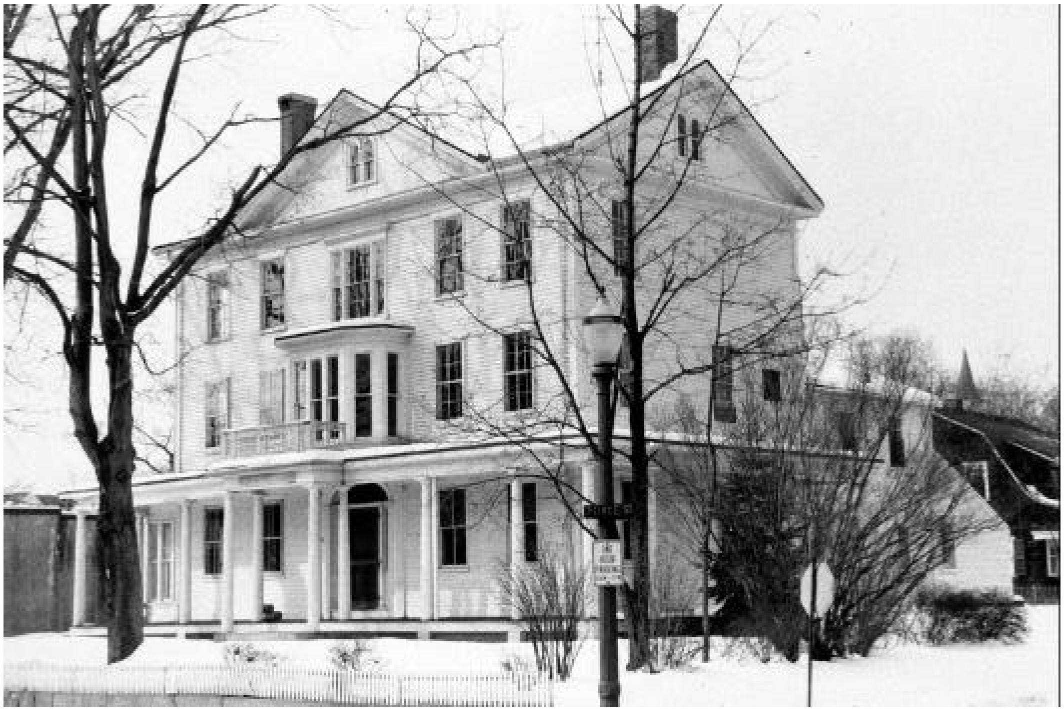
544. Martinique

As many of the old houses deteriorated, a block of stores was built on the sunken garden in 1922. Mr. & Mrs. Charles F. Martin bought the property in 1939 and named it "The Martinique".



545. Martinique

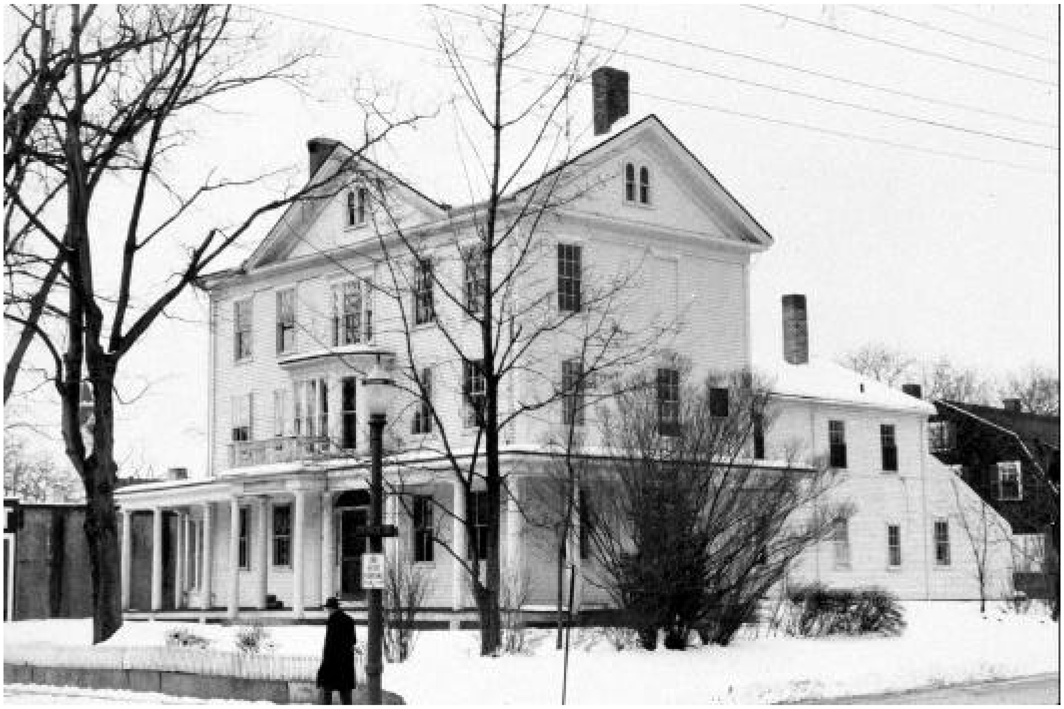
Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Campbell bought the place in 1944 and conducted the business of the inn. In 1953 they found a secret stairway thought to have been a part of the Underground Railroad.



546. Martinique

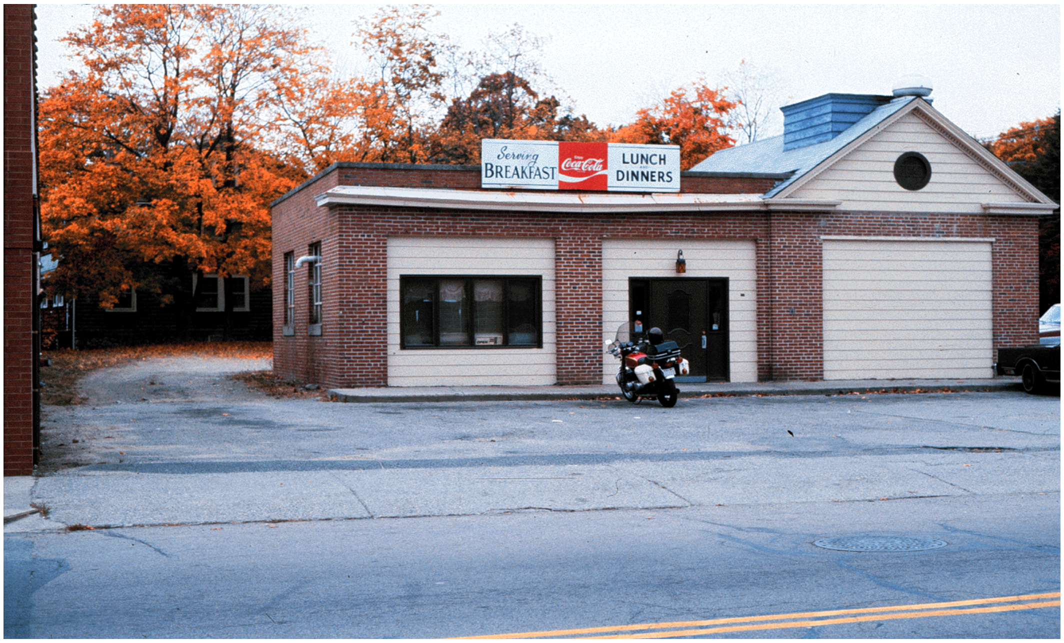
The Campbell's also found in 1959 what they thought was a cellar for hiding runaway slaves, but in truth was an early cistern for rainwater for fighting fires. The Campbell's accepted an offer from the Gulf Oil Co. in 1956, and so ended the life of the Martinique.

Source: Walter Thompson



547. Martinique

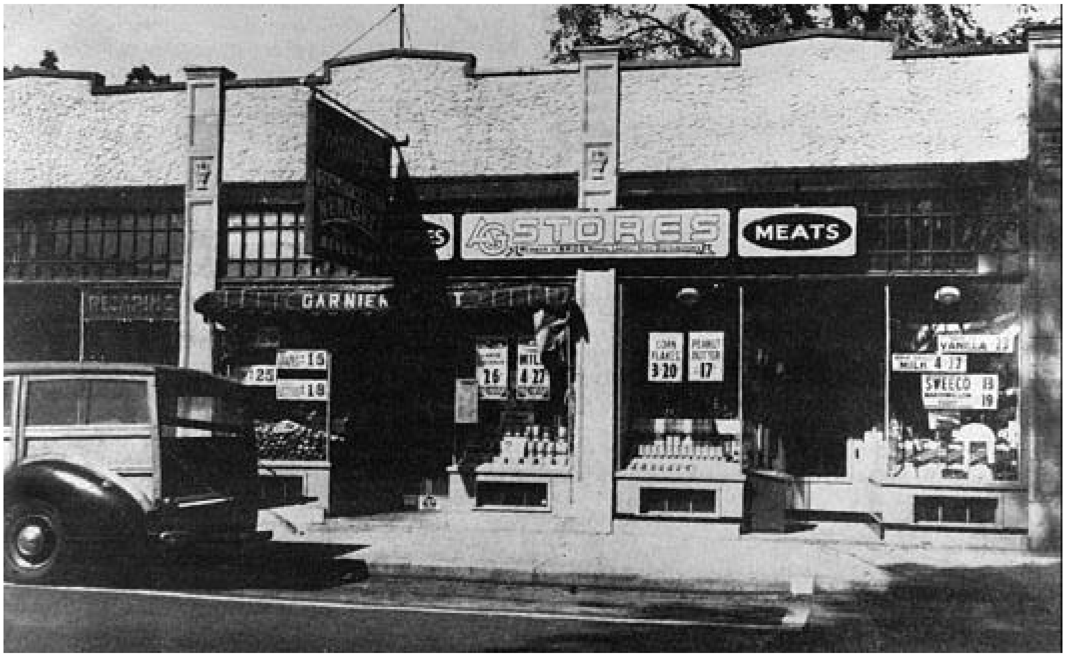
In 1957 this fine old home was torn down to make way for a Gulf gasoline station. On a poignant note, Clint Clark, on a tour of the museum recognized that a square rosette design block came from the Martinique's window or door trim.



Serving BREAKFAST
Coca-Cola
LUNCH DINNERS

548. Robin’s Nest Restaurant

Justice prevails, The Martinique was torn down to make way for a gas station, and with the advent of too many gas stations and the high cost of fuel, Gulf Oil went out and the building was remodeled into a restaurant which had several owners and is now vacant. Possibly it could become a parking lot.

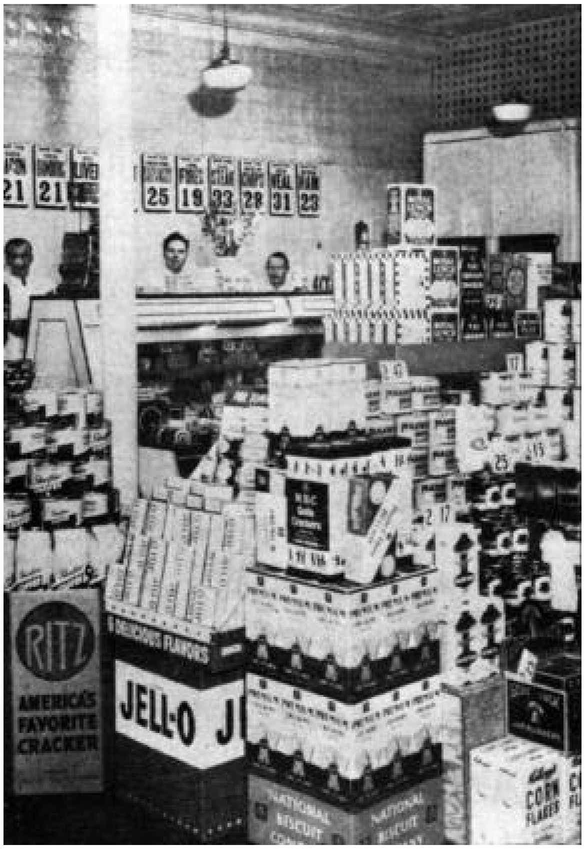

STORES
MEATS
GARNIER
REPAIRING
CORN FLAKES 3 20
PEANUT BUTTER 17
MILK 4 27
VANILLA
SWEECO 18

549. Garnier's Market

In the late '30's to '40's, Howard Garnier operated a grocery store in the Leighton block on North Main Street.

550. Interior Garnier's Market

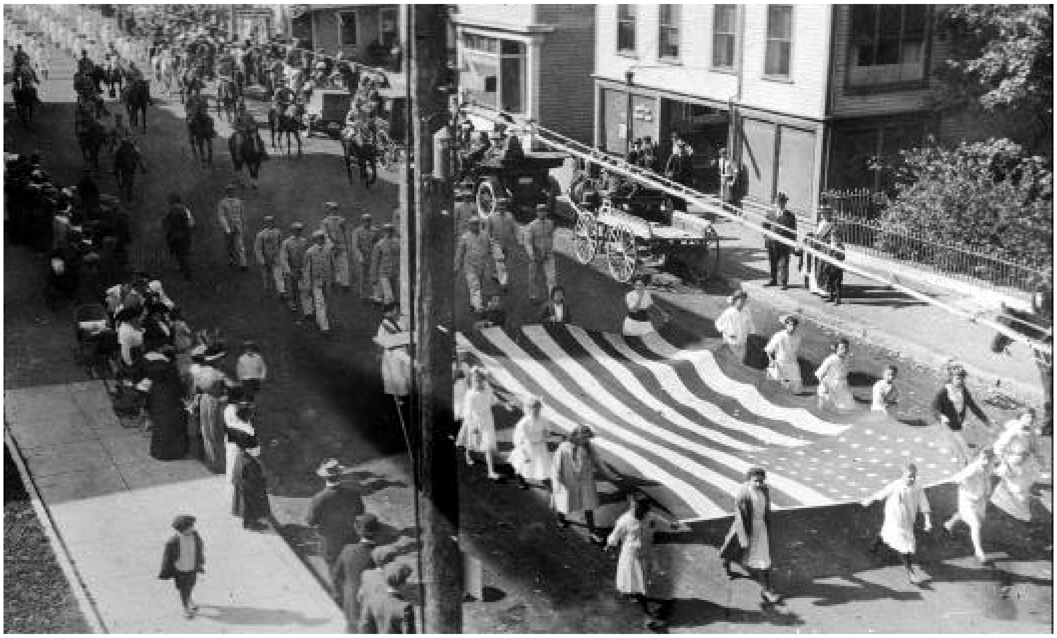
Coffee was 25 cents a pound in 1940 when this photograph was taken in Garnier's Market. From left, at the deli counter are Ed Begley, owner-proprietor, Howard Garnier and Arthur Wall.



RITZ
AMERICA'S FAVORITE CRACKER
JELL-O
NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY
CORN FLAKES

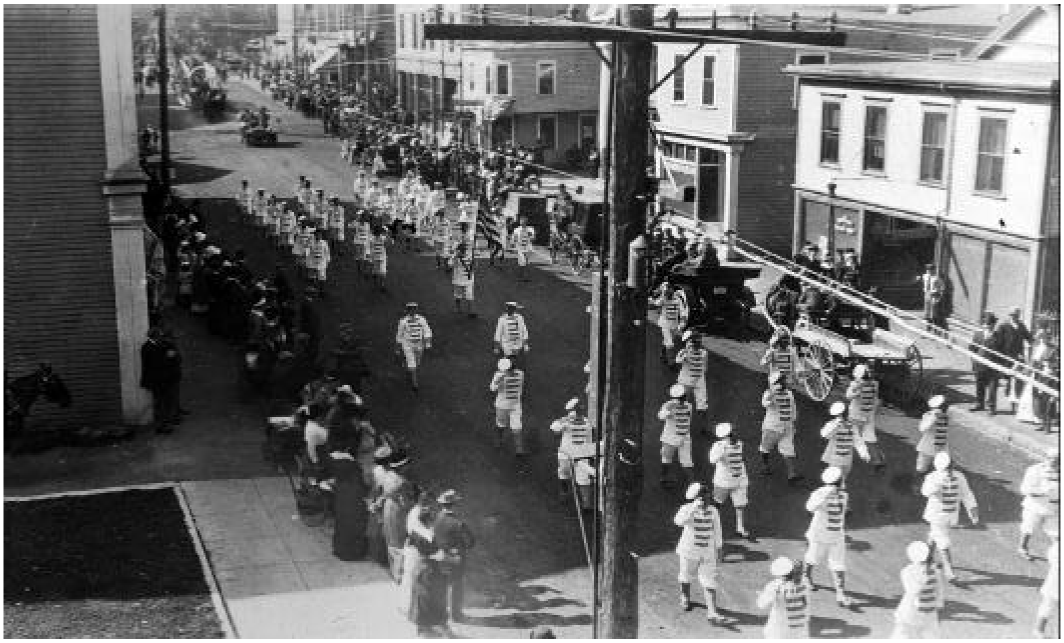
551. Howard Garnier

Howard Garnier operated his market through the 1930’s and into the 1940’s. In the 1950’s to the 1960’s, he was well known throughout the town with his grocer cart. When he gave up his grocery business he became a real estate dealer until retirement. As long as I knew him he always wore a broad smile. He passed away in 1997.



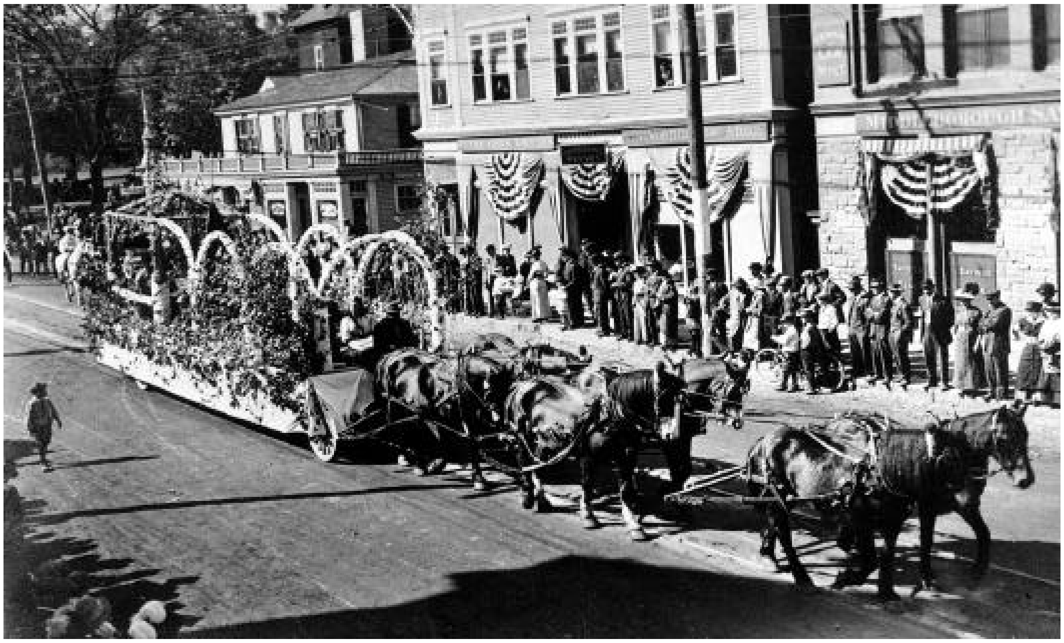
552. Red Men's Parade

School children carrying the flag in the Red Men's Parade. See the corner of the Superior Cab Office and the wrought iron fence around the sunken garden of the Martinique.



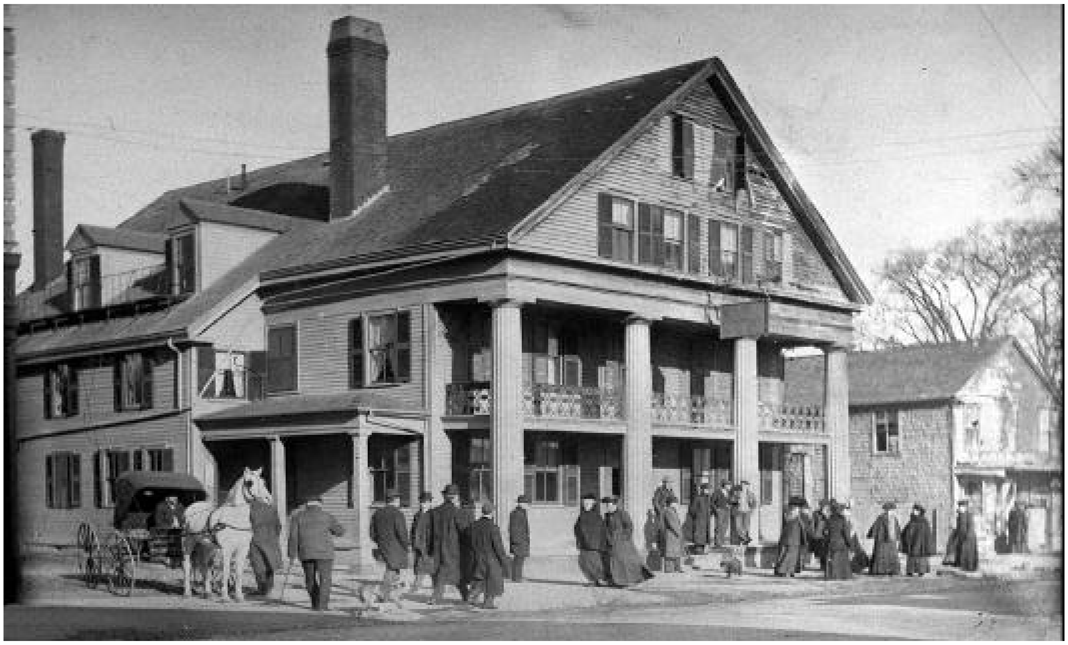
553. Red Men’s Parade

Marching men during the Red Men’s Parade saluting to the reviewing stand on the YMCA steps.



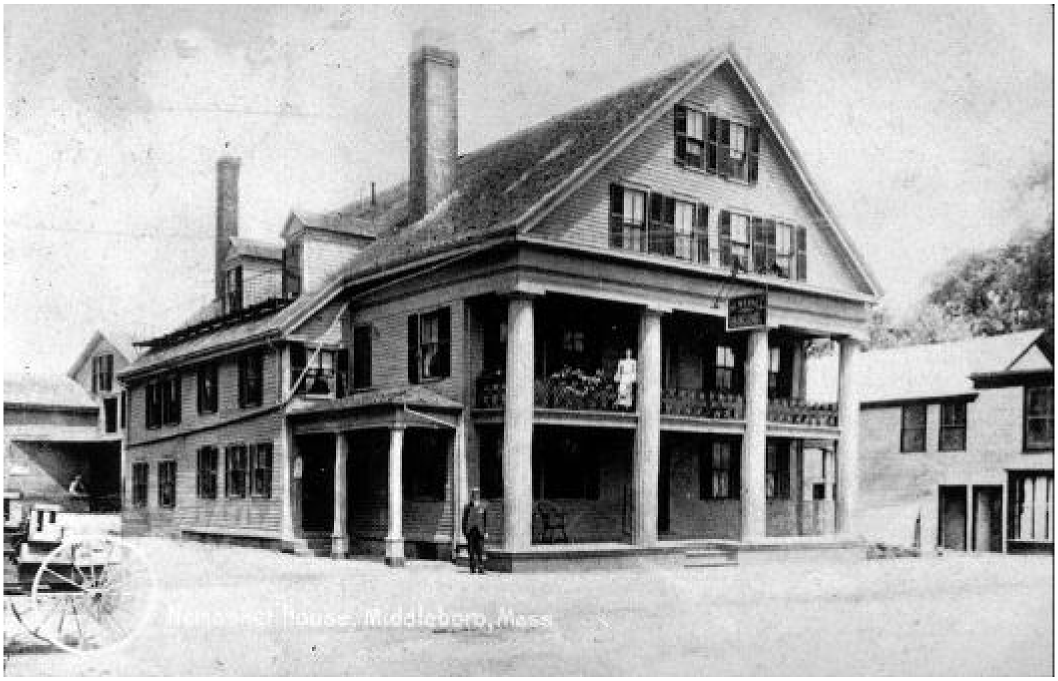
554. Red Men's Parade

Float in front of the Thatcher Block. Homestead Grocer and Bank Block.



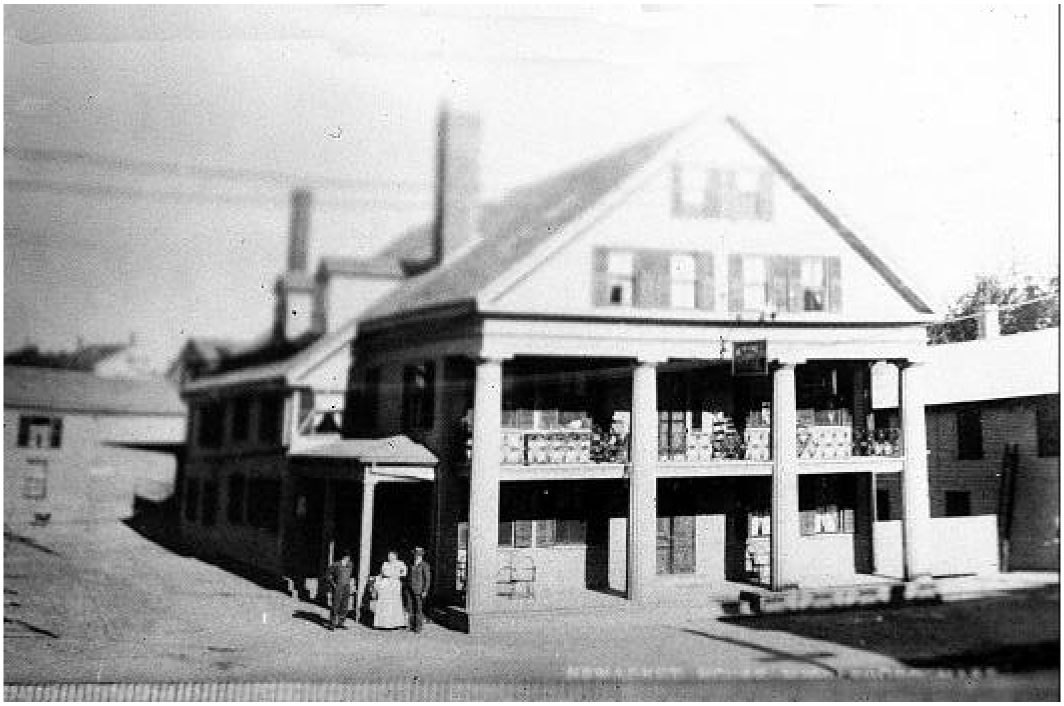
555. Nemasket House

The Nemasket Hotel was thought originally to be the home of Daniel Thomas who enlarged it and turned it into a hotel about 1835.


Nemasket House, Middleboro, Mass

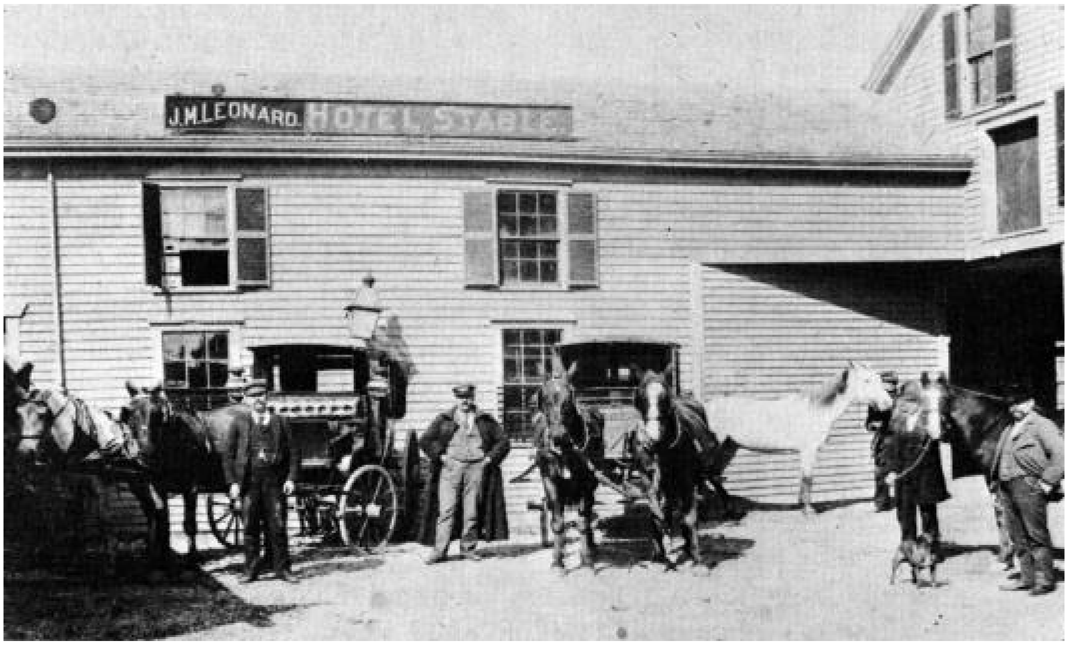
556. Nemasket House

This well-known hostelry was famous for its lodging, for its dining room and stables. Travelers going back and forth from Boston to the Cape frequented the hotel. On the right one can see the old Norris block.



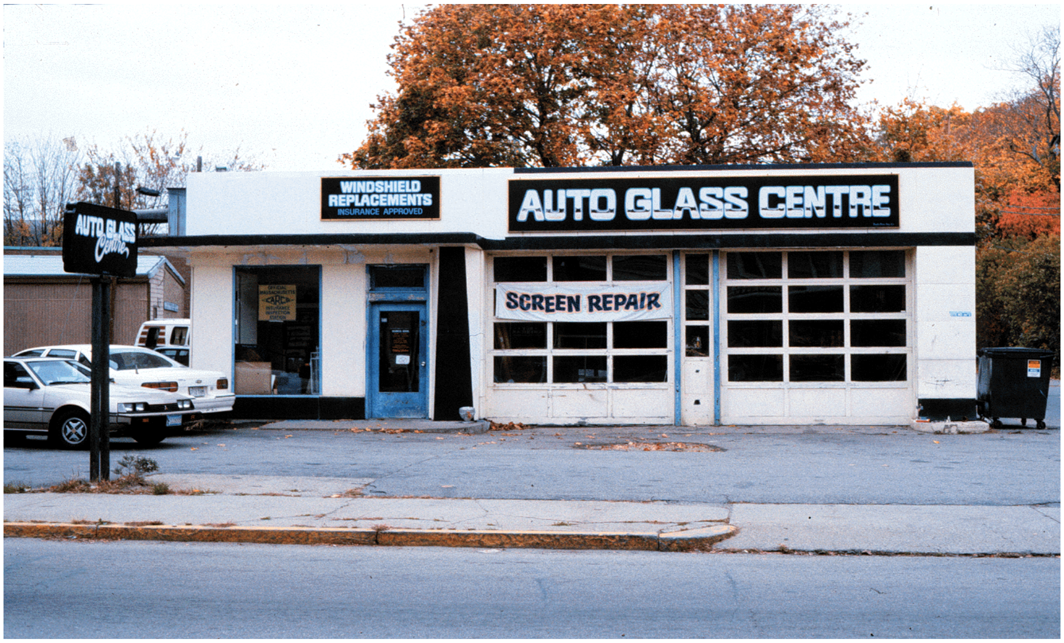
557. Nemasket House

The last proprietor was Thomas Sisson, who closed its doors in September of 1929. The Peirce Trustees turned the property over to the town, and because it was a hazard, contracted it for demolition. Some of the fireplace mantels went to Sturbridge Village, and our museum has the sign.



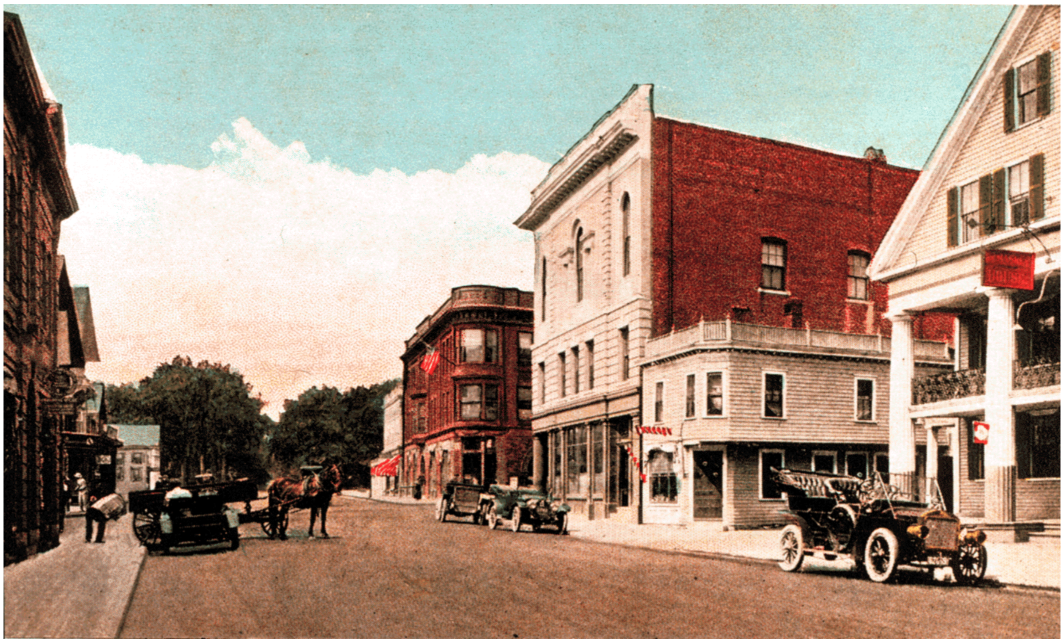
558. Nemasket House Stables

“Stables of Old Nemasket House, James M. Leonard was proprietor of stables and the Nemasket House in 1897.” Note the fancy broughams with their drivers standing proudly beside them; when there was an overflow of business the Peirce Barns, on Jackson Street, were used.


AUTO GLASS Centre
WINDSHIELD REPLACEMENTS
INSURANCE APPROVED
AUTO GLASS CENTRE
SCREEN REPAIR

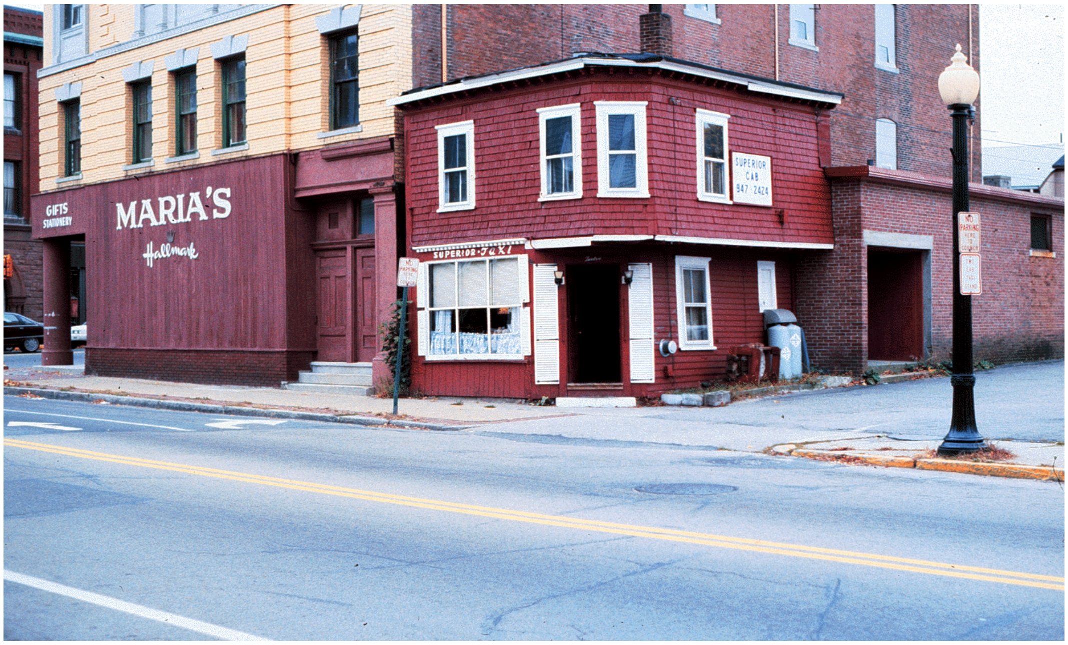
559. Middleborough Glass

This ordinary scene belies the fact that there was once a very busy hotel on this site; becoming a hazard it was torn down in 1939. It was replaced by this gas station, and due to the gas crunch it is now Bob Ventura's Auto Glass Center.



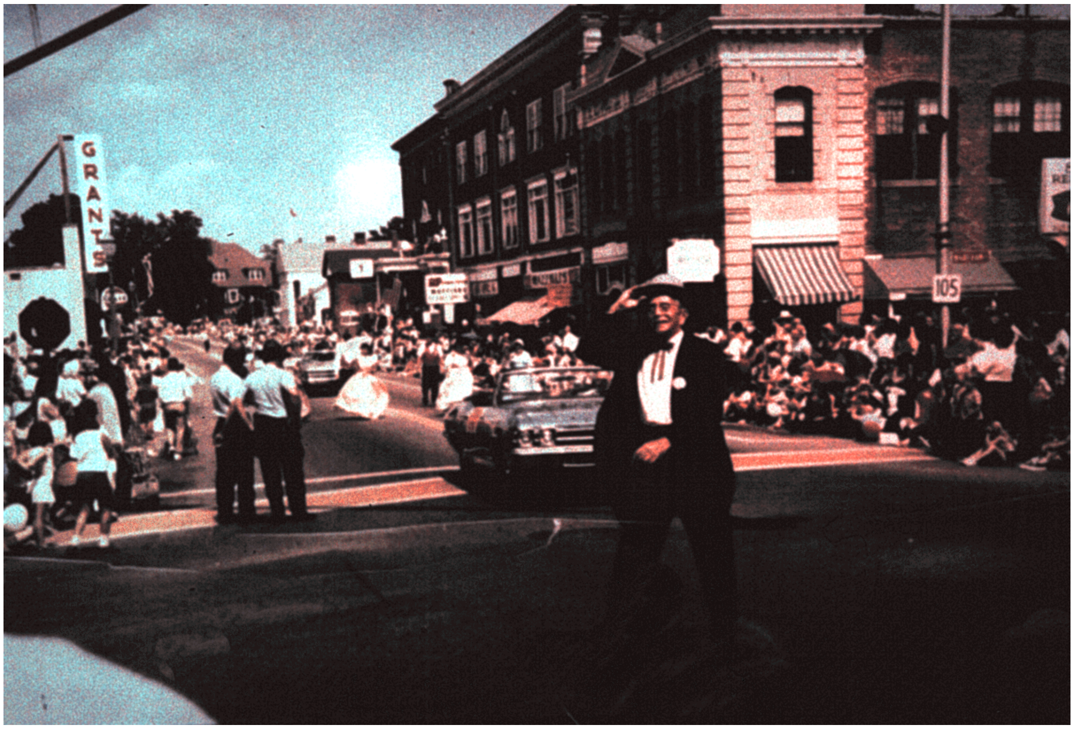
560. “Business Section – Looking South”

This view would almost be a contemporary view, if it were not for the Nemasket House, the horse delivery wagon and the old automobiles. Note the barber signs outside the present Superior Cab Co. This shop, like many, had a wall rack for its clientele’s personal shaving mugs.


GIFTS
STATIONERY
MARIA'S
Hallmark
SUPERIOR TAXI
SUPERIOR
CAB
947-2424

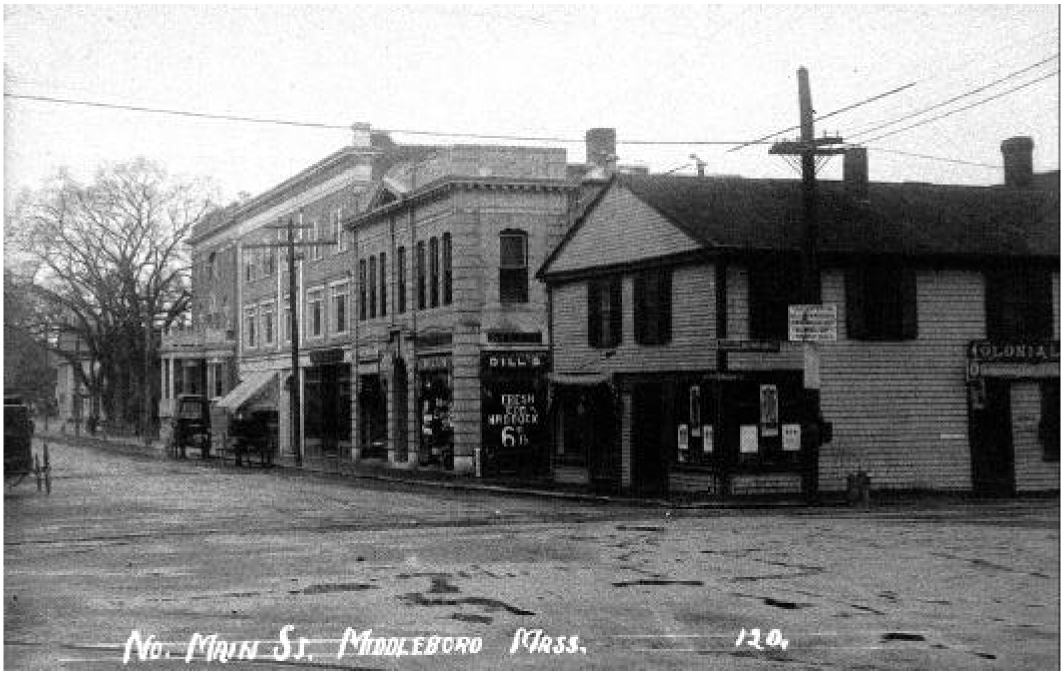
561. Superior Cab Company

This contemporary view shows the old barbershop, minus the roof gallery, as a cab station. The history of this little building remains a mystery; there are mail drop slots behind the inner wall paneling. Could this have been built for mail patrons when the main post office was closed?



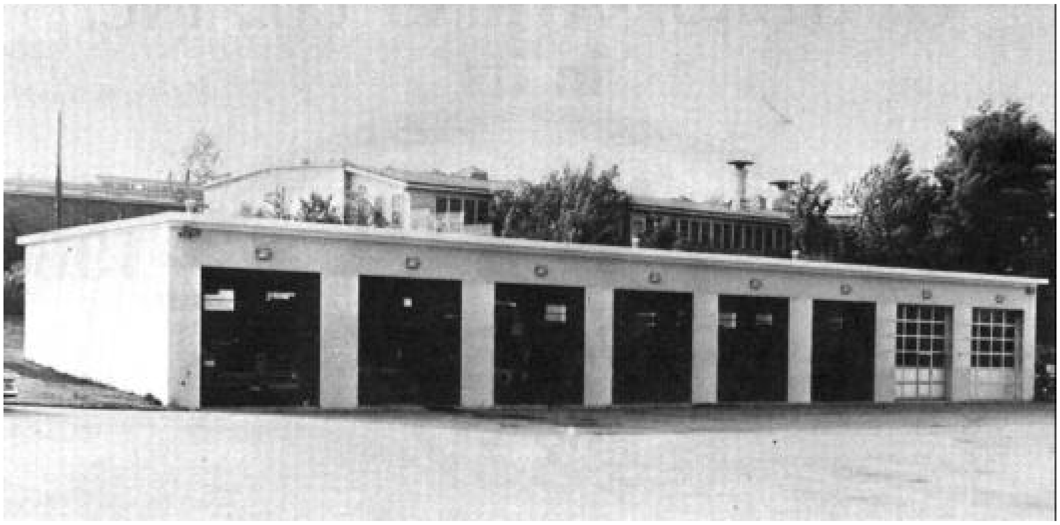
562. Tercentenary Parade

Ken Keedwell at the Four Corners during the Tercentenary Parade. He was the general chairman of celebration.


No. Main St. Middleboro Mass. 120.
DILL'S
FRESH
HADDOCK
6¢
COLONIAL

563. North Main Street View

On the right side of the picture is a building with much history; the George Doane Hardware Store started here, Thomas Pierce, Hardware, different businesses. The last being Bob's Diner before being torn down. In 1915, after the Jones' Block fire, the telephone building was erected to the left of Bob's Diner, (the Telephone Company leased the second floor immediately). The next left is the new Jone's Block, which housed many different enterprises since its erection and finally the new YMCA.



564. Electric Division Garage

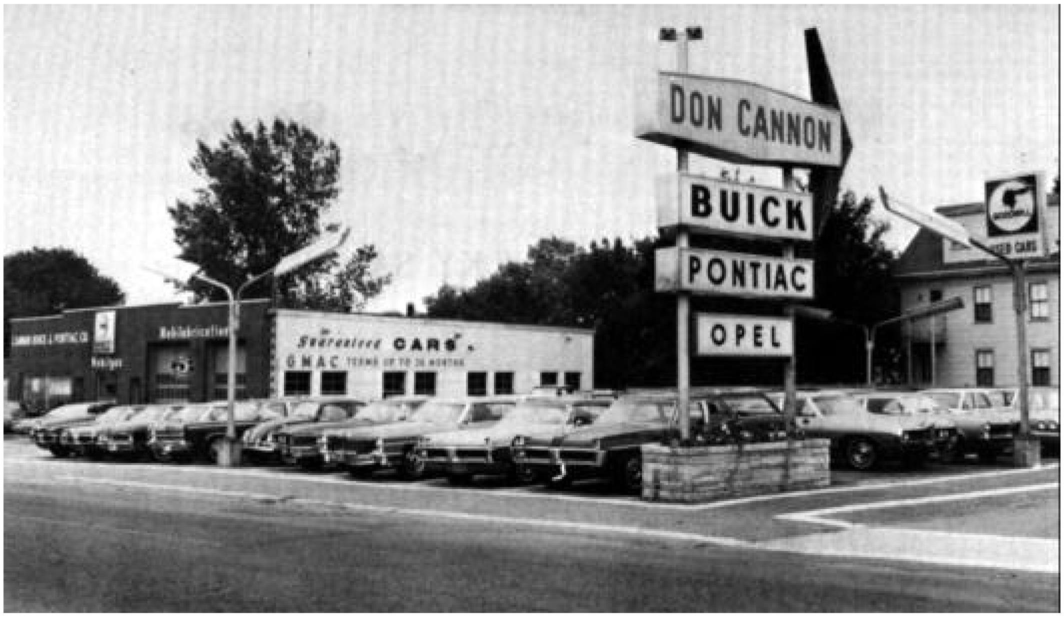
“A new modern garage at the electric light plant on Wareham Street houses a fleet of department trucks, including the highly specialized vehicles of latest design. This, together with a trained crew keep the electric division of the Middleborough Gas & Electric Department abreast of the town’s growing domestic and industrial power needs.”

Source: A Direct Quote from the Middleborough Tercentenary Book, 1969.

565. “Turning the Valve”

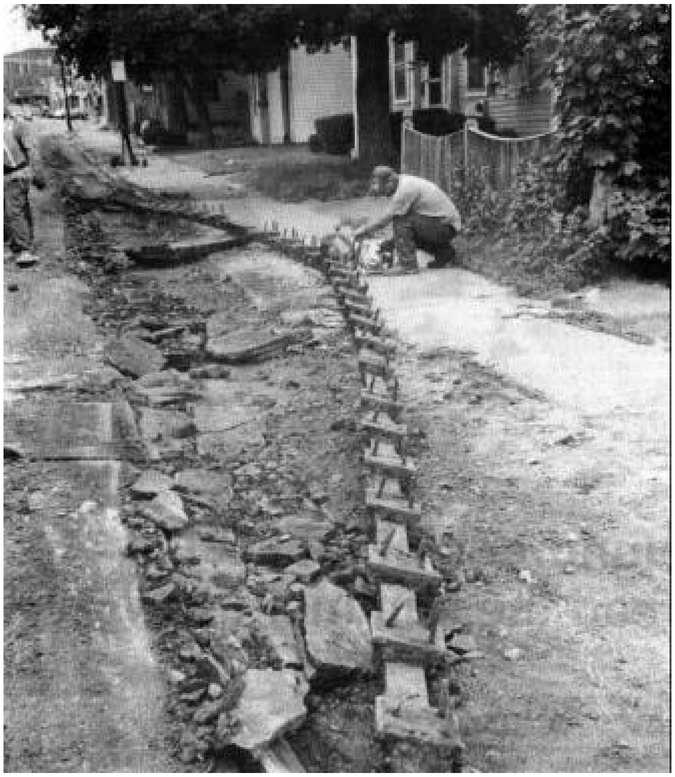
“A landmark in municipally owned gas service occurred on September 1, 1996 when officials of the Algonquin Gas Transmission Co. and Middleborough Gas & Electric Dept. “turned the valve” sending pipeline natural gas into the town’s system. For forty years prior to this, gas had been purchased from the Brockton-Taunton Gas Co. The Middleborough gas system which is over one hundred years old, originally made an enriched water gas and in the early 1900’s distributed a modified oil gas.”

Source: A Direct Quote From the 1969 Middleborough Tercentenary Book


DON CANNON
BUICK
PONTIAC
OPEL
Guaranteed CARS
GMAC

566. Don Cannon Buick Pontiac

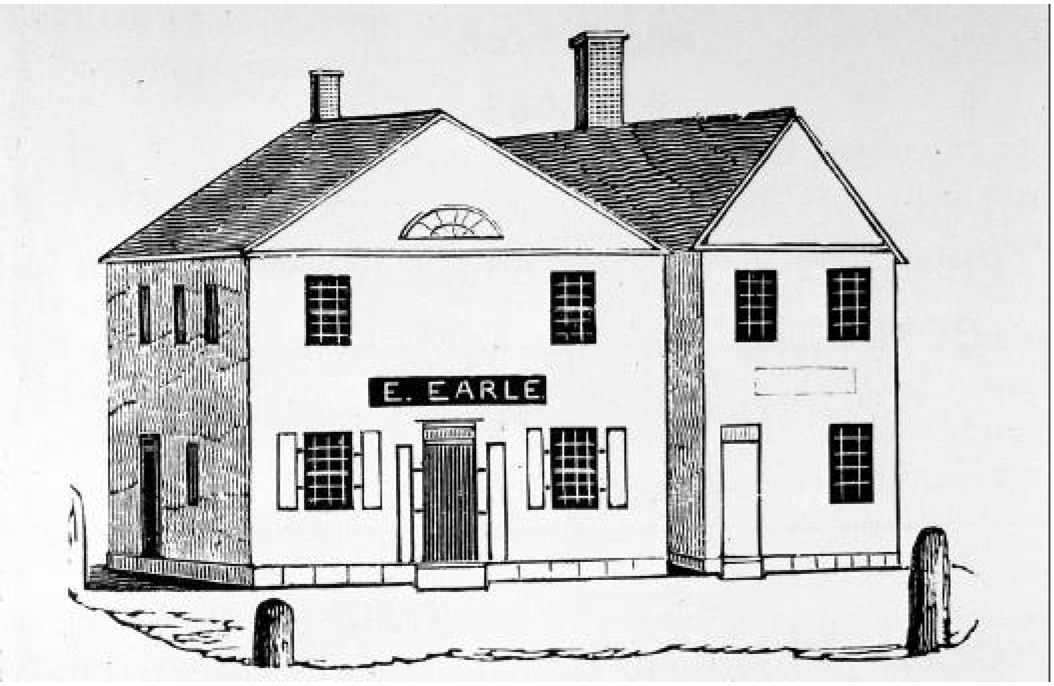
Donald Cannon started his new garage sometime in 1955-1956; it replaced the Benson Harness Shop and the Dean Woodworking shop.



567. Trolley Track Removal

“What looked to one observer like a dinosaur spine is actually the remains of downtown trolley tracks being removed from Wareham Street by the D.P.W. prior to reconstruction of a portion of the street near the Four Corners as part of the town’s streetscape improvements. Trolley cars ran from 1899 to 1929 on the Middleborough, Wareham and Buzzard’s Bay Railway line and its successors, the New Bedford, Middleborough and Brockton Railway and the East Taunton Street Railway. By 1929, buses replaced the trolleys. Trolley tracks could still be seen on South Main Street until 1962, when they were torn up.

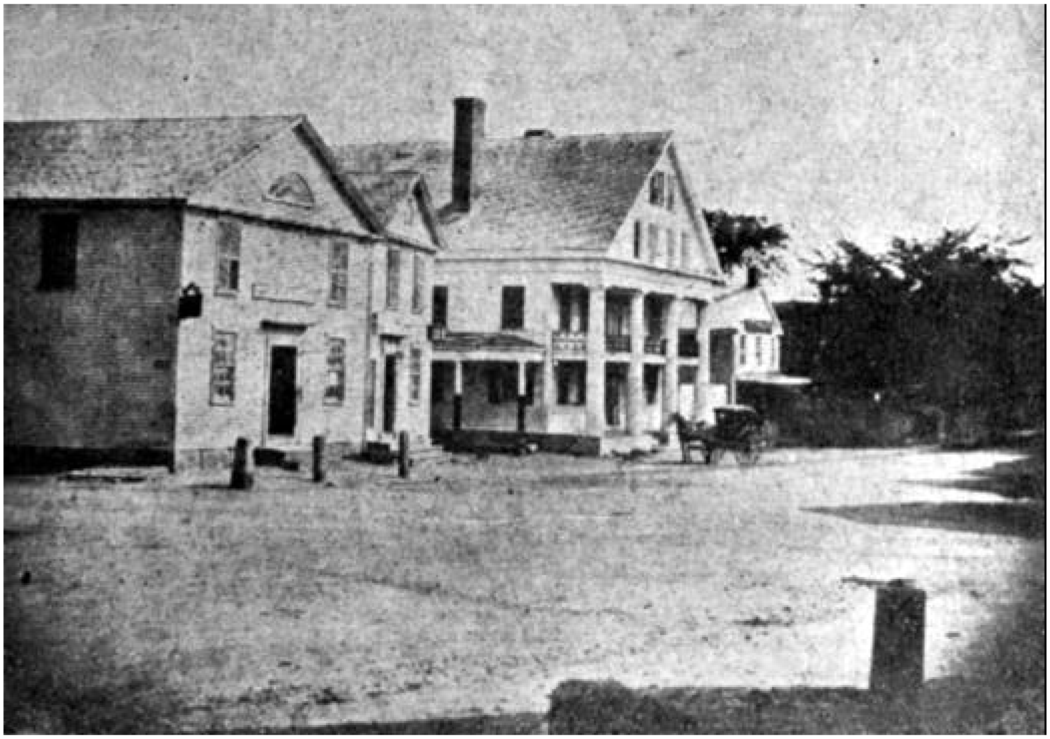
Source: Jane Lopes Quote, Middleboro Gazette



568. Major Ethan Earle’s Dry Goods Shop

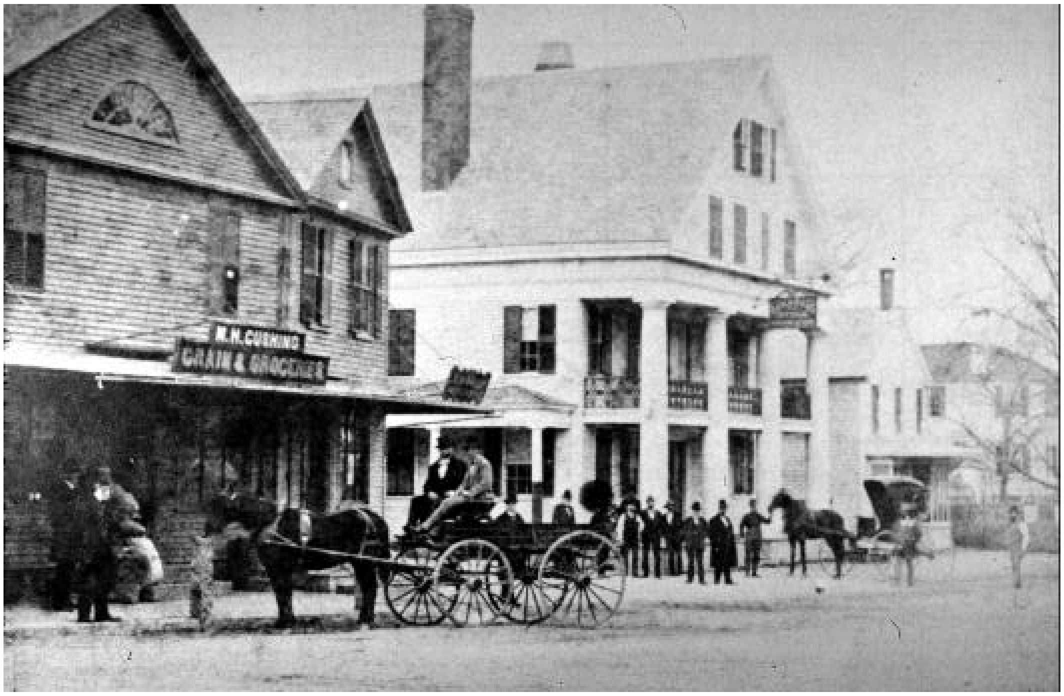
This woodcut was given by Mrs. Nellie Wicher Shaw and shows the early corner where Major Ethan Earle had his dry goods store and beyond is the well known Nemasket House.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XVIII, April 1978, Number 4, pg. 11.



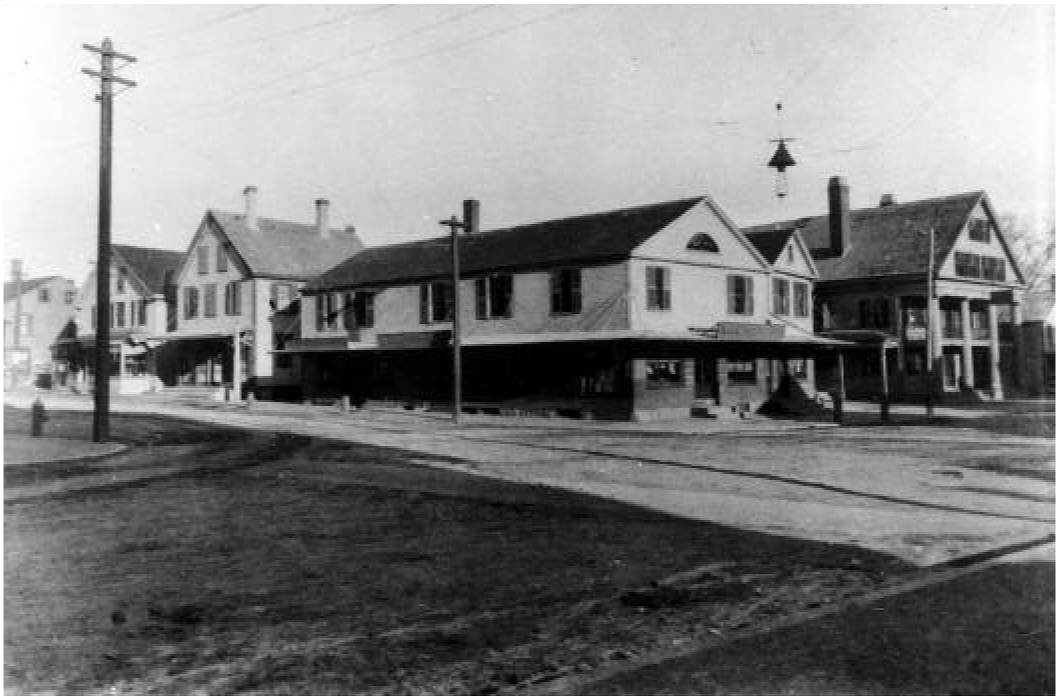
569. “An Old Business Corner”

The corner was known to many of the later generation as the Matthew H. Cushing Grocery Store, but had many other businesses earlier. The building was built by Harrie Washburn, a cabinetmaker who had a good business.



570. “An Old Business Corner”

This beautiful photo shows how prosperous the Nemasket House was in its day. The Middleborough Historical Museum has the sign that hung there for many years. In the distance, may be seen the early Martinique and the Cushing Grocer Store on the corner.

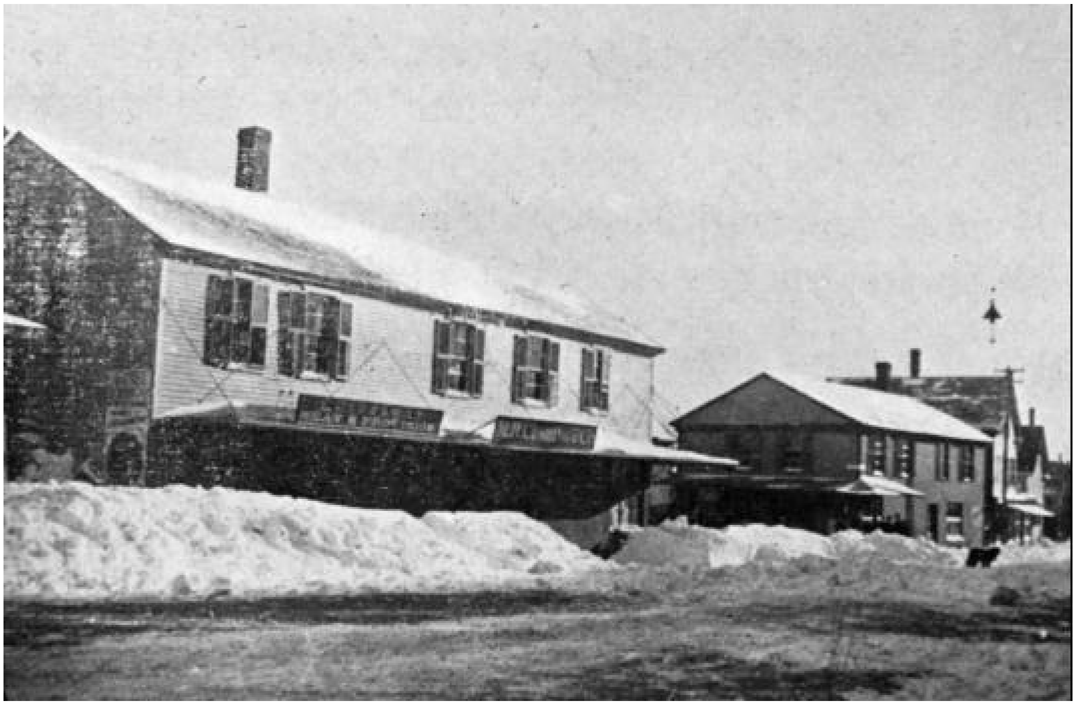


571. Matthew H. Cushing Grain & Grocery Store

This village scene was destroyed in 1899 when the Cushing Store was demolished and Barden's Restaurant, next to it, was removed to the corner of North and Myrtle Street. The Peirce Block was built in 1900 on the site. The Nemasket House was torn down in 1939.

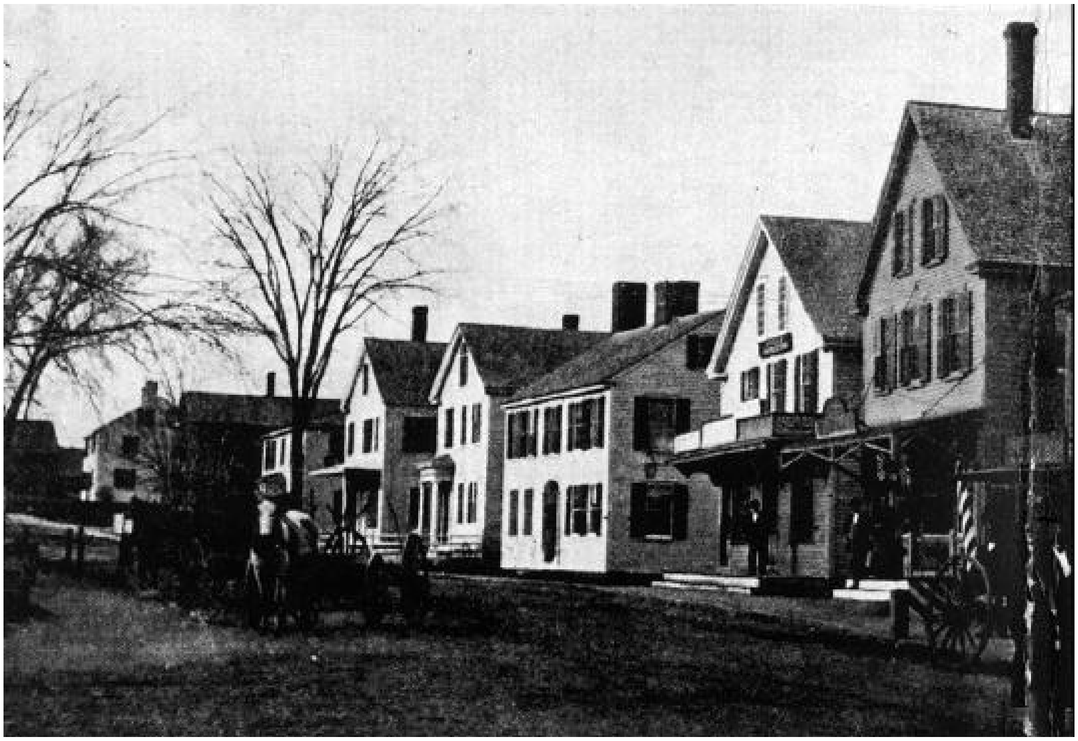
572. Rev. Stillman Pratt

"Rev. Stillman B. Pratt, editor and publisher of the Gazette from 1854 to about 1862. (Photo courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. William K. White.)"



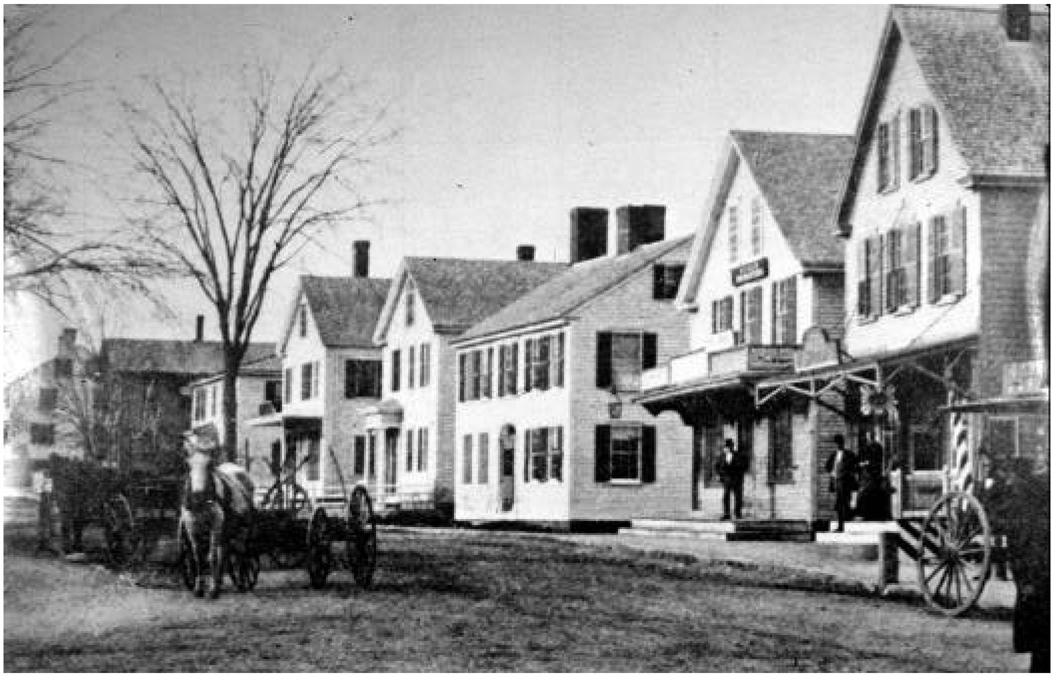
573. Four Corners View

“Winter Scene at an Old Corner”. This winter scene looking toward the Four Corners shows the Cushing Store on the left and across the street the Thomas Pierce Hardware Store.



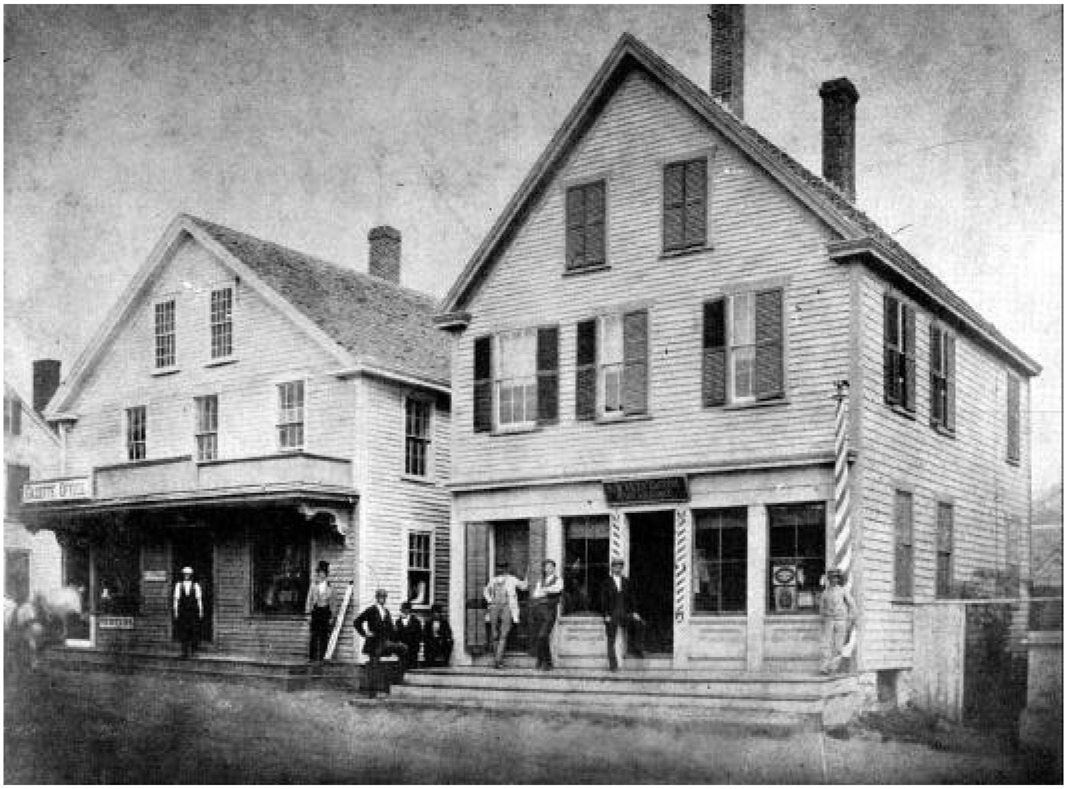
574. Looking Up Centre Street

This view shows that the Whitman-Sparrow Store had not yet been built.



575. Old View of Centre Street

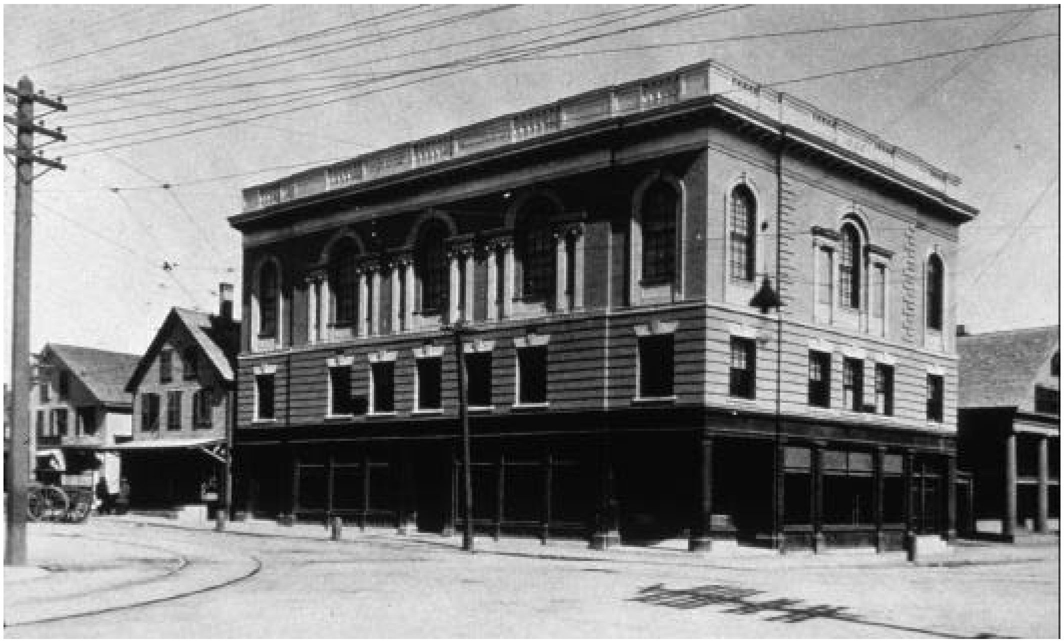
This shows a very busy main street of a small New England Village. The third house from the right was a private home turned into businesses. It was torn down in 1927 to make way for the new F.W. Woolworth Block. As we go to the next building, the coastal supply is there today. Mrs. Pierce lived in the next house, for many years a drug store, now Sam's Antiques.



576. Centre Street Business's

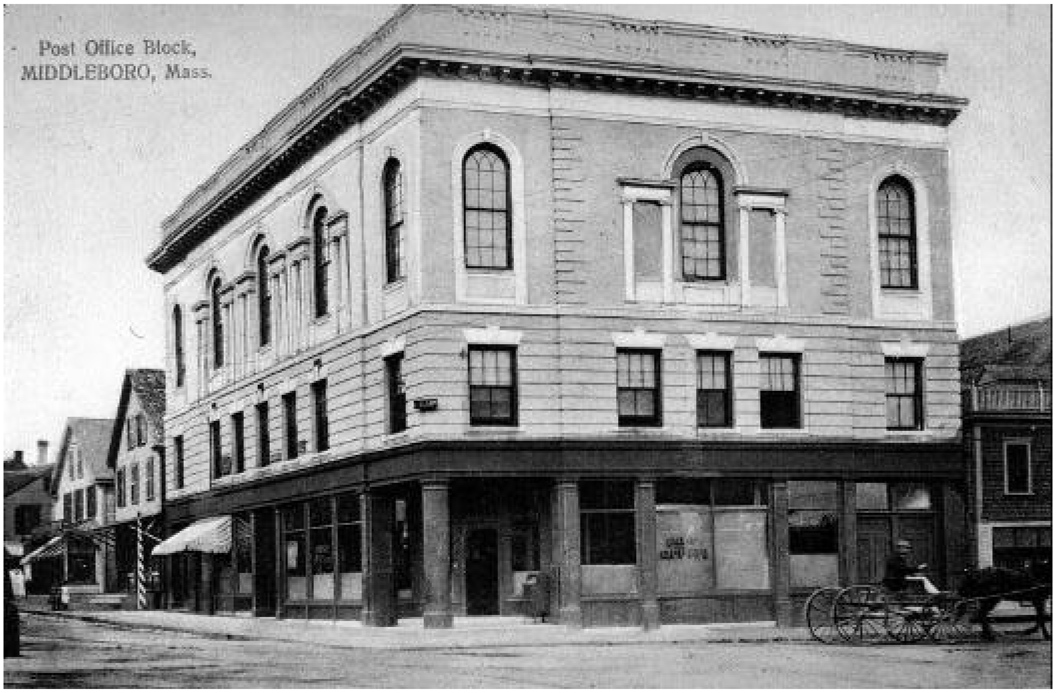
"The above picture depicts Centre Street as it looked well before the turn of the century. The sign over the left door reads 'Gazette Office', apparently on the second floor; the one under the window is 'Oysters' and the one above it, 'Ice Cream'. On the right hand building, the sign is 'S.H. Sylvester, Hair Dresser'. This building is remembered by later generations as the location of Peter Ramsey's Barbershop. The first left hand figure is not identified; the gentleman with rolled maps beside him is indicated as 'an agent for maps,' the next three figures are unidentified; the gentleman in the doorway is Solomon H. Sylvester, proprietor of the barbershop. The next is not identified, but the last figure on the right is Henry H. Sylvester, son of Solomon H.

Source: A direct quote from the Middleborough Antiquarian
Vol.XIII, Jan. 1972, Number 2, pg.1 (cover)



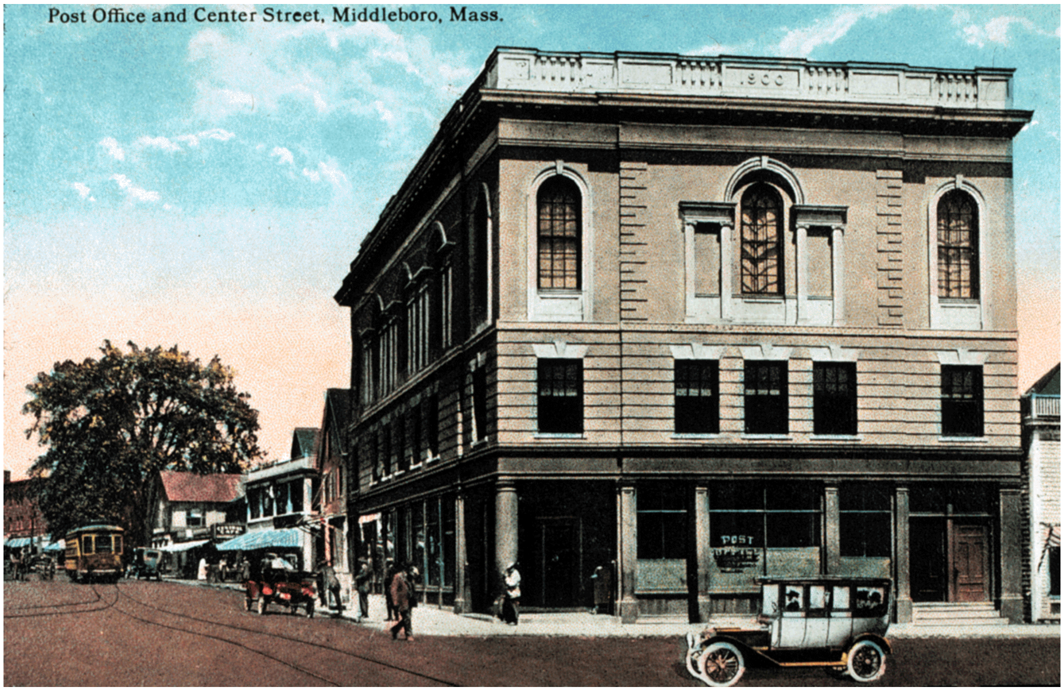
577. Peirce Block

This photograph was taken shortly after the building was built in 1900 and shows off its sparkling architectural details.


Post Office Block,
MIDDLEBORO, Mass.

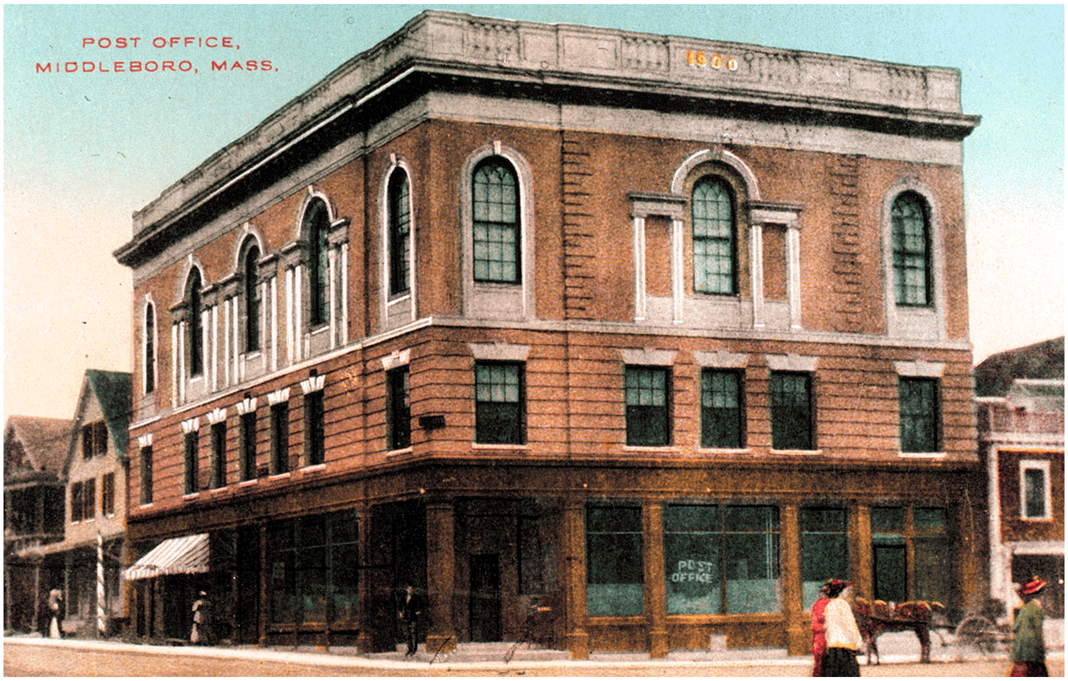
578. Post Office Block

The U.S. Postal Service leased the ground floor of the Pierce Block almost immediately after it was built in 1900.


Post Office and Center Street, Middleboro, Mass.
1900
POST

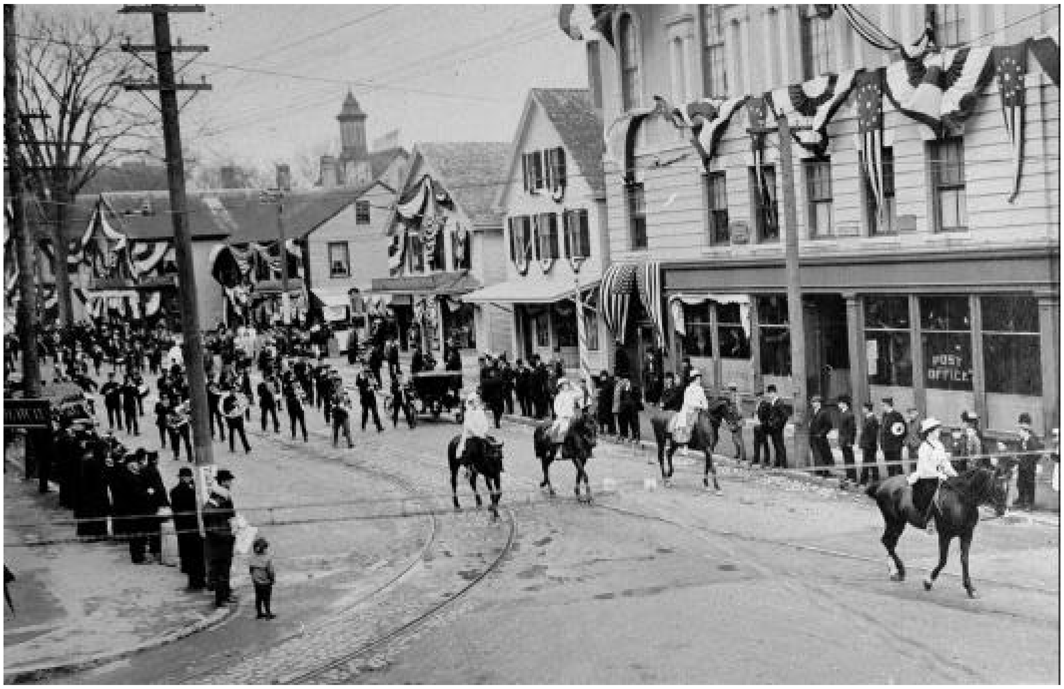
579. Post Office and Centre Street

For many years the third floor held the Masonic Lodge and the Peirce Trustees had an office suite on the second floor with rooms for other offices.



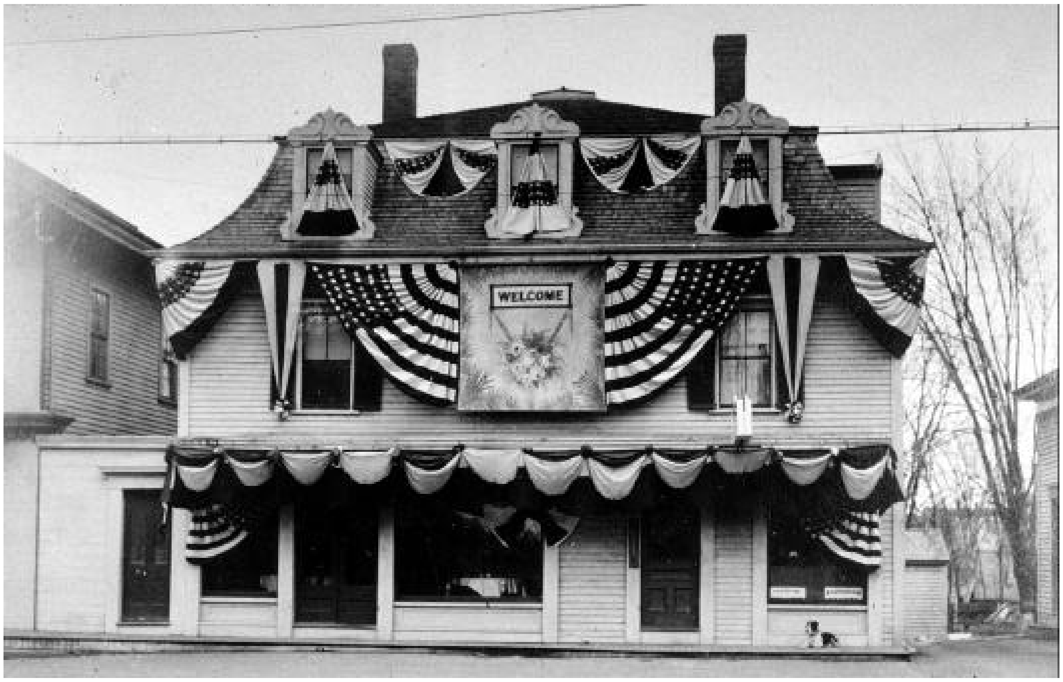
580. Post Office

In about 1932 when the U.S. Post Office moved to their new building on Centre Street an interesting story developed; across the street the Middleborough National Bank decided to expand into Dupont's Dress Shop. The bank tellers used the postal clerk's windows in the old post office; each morning a police officer would escort the removal of the money from the bank vault to the temporary bank across the street and back again at night.



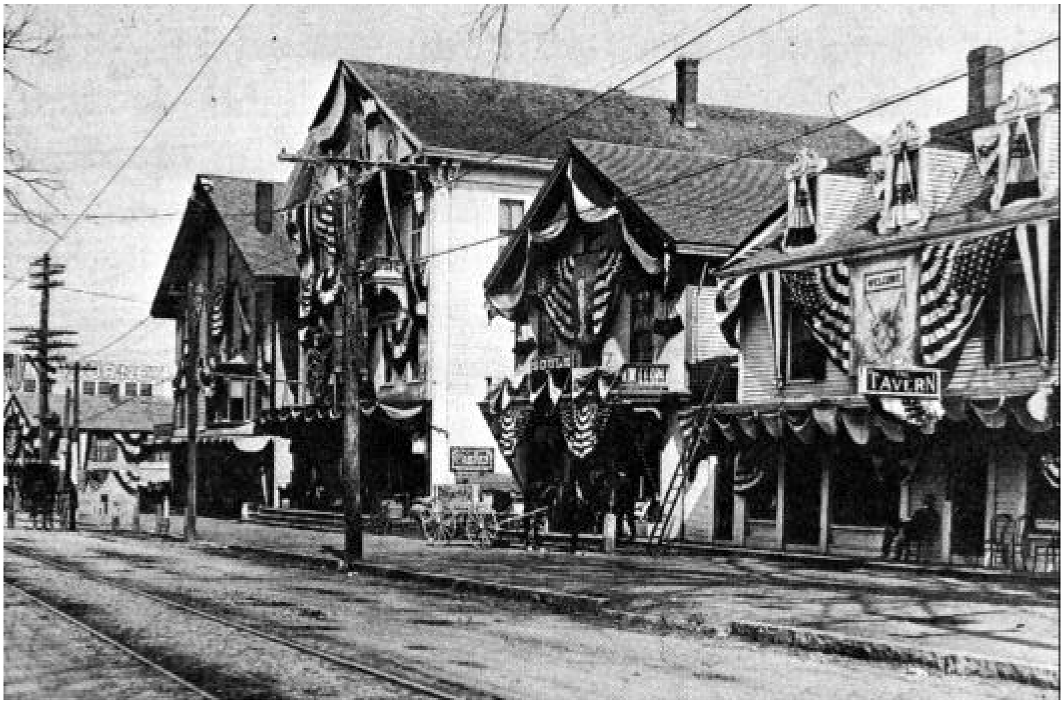
581. Parade

We have no knowledge of this old parade, but we have a panorama of the old post office up to the old pagoda steeple of Central Methodist Church.



582. Old Drake House

This is the Old Drake Homestead. The smaller original home was connected on the right in this picture and was torn down to make way for the Middleborough Cooperative Bank. The present building has a two story brick front added and is now the Sullivan Block.



583. South Main Street View

This is about the only section of the downtown business district that could be restored, back to the original, with the removal of all the storefronts.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
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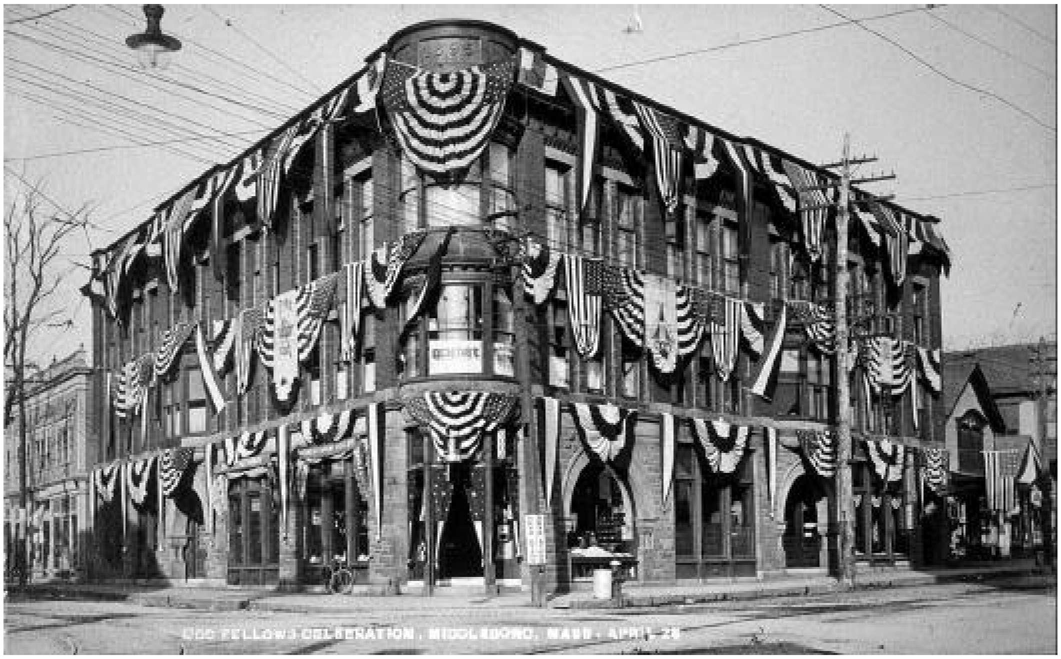
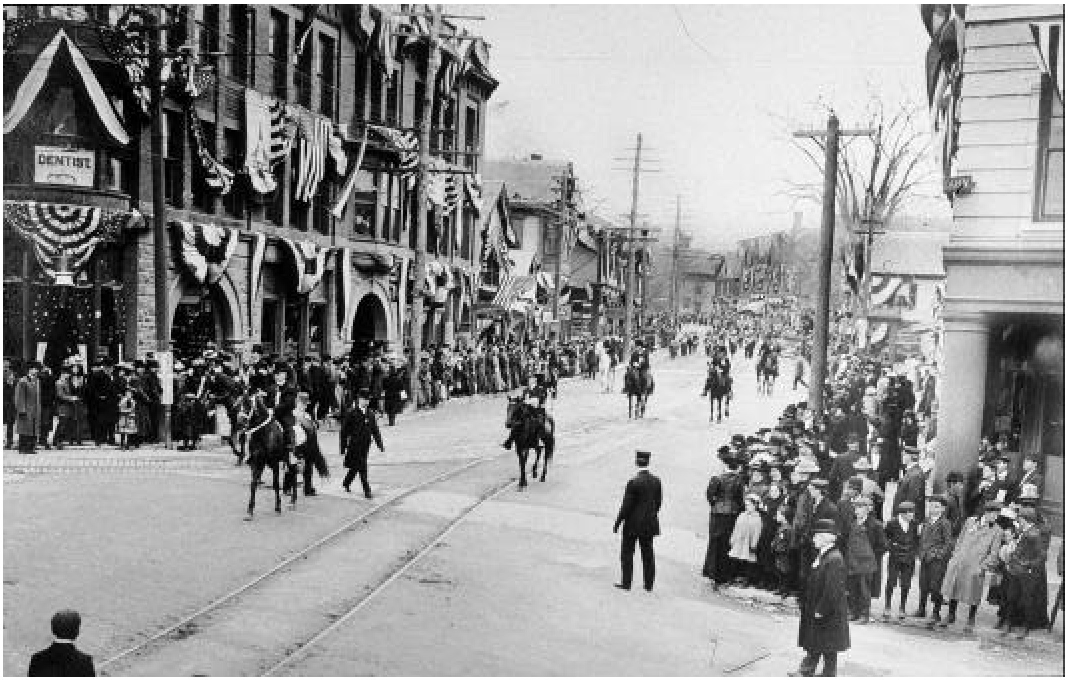

ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATION, MIDDLEBORO, MASS. APRIL 26

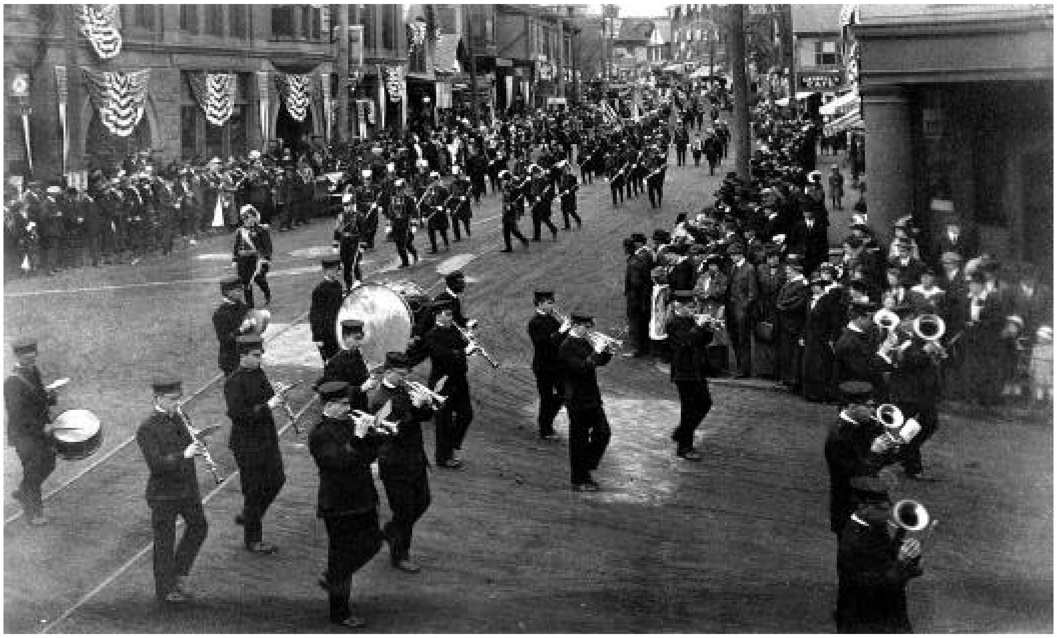
584. Bank Block

The Bank Block decked out for this parade looks like a giant birthday cake, either that or 4th of July rockets heading for the moon. The third floor was the lodge room for the odd fellows and their 3-ring symbol hung over the Four Corners for many years.



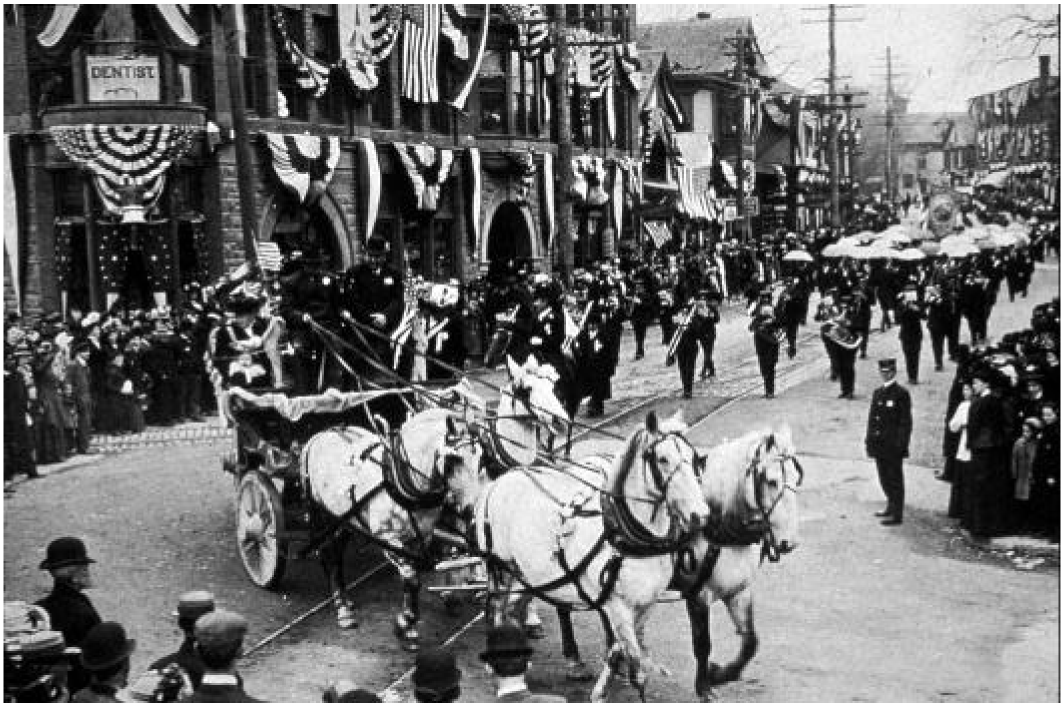
585. Odd-Fellows Parade

This shows one of the equestrian units in the Odd Fellows extravaganza; one could for example, get a turkey dinner for a whopping 5 cents at the Nemasket House dining room and at other points in the business center.



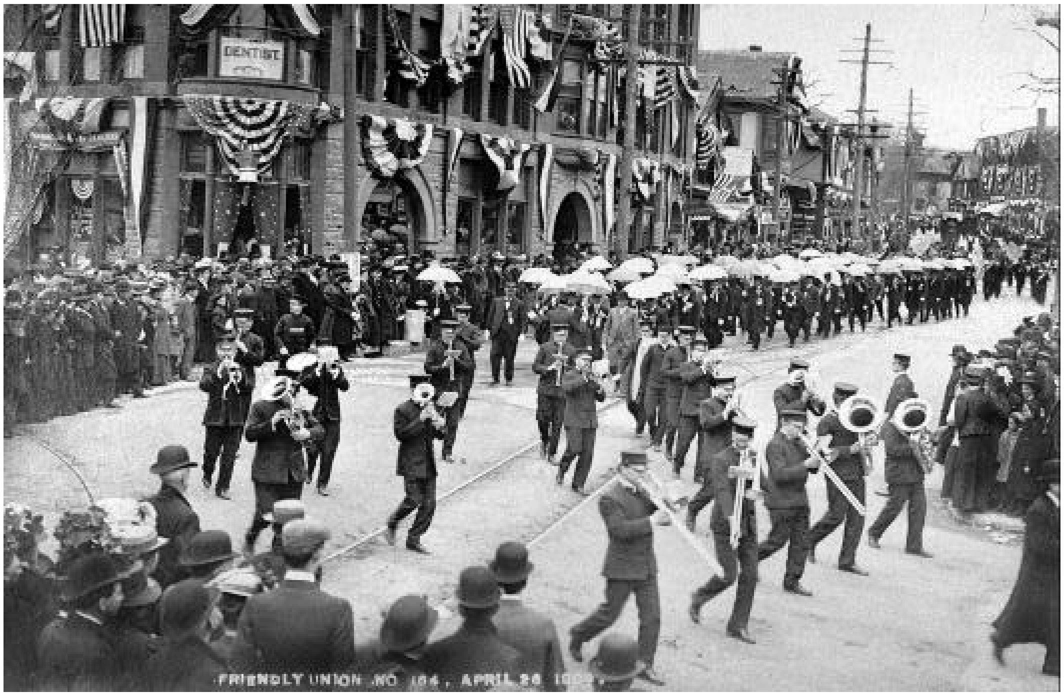
586. Odd-Fellows Parade

This picture shows the huge size of the parade and the parade watchers.



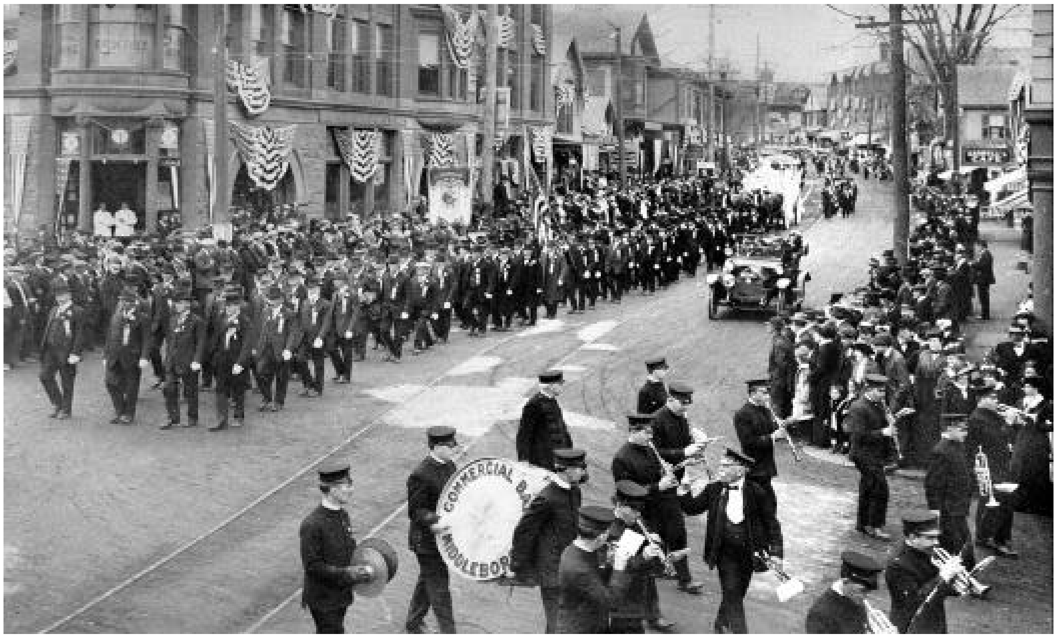
587. Odd-Fellows Parade

Isn’t this a gorgeous view of the four white horses pulling a wagon full of delegates from the Odd Fellow Lodges. Note the group in the rear with their opened umbrellas.


DENTIST
FRIENDLY UNION NO 104, APRIL 26

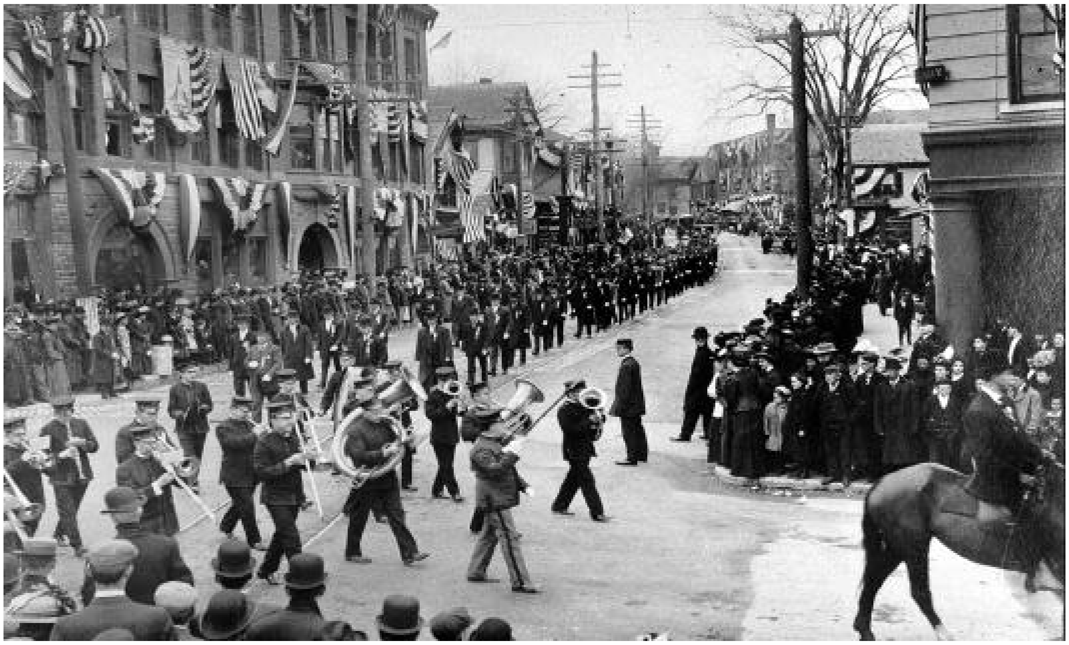
588. Odd-Fellows Parade

Note the arrival of the group with the opened umbrellas! This was about the largest parade that Middleborough ever had. This great parade was held to celebrate the anniversaries of the state’s 100th birthday and the Middleborough Group’s 25th.


COMMERCIAL BAND
MIDDLEBORO

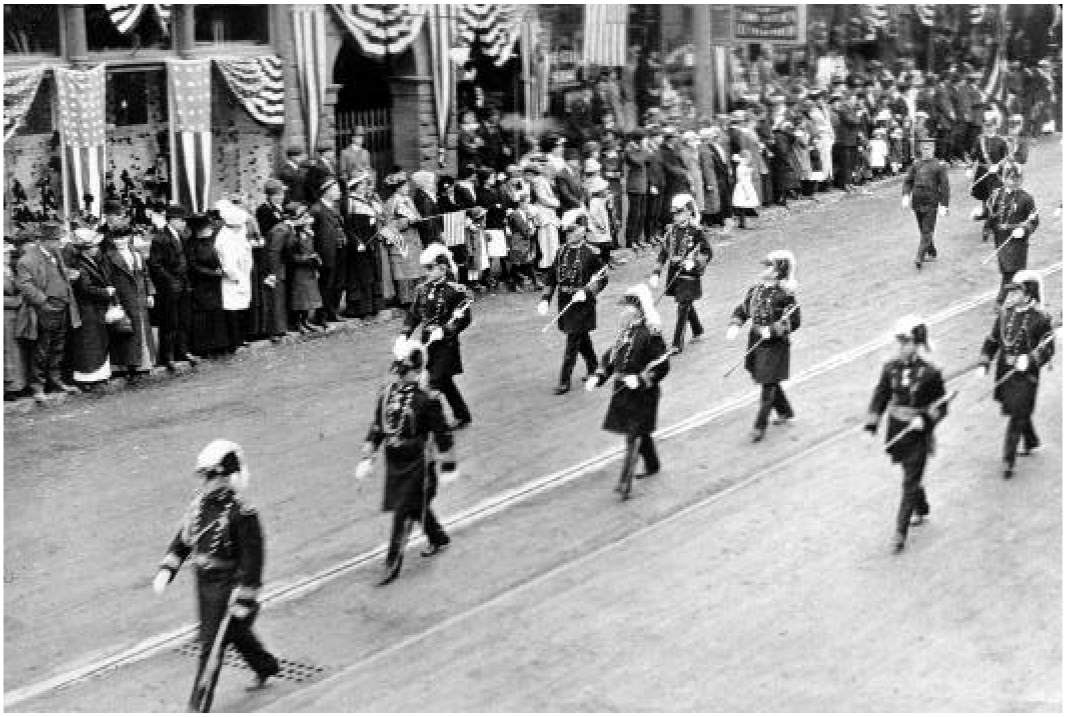
589. Odd-Fellows Parade

With this view we finally come to the Middleborough contingent celebrating the 25th anniversary. The Middleborough commercial band is leading the men of Middleborough in their finery.



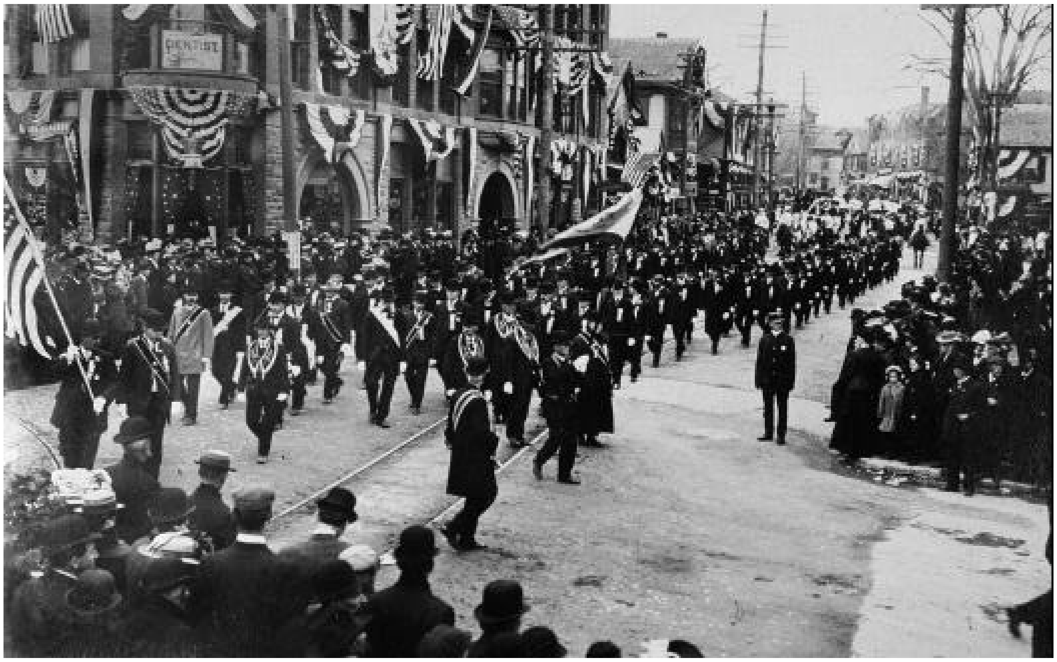
590. Odd-Fellows Parade

Yet another band goes through the Four Corners, and the music goes on, reverberating against the buildings.



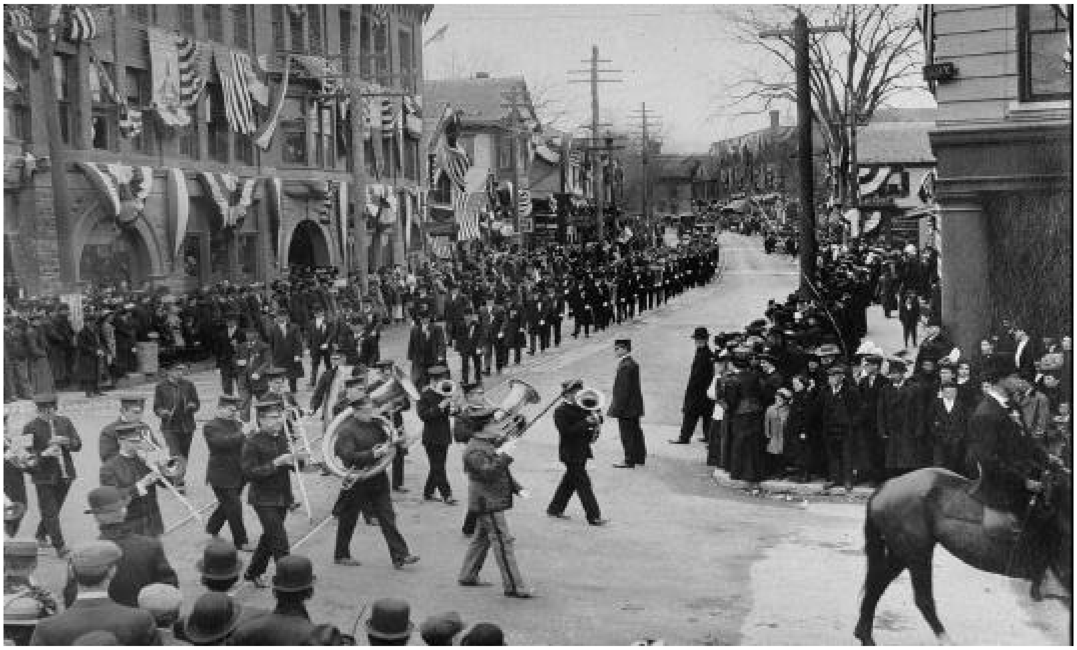
591. Odd-Fellows Parade

The Odd Fellows march along in their finery before an overflow group of spectators.



592. Odd-Fellows Parade

As the parade passes through the Four Corners one can note the trolley tracks, the bunted buildings, and the overflow crowd.

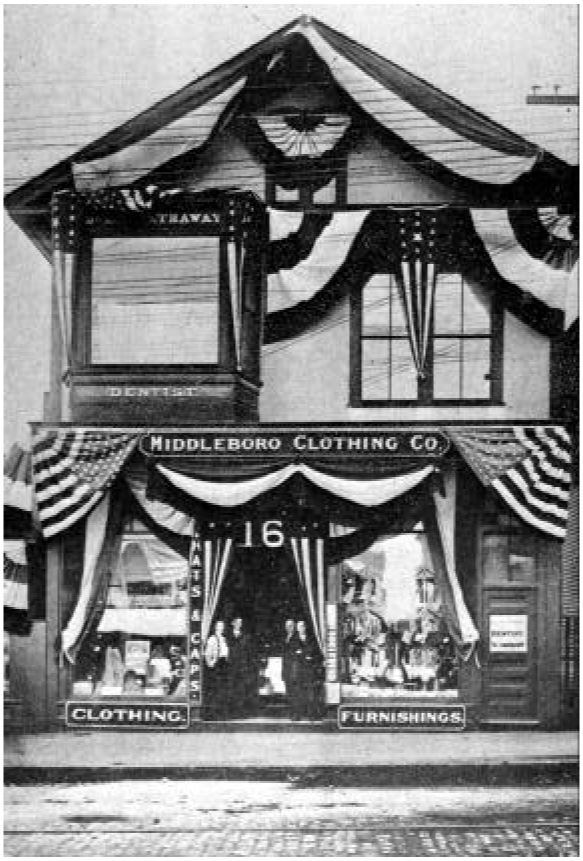


593. Odd-Fellows Parade

Another band another Union!

594. Middleborough Clothing Store

In 1894, Middleborough Clothing Store was moved to its present location from the American Block. Standing in the doorway is Miss Ruth Martin (Mrs. Ivan Rogers), John Erickson, clerk; Frederick D. Martin, store founder; last figure is unknown.


TRAWAY
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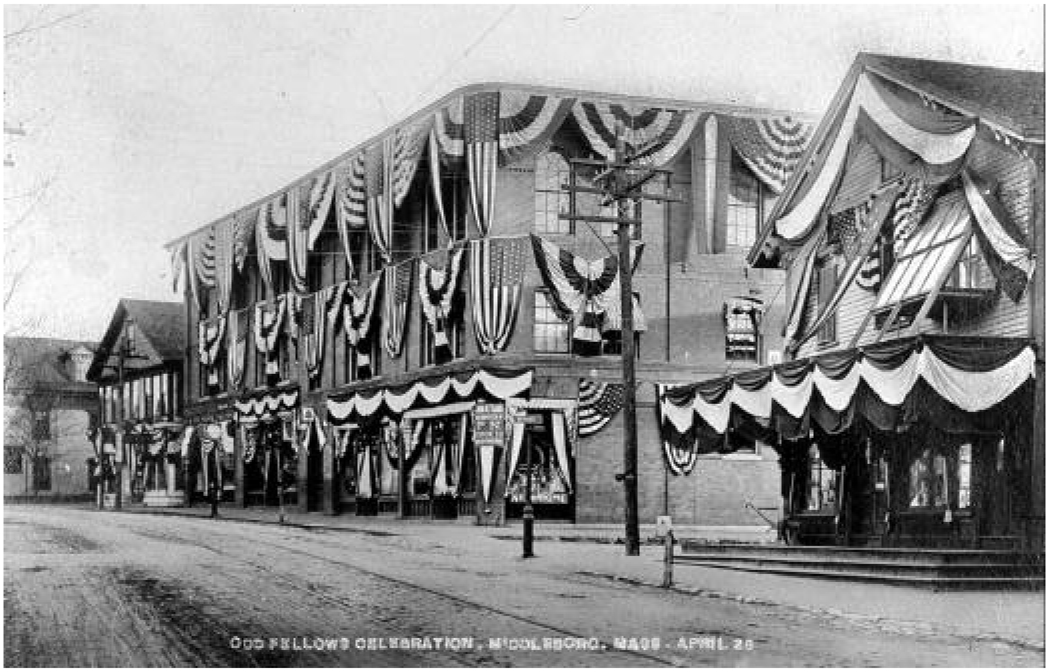
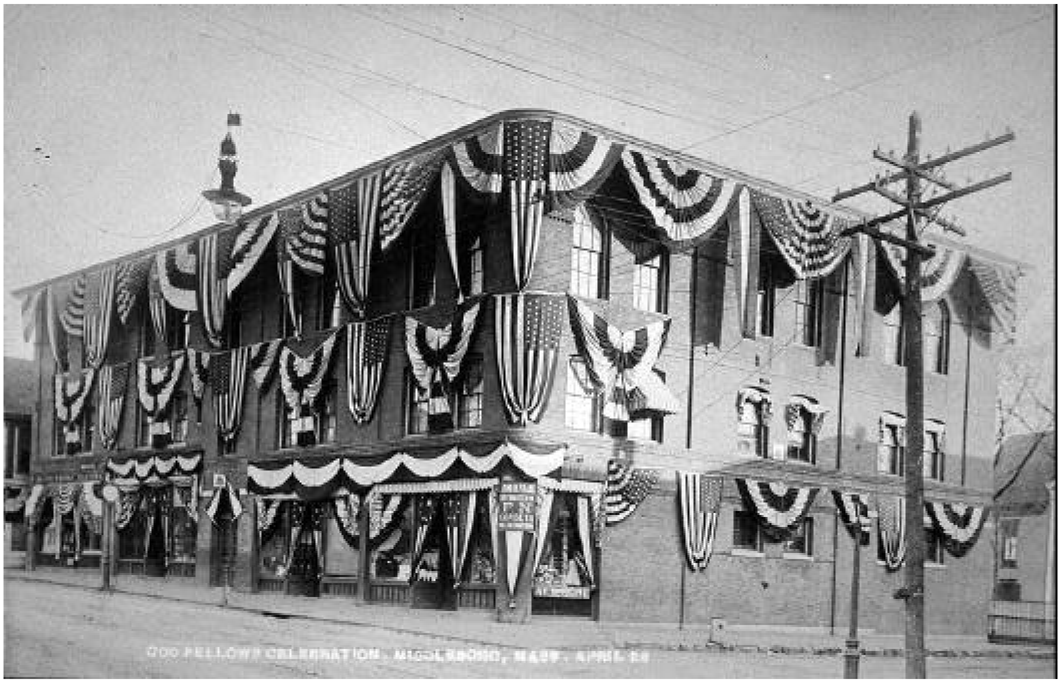
MIDDLEBORO CLOTHING CO.
16
HATS & CAPS
CLOTHING
FURNISHINGS


ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATION, MIDDLEBORO, MASS - APRIL 26

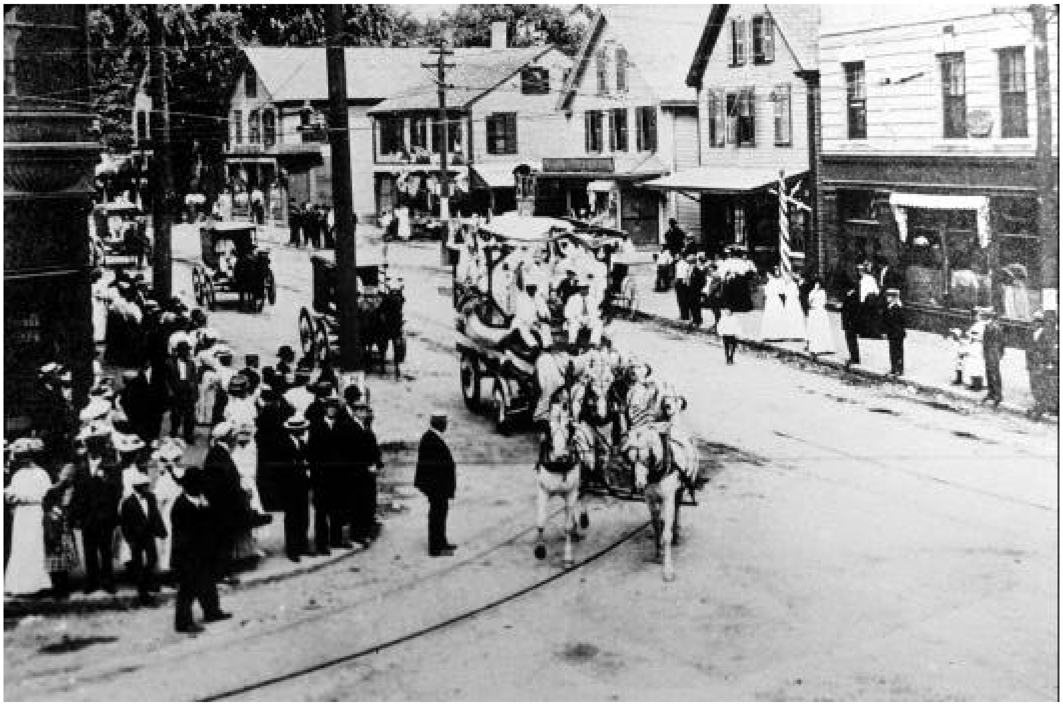
595. Peirce and Glidden Blocks

The first two buildings are fully dressed for the parade. On the Peirce Hardware Store one may notice a Thibault large window to let light into his studio. Beyond the Glidden Building one notes the building that housed Middleborough’s first theatre. Beyond that is the old School St. School.


ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATION, MIDDLEBORO, MASS. APRIL 26

596. Glidden Building

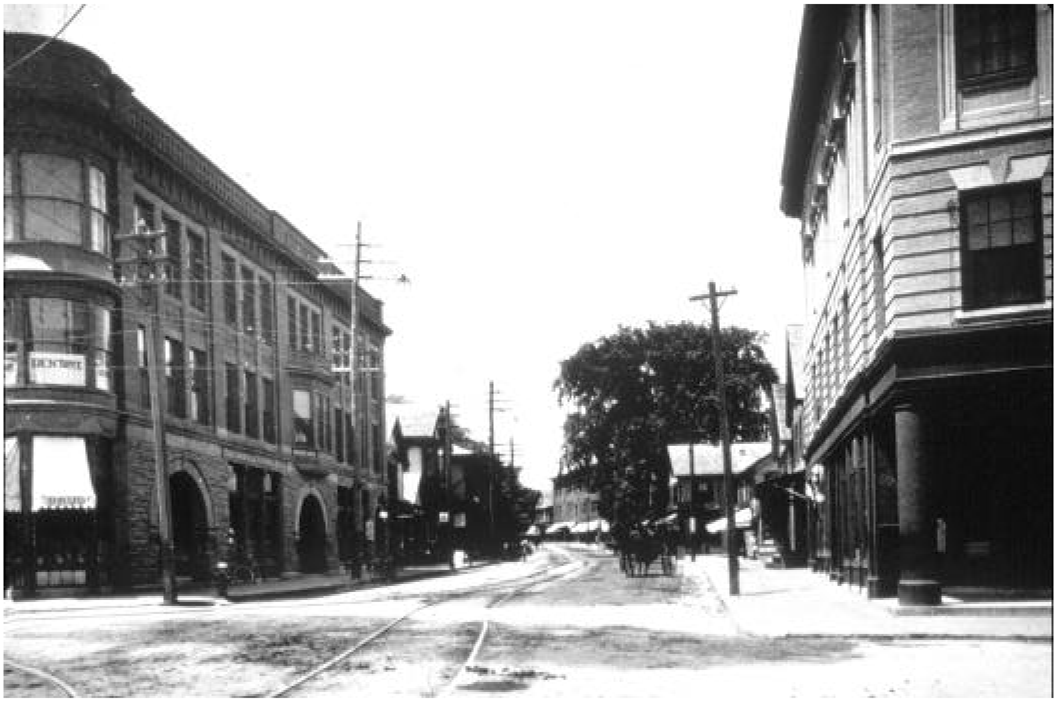
This building which housed the Glidden Store for many years looks very impressive with all its bunting. One can note the side of the Central Methodist church to the right.



597. A Parade

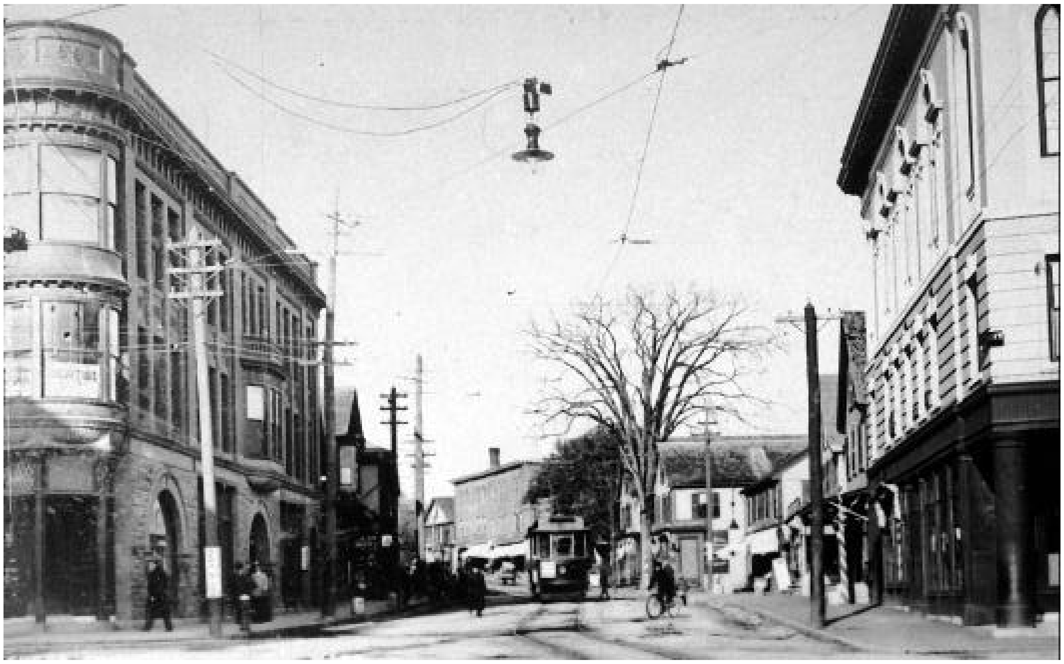
“In the good old summer time” of an era long gone, flowery hats, long skirts, and straw “skimmers” for gents, were in style for spectators of a parade led by a six-horse hitch as it passed through the Four Corners.

Source: A direct quote from Clint Clark



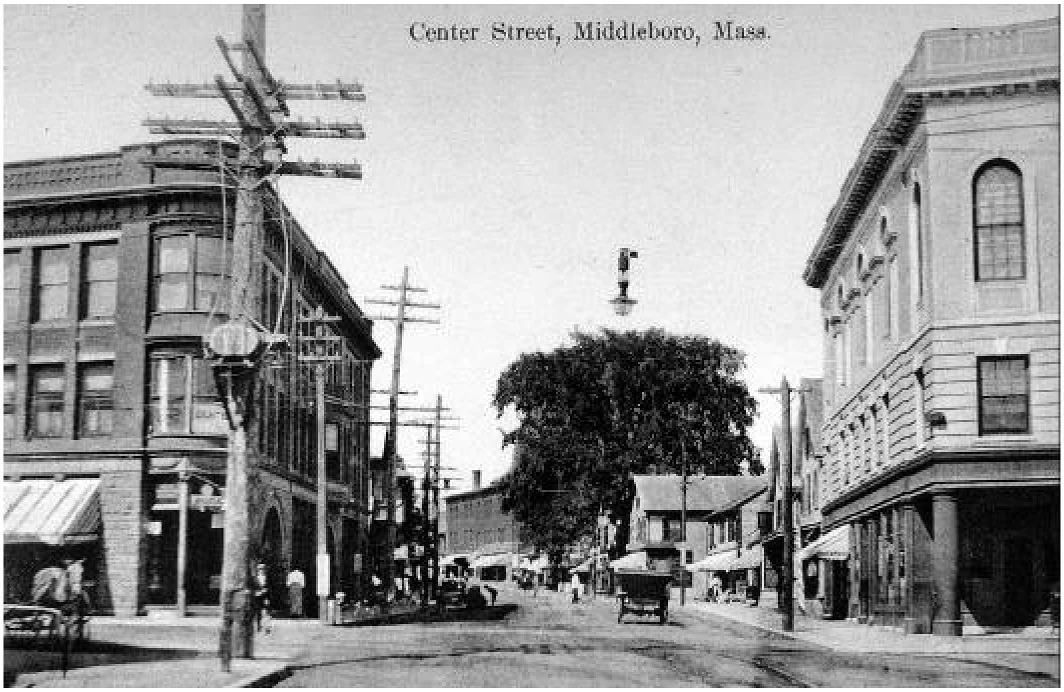
598. Looking Up Centre Street

A very early view looking up Centre Street. On the right may be seen the giant horse chestnut tree that stood in front of the Baptist church manse. On the right corner is the U.S. Post Office in the new Peirce Building.



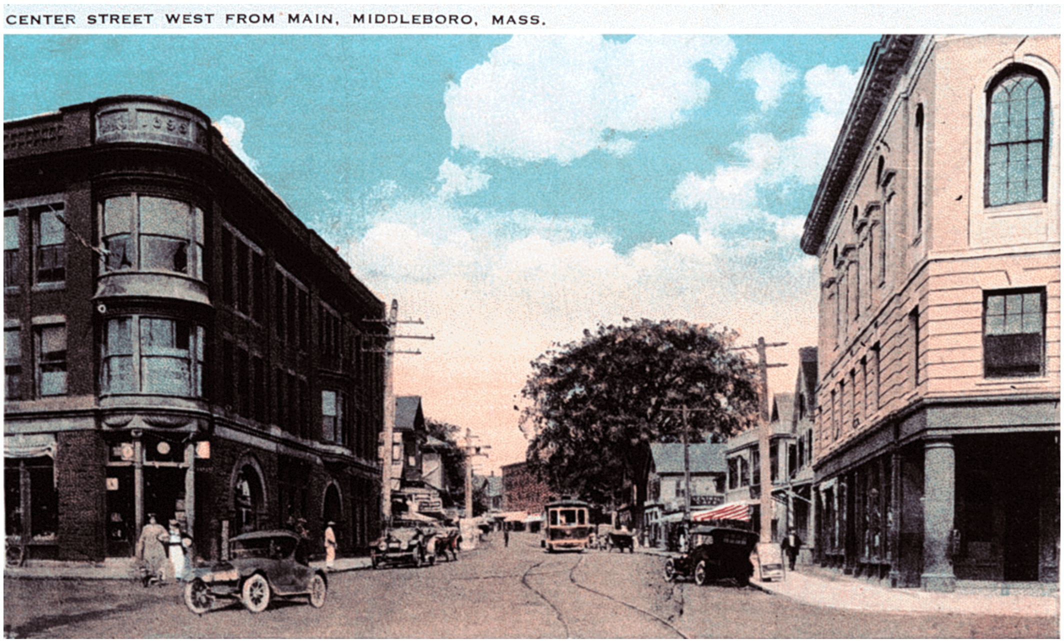
599. Looking Up Centre Street

At this wintry time of year one can see the leafless horse chestnut tree and the trolley coming down the street.


Center Street, Middleboro, Mass.

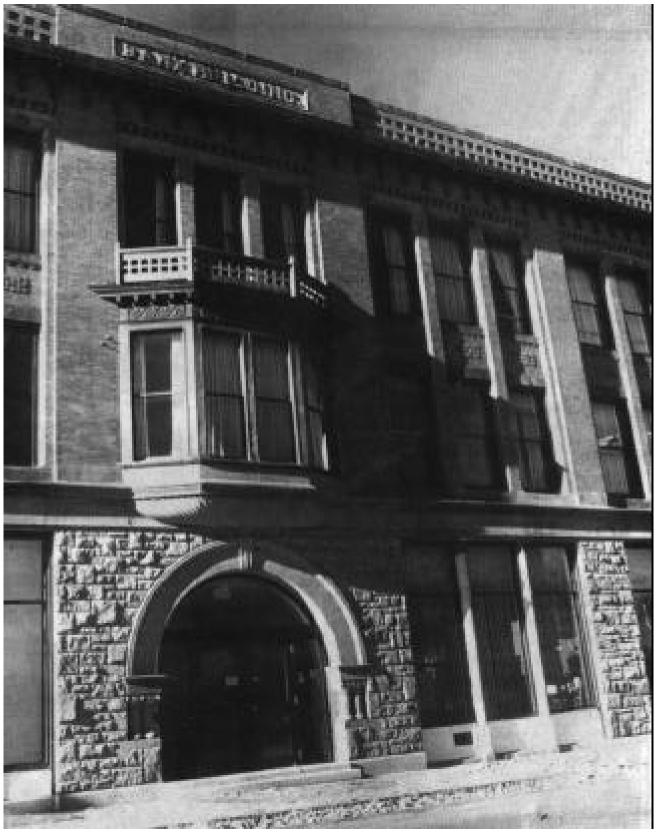
600. Looking Up Centre Street

The automobile has come to Middleborough


CENTER STREET WEST FROM MAIN, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

601. Looking Up Centre Street

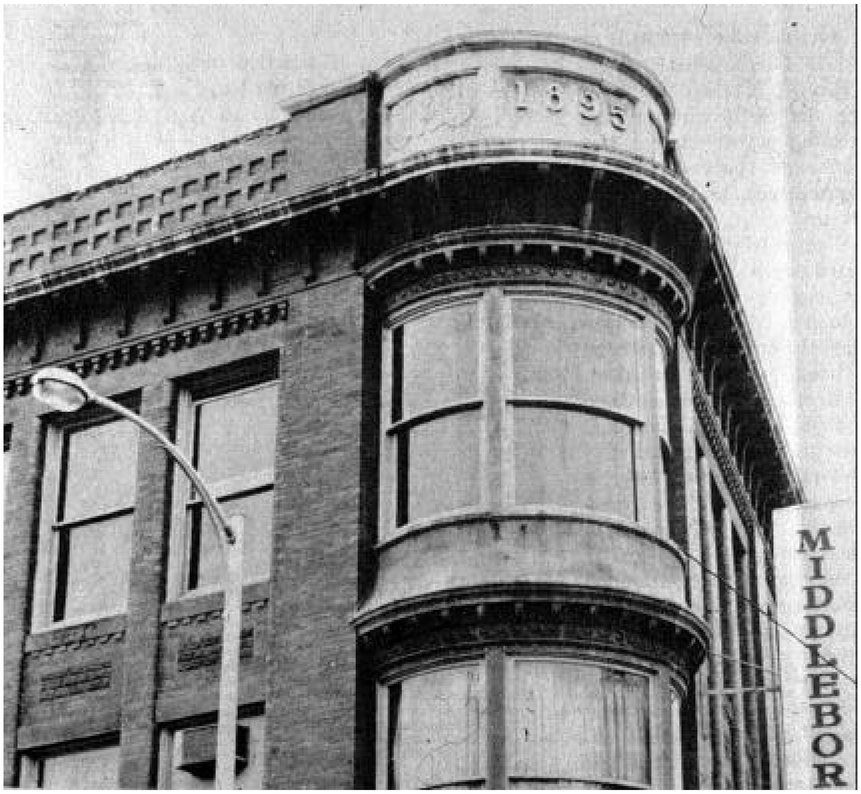
As you can see, the automobile has definitely come to Middleborough, and the famous horse chestnut tree is still casting its shading bows over Centre Street; and the trolley cars are still running.



602. Bank Building

“Elaborate details of the Savings Bank building are the work of 19th century artisans, when terra cotta was molded into the attractive forms shown here.”

Source: Clint Clark Quote

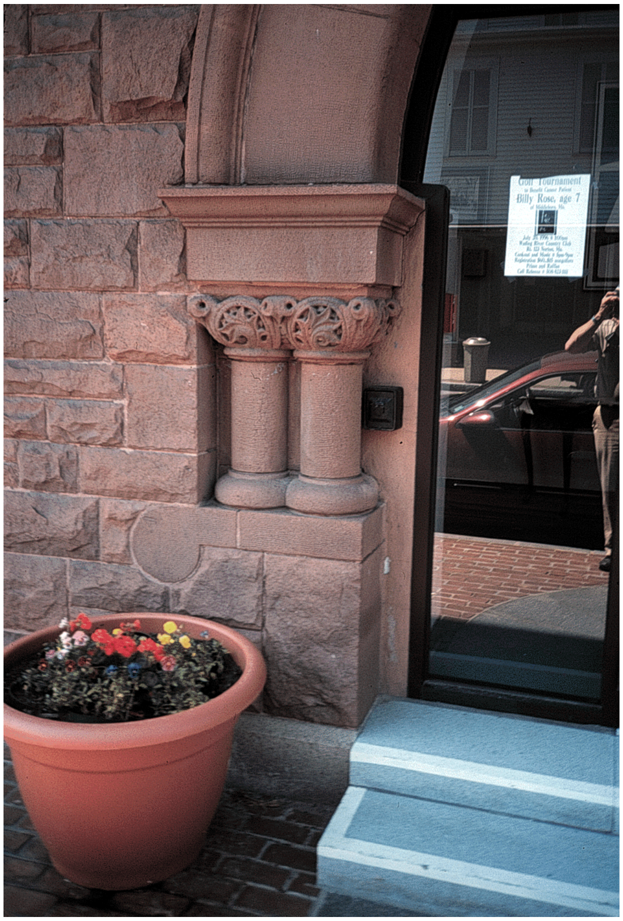

1895
MIDDLEBOR

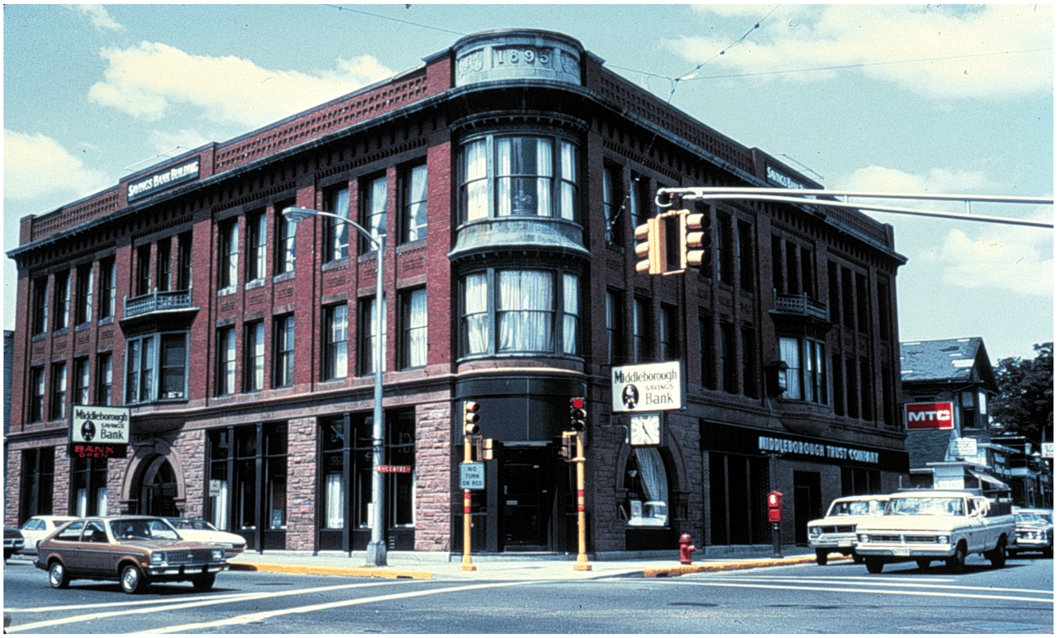
603. The Bank Block

This is a corner view showing the curved windows in the Romanesque style of the Savings Bank Block.

604. The Bank Block

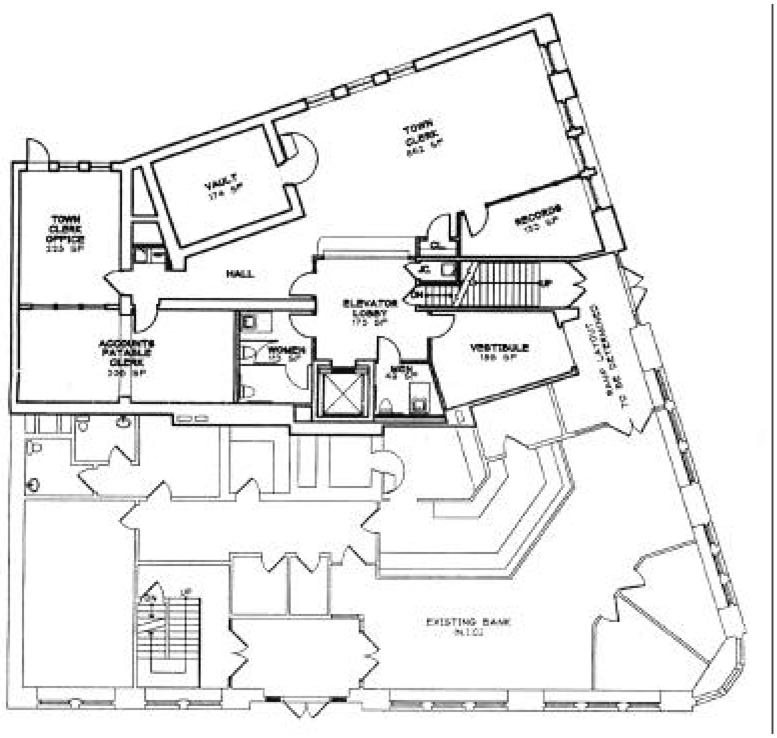
This is an architectural shot showing the decorative sandstone columns that flank either side of the doors on South Main Street and Centre Street.




1895
SAVINGS BANK BUILDING
Middleborough Savings Bank
BANK OPEN
NO TURN ON RED
Middleborough Savings Bank
MIDDLEBOROUGH TRUST COMPANY
MTC

605. The Bank Block

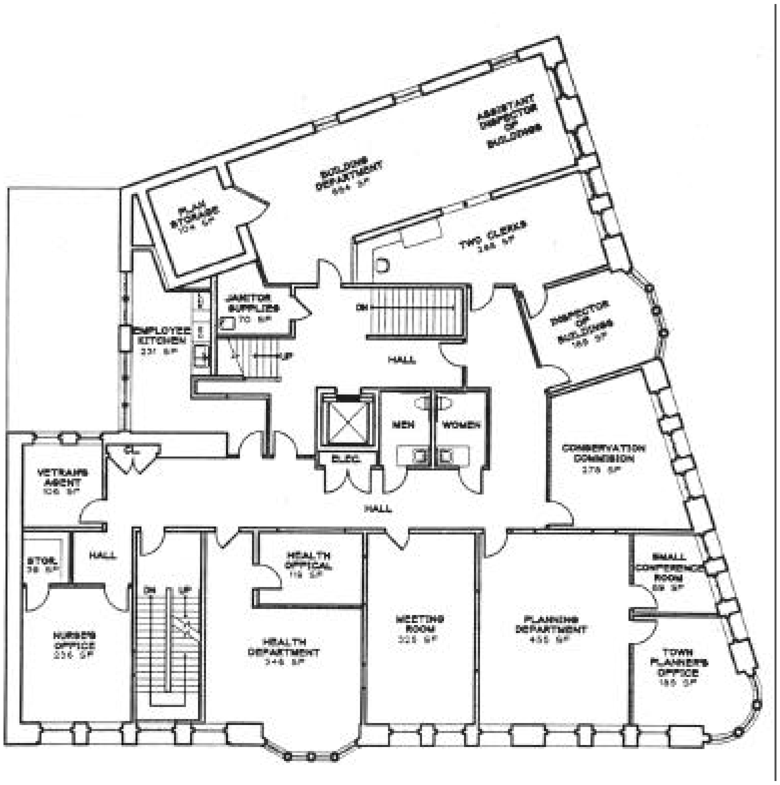
This picture shows the bank days coming to a close in this block. The Middleborough Savings Bank is now the Plymouth Savings Bank and the Middleborough Trust Co. shortly became the Rockland Trust Co. and ended their tenancy in the building.


TOWN CLERK OFFICE
VAULT 174 SF
TOWN CLERK
RECORDS
CL
HALL
JC
DN
UP
ELEVATOR LOBBY 172 SF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK 330 SF
WOMEN
MEN
VESTIBULE
RAMP LAYOUT TO BE DETERMINED
DN
UP
EXISTING BANK (N.I.C.)

606. Financial Office Building First Floor Plan

“Proposed first floor plan for the financial office building shows how the town clerk’s office would be arranged. The building committee and town officials hope that relocating the clerk’s office to the Centre Street building would increase foot traffic in the downtown area. Parking will be available at the Town Hall and eventually at the former Gurney gas station lot on Wareham Street.”

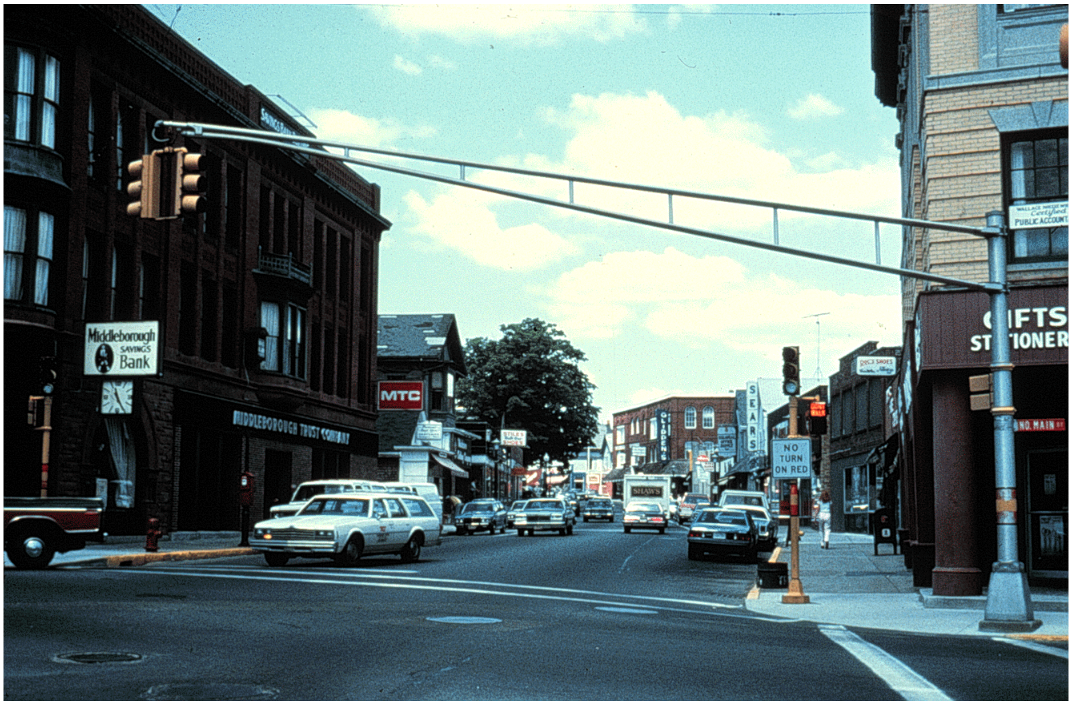
Source: Middleboro Gazette Quote


ASSISTANT INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS
BUILDING DEPARTMENT 664 SF
PLAN STORAGE 104 SF
TWO CLERKS 246 SF
JANITOR SUPPLIES 70 SF
DN
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS 165 SF
EMPLOYEE KITCHEN 231 SF
UP
HALL
MEN
WOMEN
CL.
VETRANS AGENT 106 SF
ELEC.
CONSERVATION COMMISSION 276 SF
HALL
STOR. 38 SF
HALL
DN
UP
HEALTH OFFICAL 116 SF
SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM 89 SF
MEETING ROOM 305 SF
PLANNING DEPARTMENT 455 SF
NURSE'S OFFICE 236 SF
HEALTH DEPARTMENT 346 SF
TOWN PLANNER'S OFFICE 165 SF

607. Financial Office Building Second Floor

"Second floor of the bank building would house the Planning Board, Building Department, Health Department, Conservation Department, and Veteran's Agent while providing space for meetings and for an employee's kitchen. The third floor could be leased to one or more private businesses. The elevator serving all three floors, as well as handicapped bathrooms, are being paid with a state grant. About $200,000 in additional funds would be spent on the building."

Source: Middleboro Gazette Quote


Middleborough Savings Bank
MIDDLEBOROUGH TRUST COMPANY
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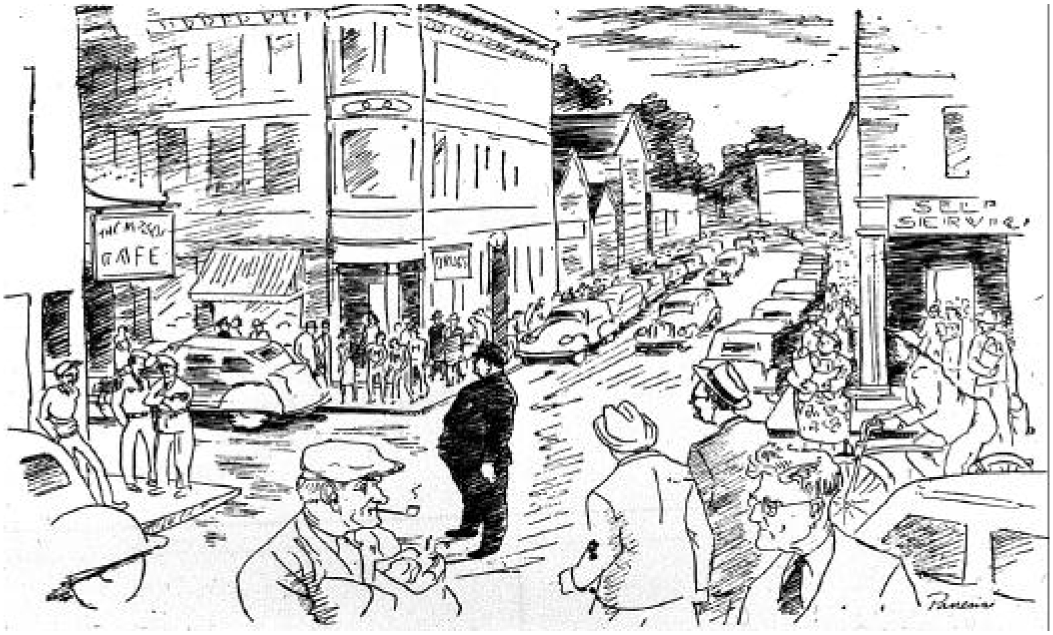
PUBLIC ACCOUNT

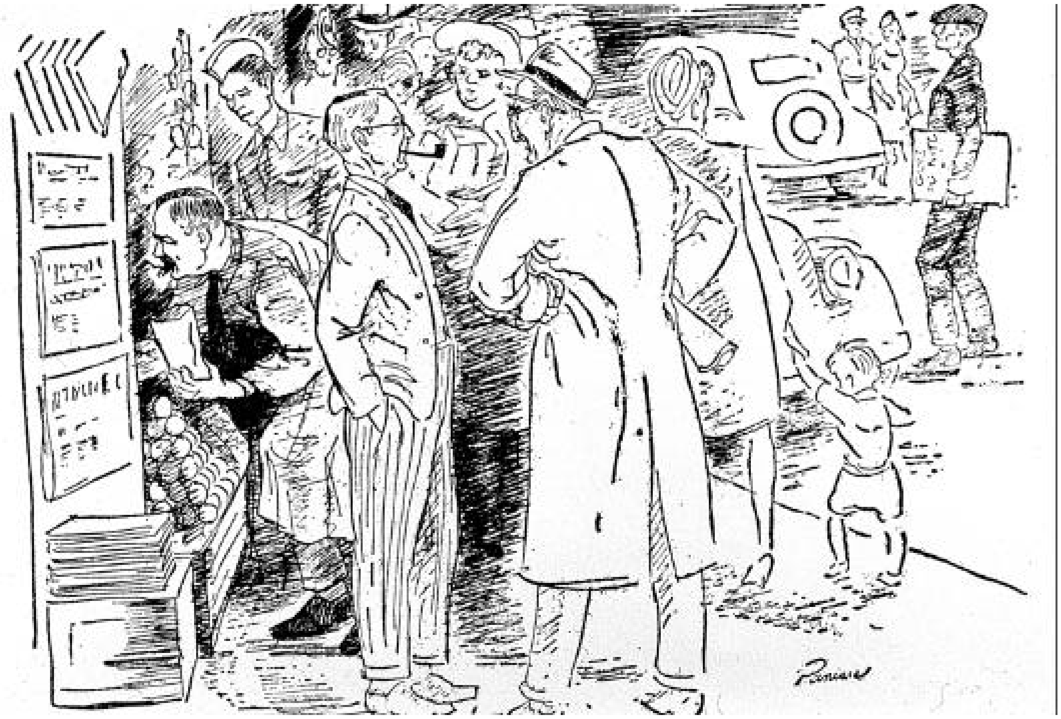
608. Downtown Middleborough

This is downtown Middleborough’s “last hurrah”.



609. Four Corners

This clever cartoon, drawn by Nick Panesis, one can note Officer Pittsley directing traffic through a busy downtown area, in the lower right is seen Elmer Drew, a well known antique dealer and “Gramp” Goodwin on his ever present bicycle. One can also note the sign on the left advertising Thompson’s Café and across the street in the Bank Block Buck’s Drug Store; the three rings are symbols of the Odd Fellows hanging over all.

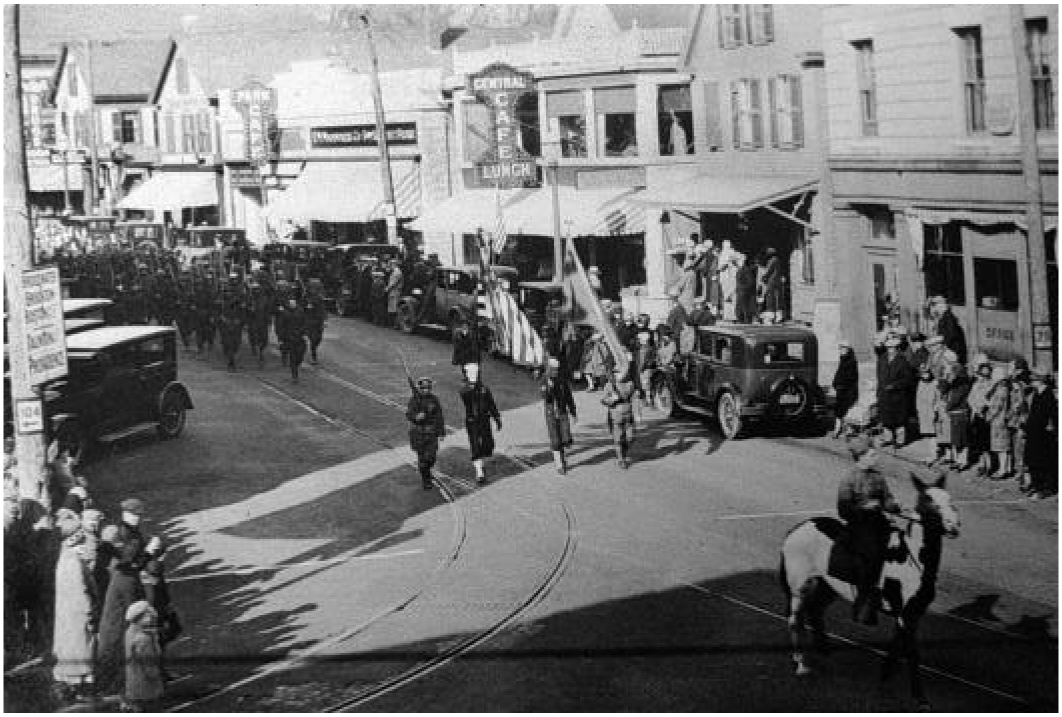


610. Centre Street

The well-known John Sullivan, with pipe, is probably discussing politics with Bay O’Toole, owner of Homestead Grocery around the corner, while Tom Panesis is bending to serve a customer.

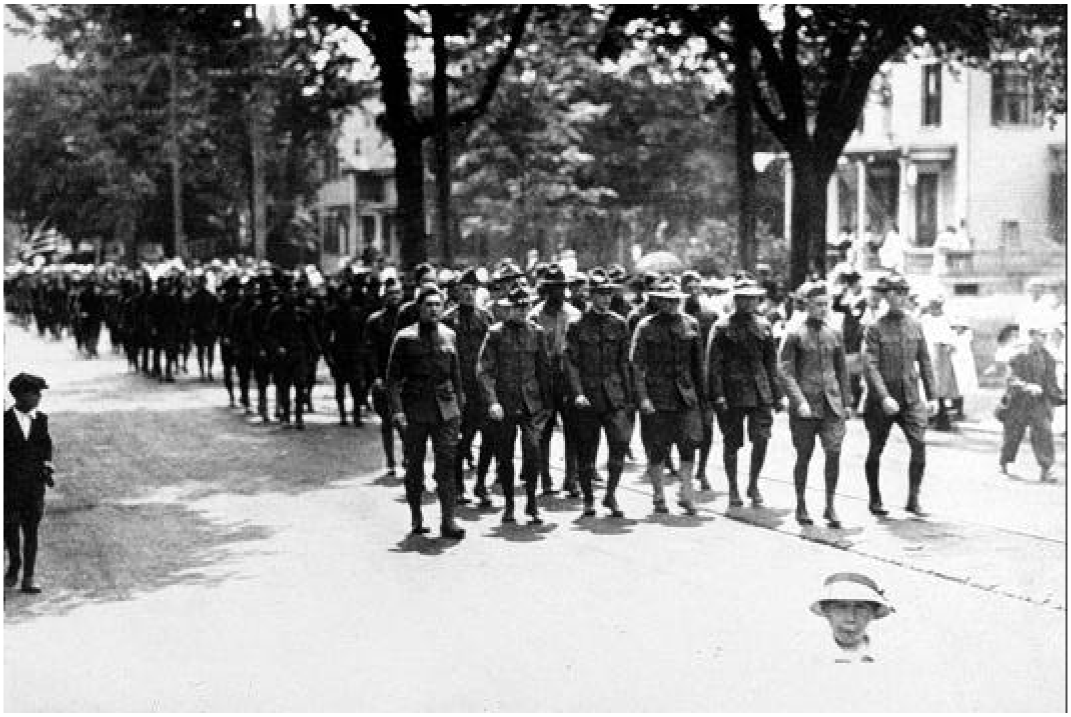
611. “Nick” Panesis

Nick Panesis put Middleborough on the map with his drawings of the town natives which appeared in the Boston Traveler; he became “a well-known Hollywood artist when he died in 1967”.



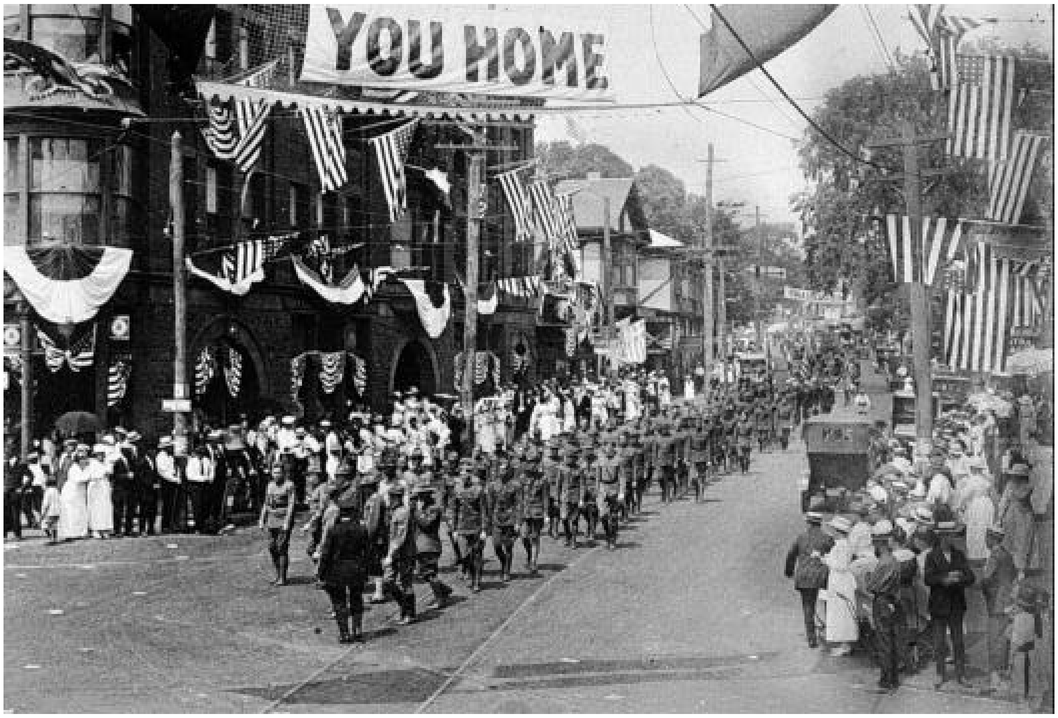
612. Fourth of July Parade

The town celebrated the 200th Anniversary of the town’s incorporation, the Fourth of July and the return of Troops from WWI with a gala two-day celebration with a parade on each day.



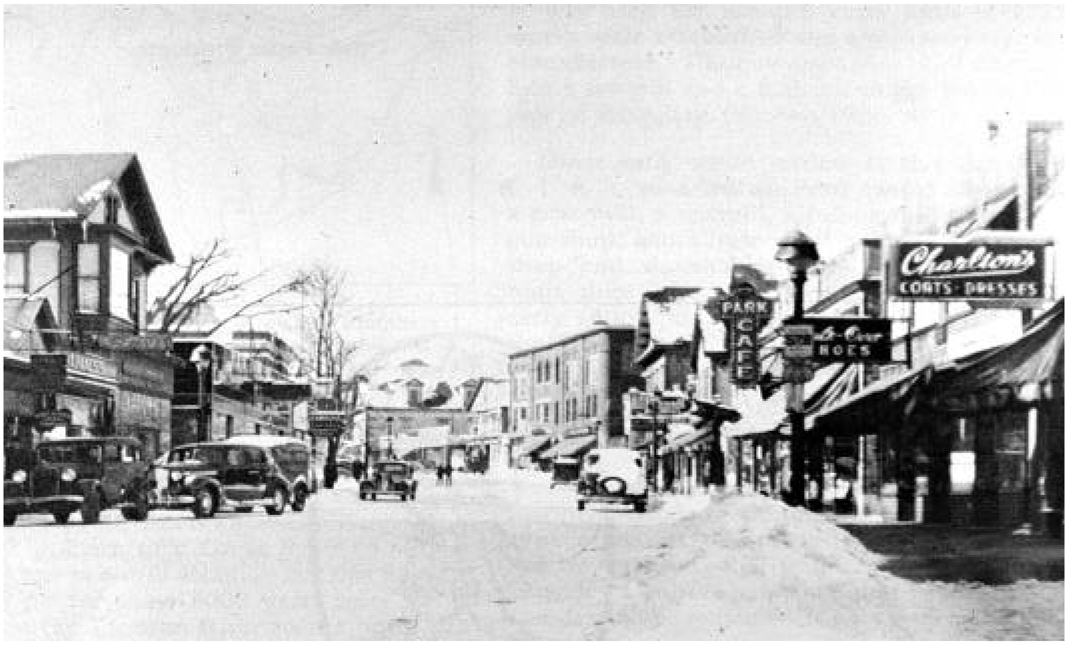
613. Fourth of July Parade

One of the military units in that famous 4th of July parade in 1919.



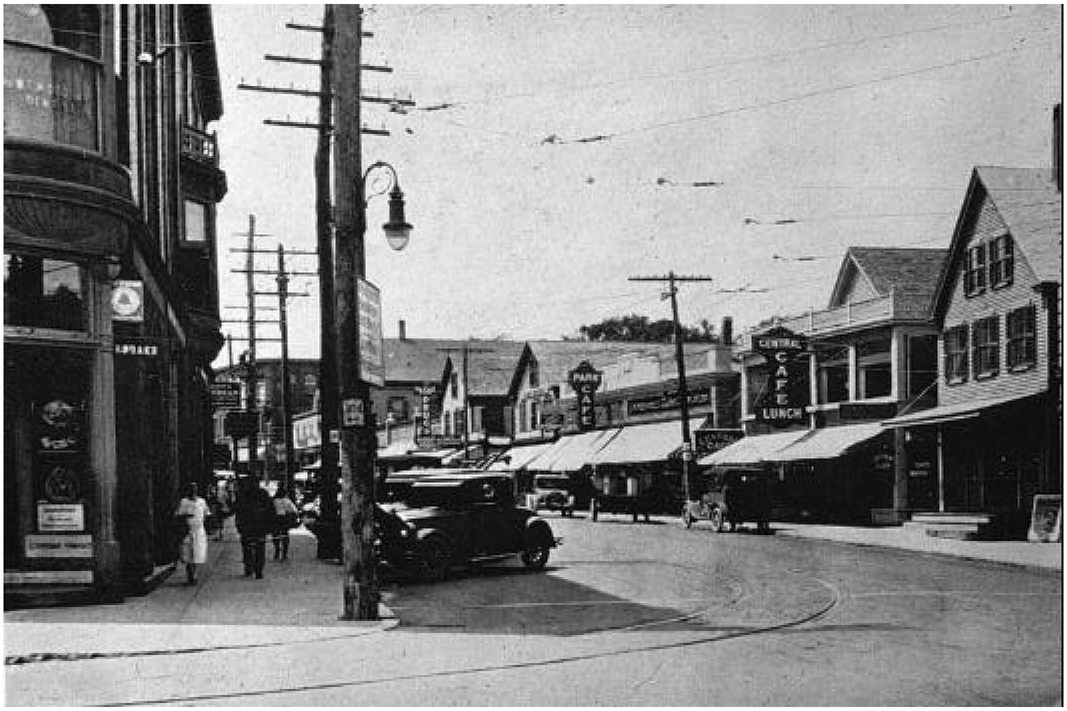
614. Fourth of July Parade

This picture shows the enthusiasm of the 4th of July spectators as they welcomed the “doughboys” back from WWI.


Charlton's
COATS · DRESSES
PARK
CAFE
lk-Over
HOES

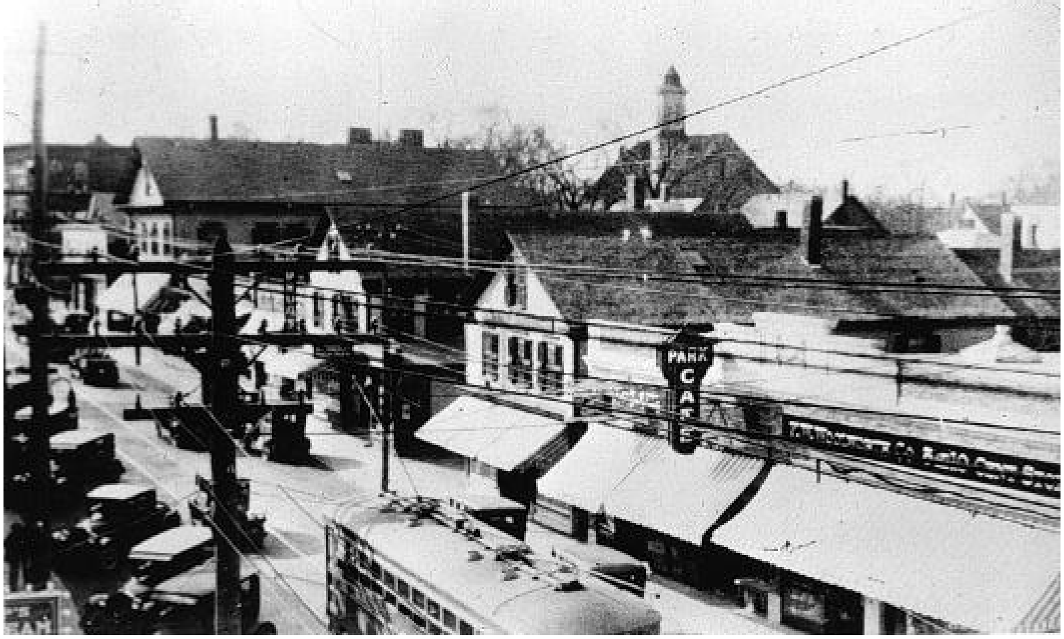
615. Looking Up Centre Street

On this wintry day one can see that business had slowed down a bit. The Charlton Dress Shop on the right, Walk-Over Shoes and the Park Café and across the street one can see Panesis Grocery and Middleborough clothing.



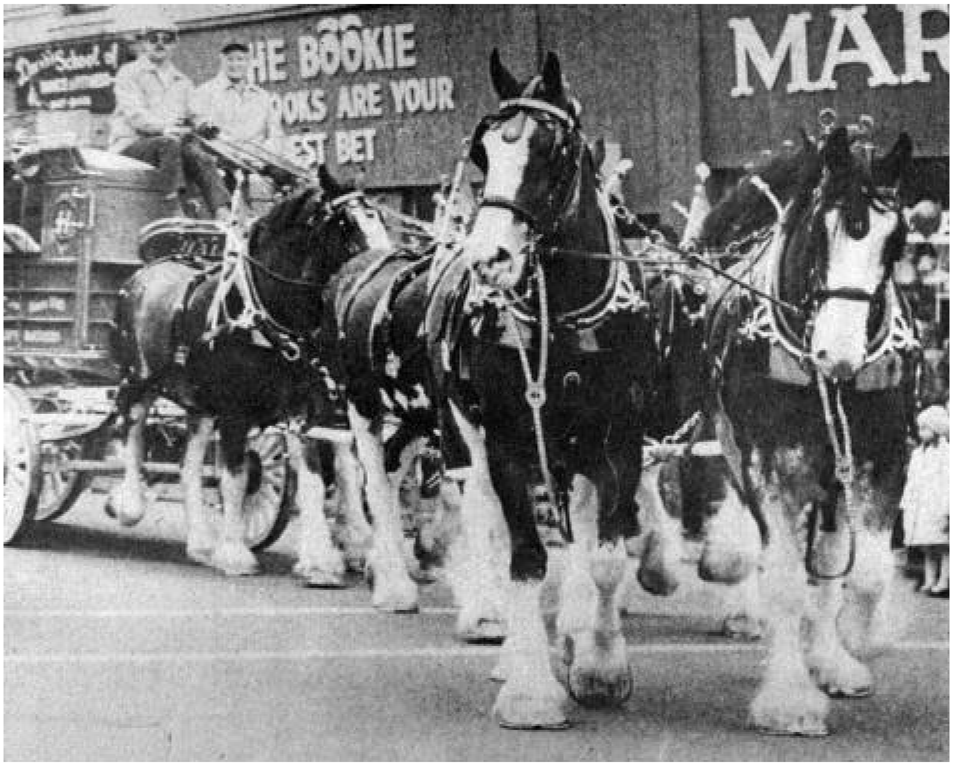
616. Looking Up Centre Street

This beautiful view shows the town testing parallel parking on Centre Street, it did not work however; note the telephone poles that existed before the "great white way". On the second story of the Bank Block one can note Dr. Cunningham's name on the window and the Central and Park Café's across the street.



617. Looking Up Centre Street

In this continual picture of Centre Street, we overlook the view of a trolley car toward Morse's Drug Store and First National Store, Ryder's Dept. Store and in the right rear the pagoda steeple of Central Methodist Church.


HE BOOKIE
OOKS ARE YOUR
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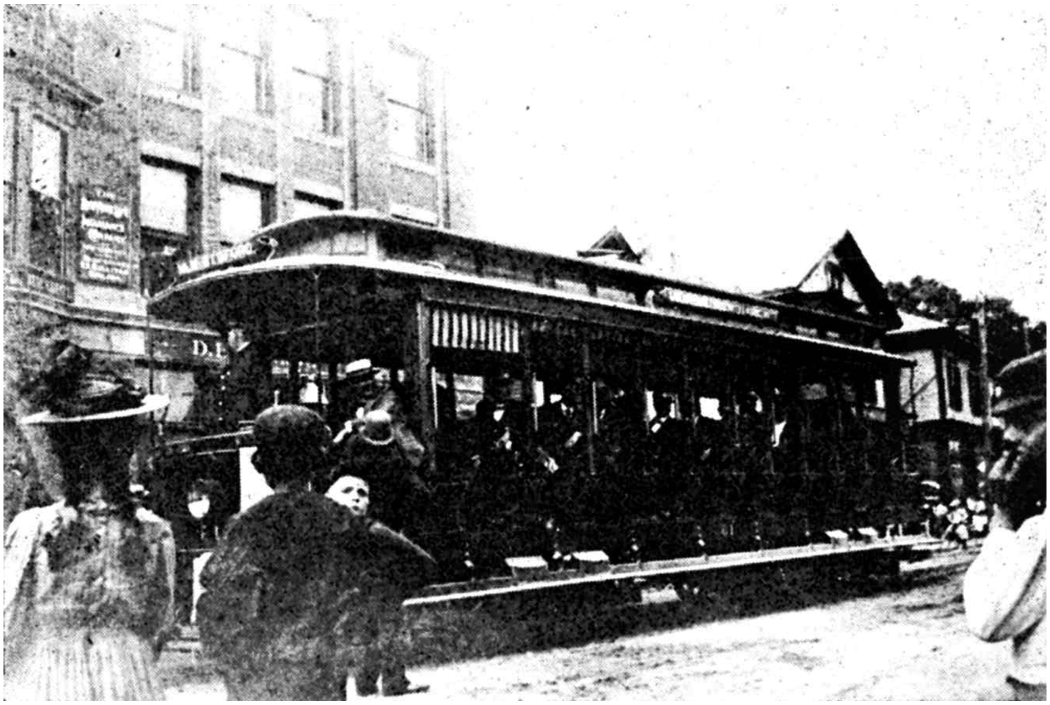
MAR

618. “Proud Clydesdales”

This beautiful six-horse hitch pulling the Anheuser Busch delivery wagon has been a main stay of many Middleborough Christmas parades over the past years.



619. A Summer Trolley on Centre Street

This view shows an open summer trolley passing the Bank block on its way to Thompson’s Waiting Room on Water (Wareham) Street.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
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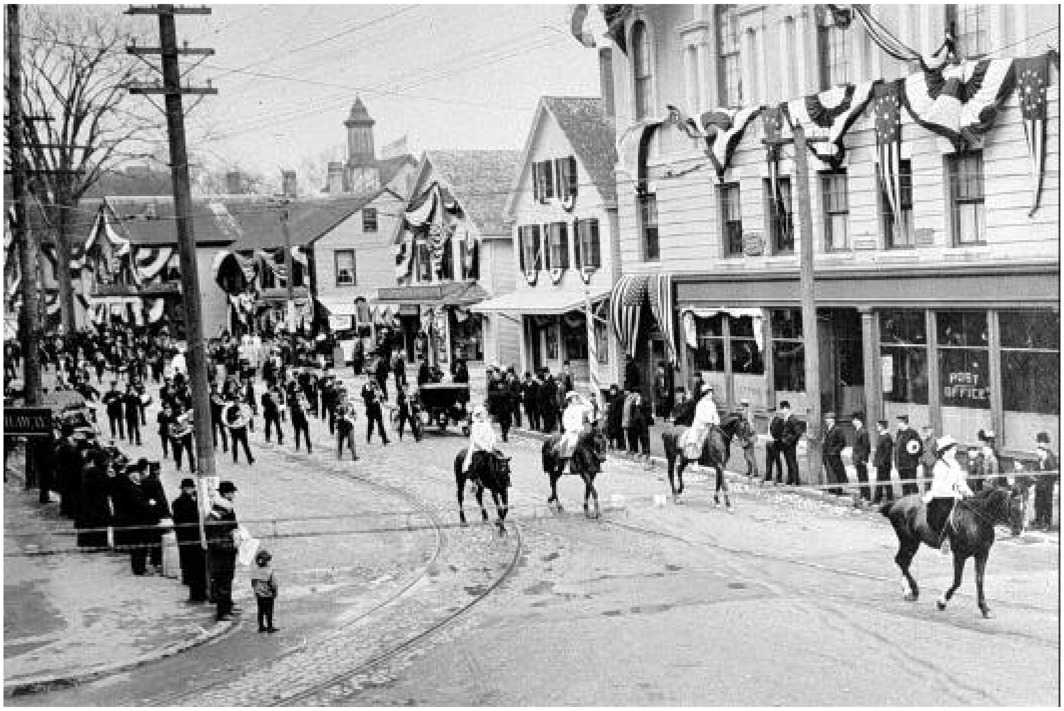
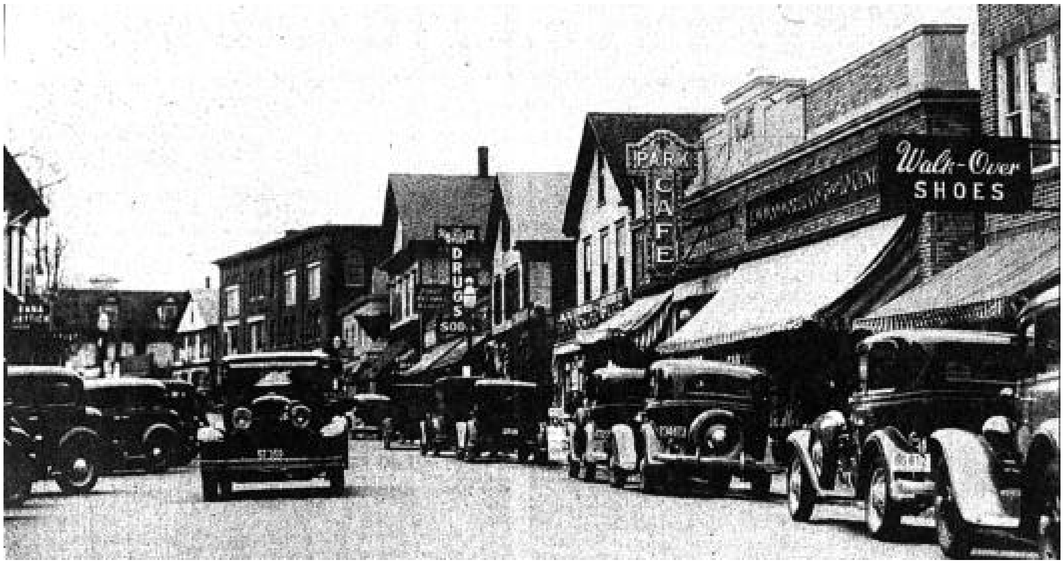


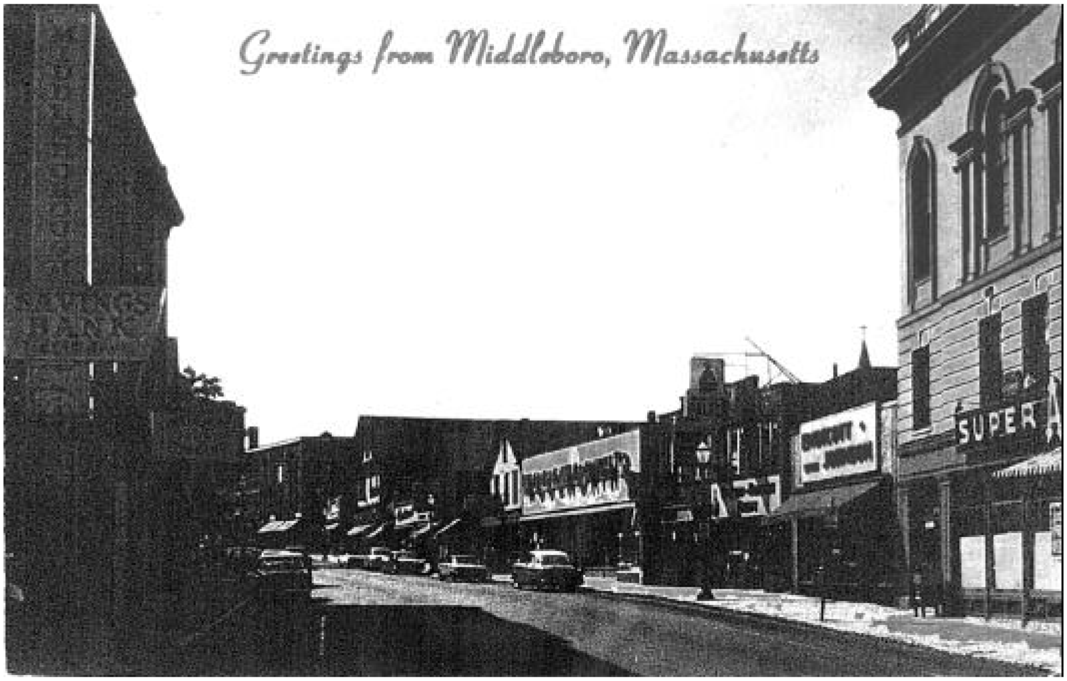
620. 4th of July Victory Parade

The post office is in the Peirce block where it stayed until 1932 when they moved into the new building. The scene has much changed with the pagoda steeple of the Central Methodist Church in the background. The 4th building from the corner was torn down to make way for a business block, which in 1998 holds Reedy's Archery.


PARK
CAFE
DRUGS
SODA
Walk-Over
SHOES

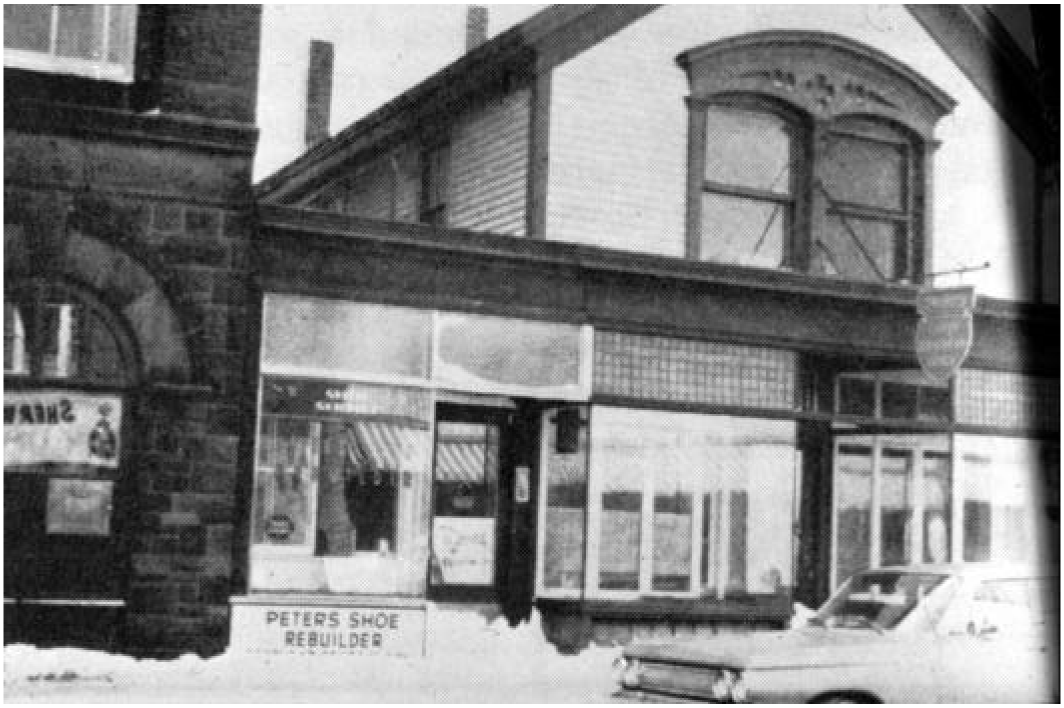
621. Business District Center

See Walkover Shoe on the right, F.W. Woolworths, Park Café, Rexall Drug, Ryders and the Glidden Block with all of the vintage cars lining both sides of the street. This was the main thoroughfare to the Cape and all of the businesses were very successful on this main stem.


Greetings from Middleboro, Massachusetts
SAVINGS
BANK
SUPER A

622. Business District Center

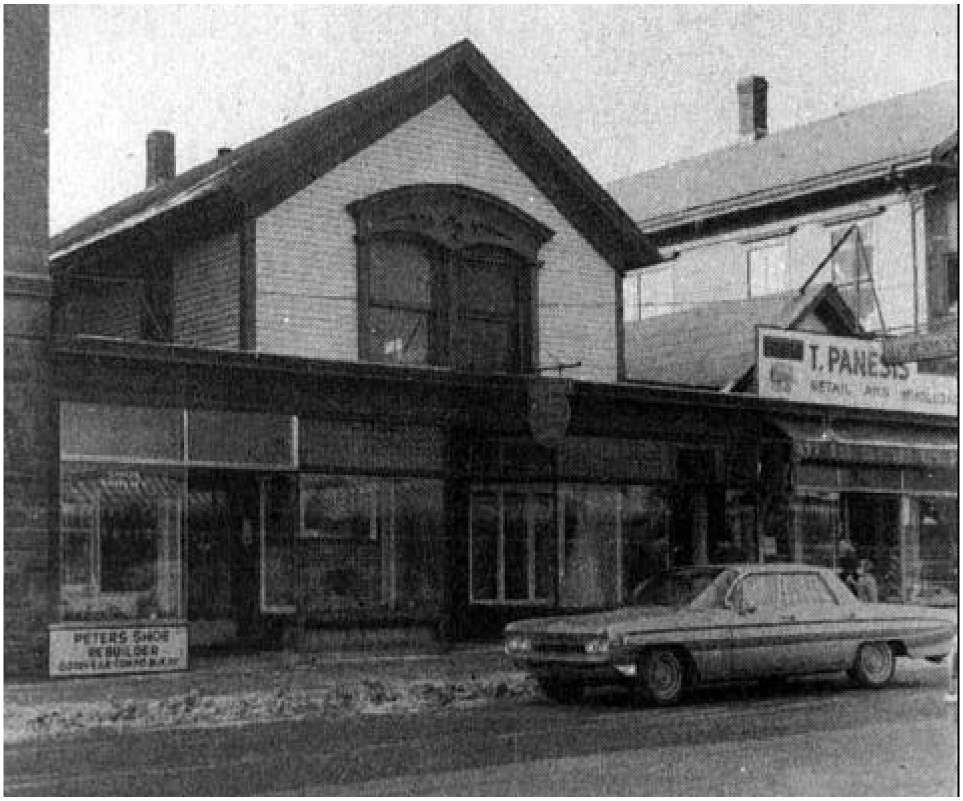
The A&P is in the former U.S. Post Office of the Peirce Block, Endicott Johnson is in the same place as in 1935. A new corner to the business center was Sherwin Williams. F. W. Woolworth has taken over the entire block, added a lunch counter and modernized the whole store.



623. Tripp's Panesis

You would know what time of year it was by the changing displays in the front window of Tripps Candy Store. They'd have Easter bunnies for Easter or a large Christmas tree around the holidays at the end of the year. My personal favorite candy was their coconut cremes.

Source: Walter Thompson


PETERS SHOE
REBUILDER
T. PANESIS

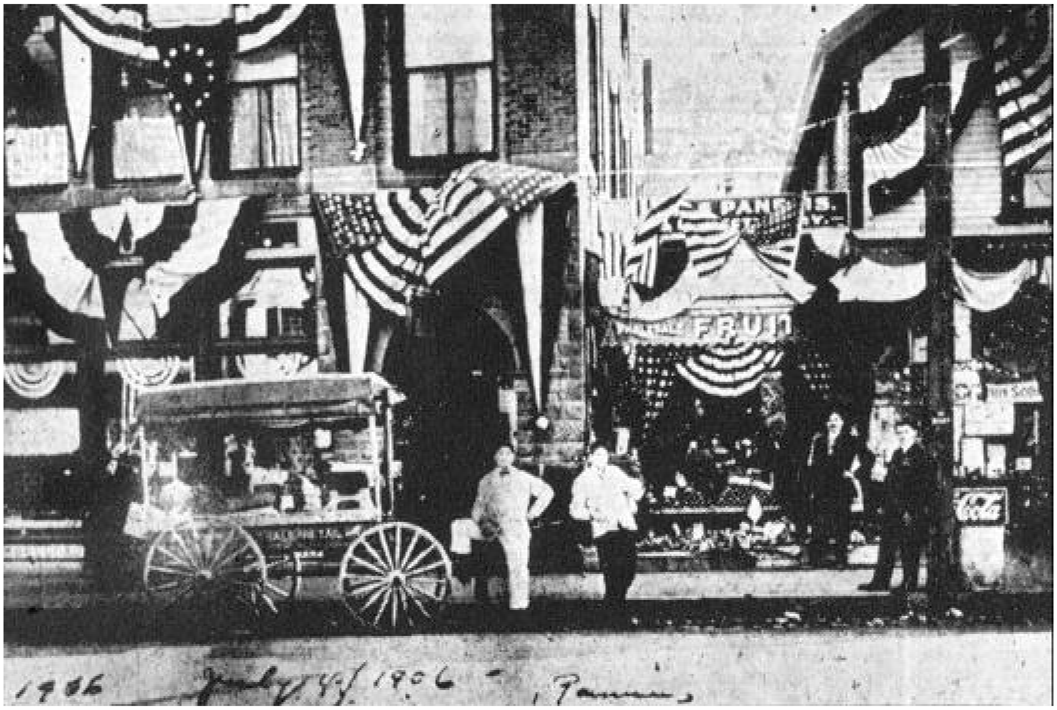
624. Tripps Candy and Lunch Store

Tripps Candy Store was one of the favorite lunch spots for the people who worked downtown. Also, a heavy hangout for teenagers in the back section where the booths were.

TRIPP'S
CANDY
ICE CREAM
LUNCH
T. PANES
RETAIL AND

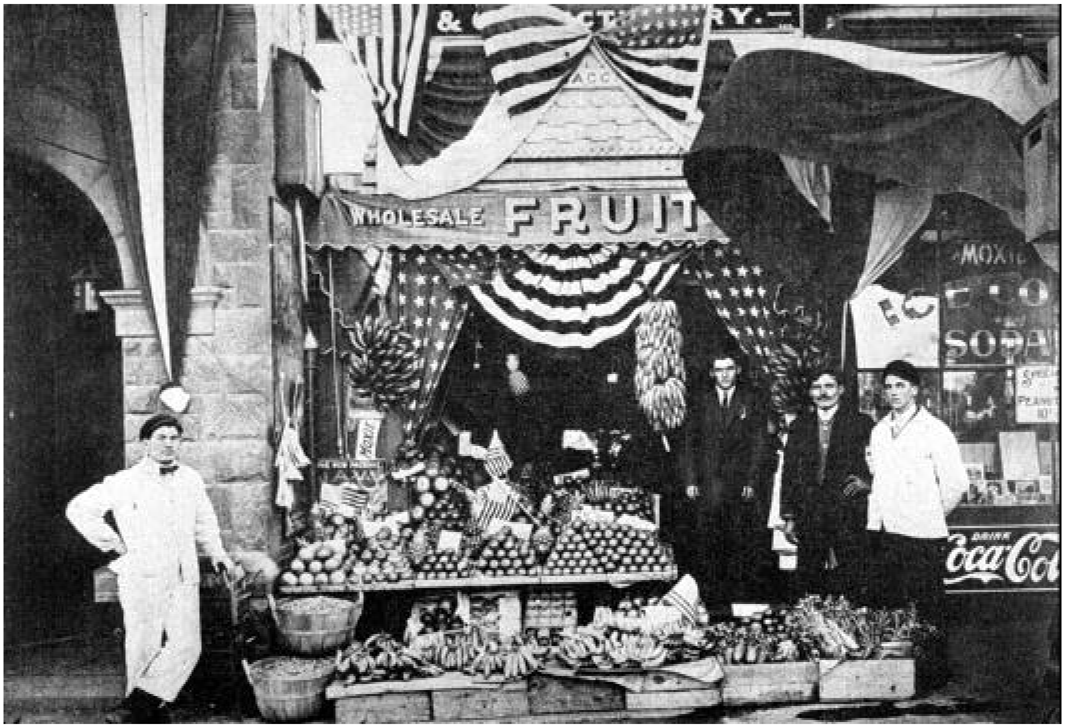
625. Sullivan's Newsstand

It was nothing but a door going into an alley with a roof over it. Long and very narrow, magazines were stacked flat against the wall held there by wooden dowels. They also sold pipe tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and corncob pipes. The corncob pipes could be used for blowing soap bubbles in the spring by the youngsters of the time.


PANESIS
FRUIT
Coca-Cola
1906
July 4/ 1906 -

626. Panesis Delicatessen

Panesis Fruit and Vegetable stand started in a building next to the Bank block in the spring of 1906. Tom Panesis is the second one on the right. The wagon on the left is his delivery wagon.


& C ... CT ... RY.
WHOLESALE FRUIT
MOXIE
SODA
Coca-Cola

627. Panesis Delicatessen

One year later we find Tom at the same building, note that he has more help, he is still the second one from the right. He had become so prosperous he had to use the sidewalk to display his produce. Later he moved to larger quarters.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
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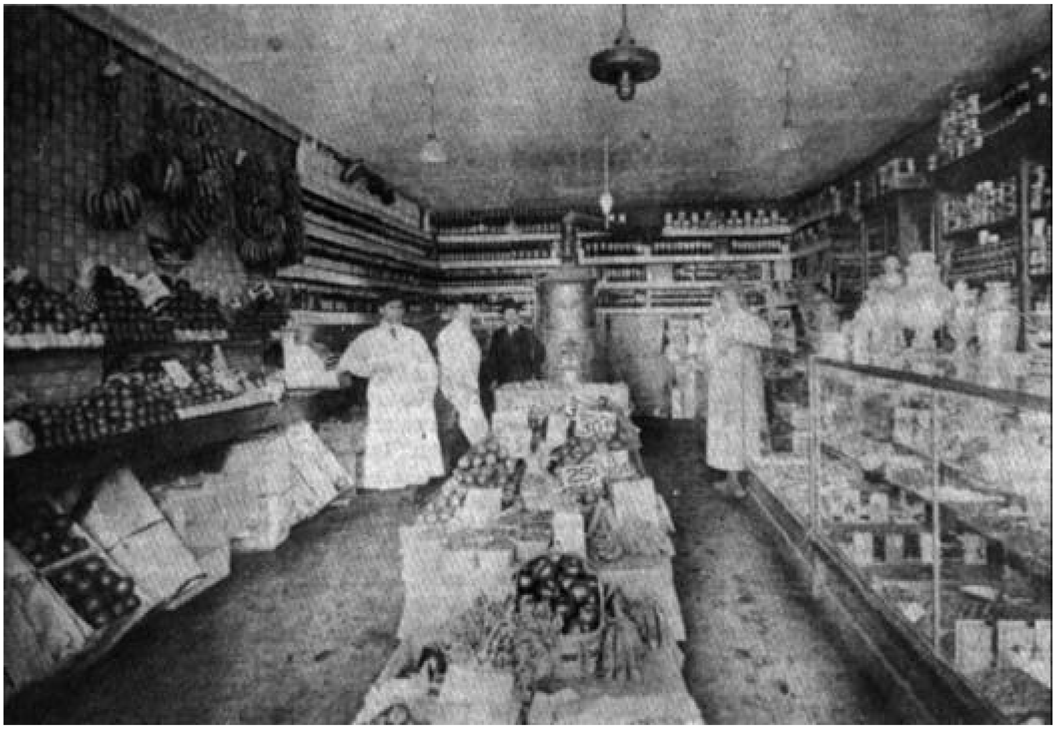
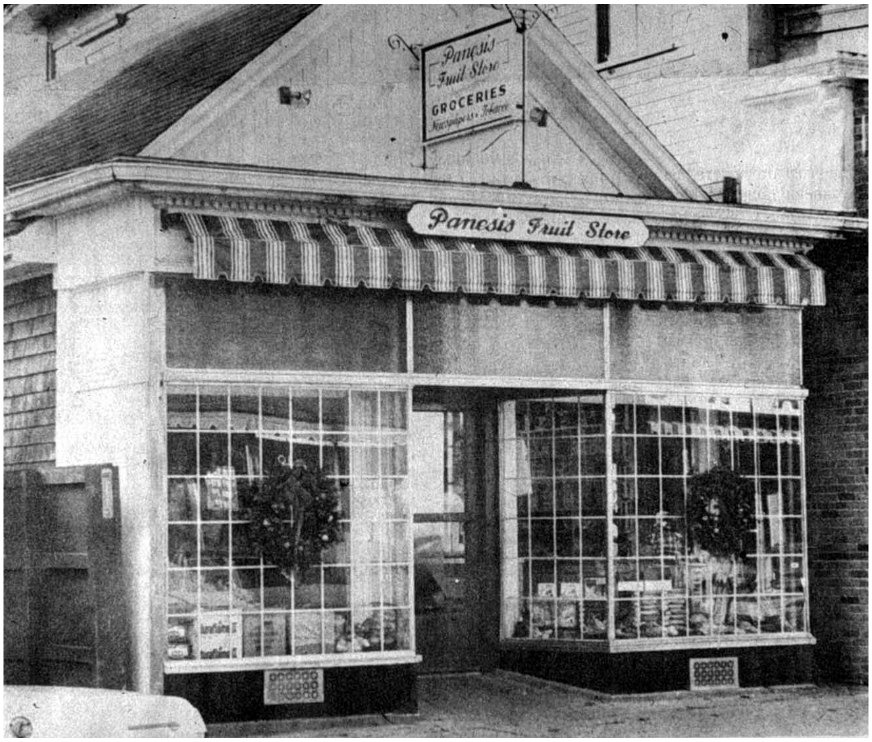


628. Panesis Store Interior

Thomas Panesis opened this store on Centre Street after his initial success earlier, two doors away. It is typical of stores of the period, with its ceiling fan and the coal stove at the rear of the room.


Panesis
Fruit Store
GROCERIES
Panesis Fruit Store

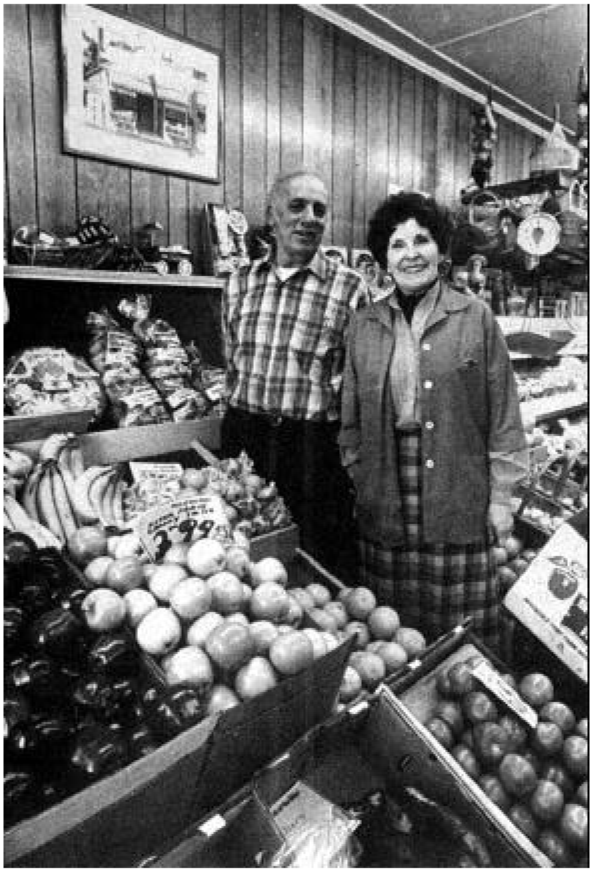
629. Panesis Fruit Store

Tom moved in 1910, three doors down. His business grew rapidly and became so affluent that he supplied produce to chain and independent stores in southeastern Massachusetts. In 1924 he bought the Jones Block on North Main Street and operated out of a store there, before he sold it to Cleverly's Market.

Source: Middleborough History-Romaine 1969, pg. 98-99.

630. John and Irene Turner Panesis Fruit Store

Tom’s daughter, Irene married Jack Turner and they operated Panesis Grocery Store for many years.



631. Panesis Store

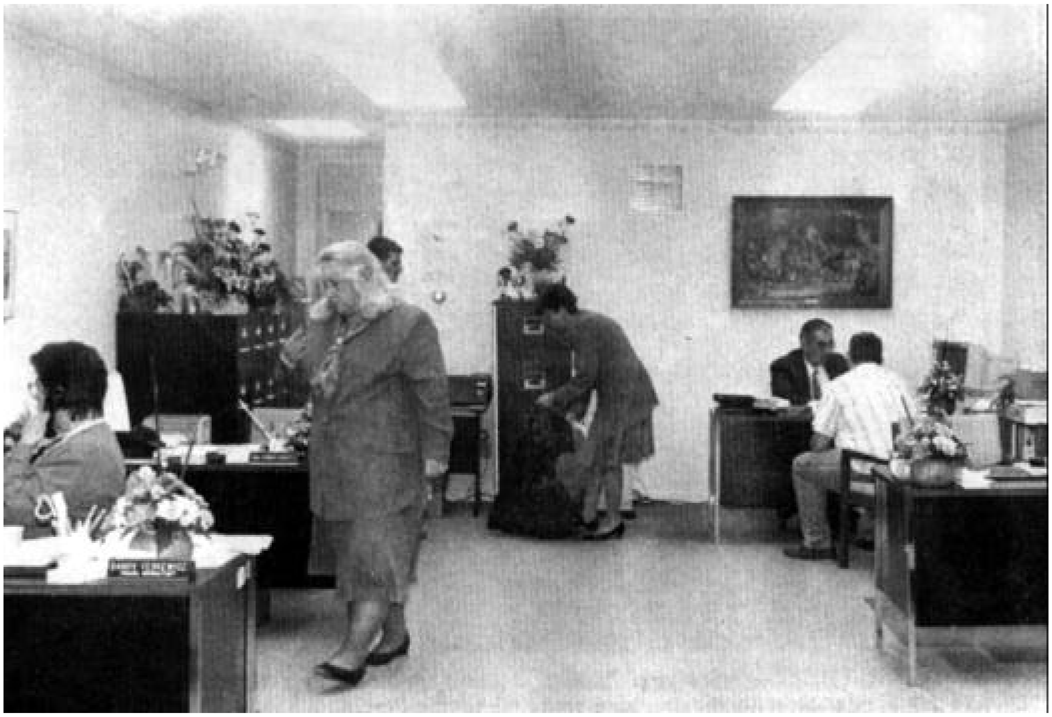
“The old clock inside the store may be telling Richard Kyrouz the time, but if it were alive it could tell many stories about the 82 years Panesis Fruit has existed.”

Source: Claire Rockwood Quote

632. Country Travel

Celebrating the grand opening of Country Travel's new Centre Street home are, back row, left to right, Ken Foley, Holland American Lines, John Maguire, T.N.T., Darlene Rosborough, Royal Caribbean, John Healey, Middleborough Town Manager, Ted Pratt, Mayflower Bank; front row, Claire Perrin, William MacLeod, President of Mayflower Bank, Dan Perrin and Peter Falconeiri, Falconeiri Construction.

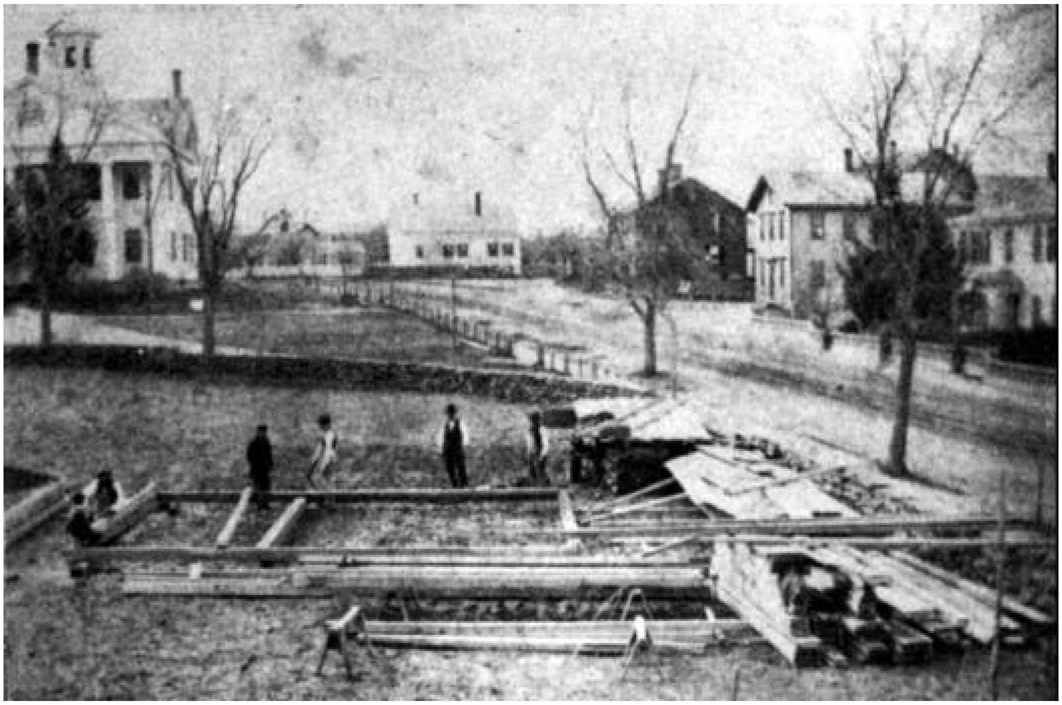
Source: The Middleboro Gazette



633. Country Travel

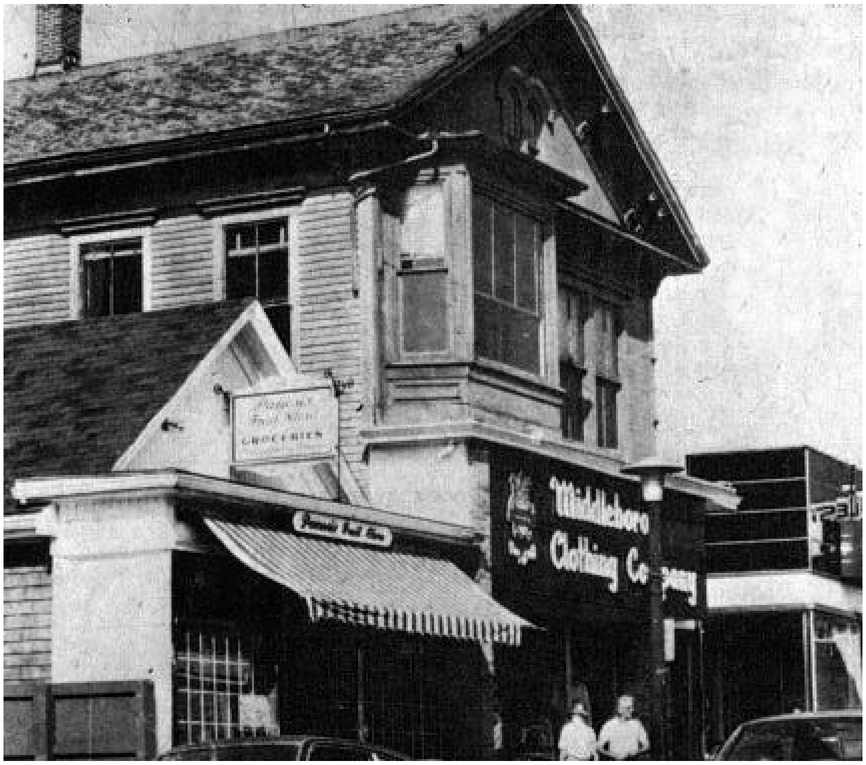
The new home of Country Travel, above, is pictured from the same angle where a photographer captured the interior of what was then Panesis Store, below. Country Travel owners, Claire and Dan Perrin recently purchased and renovated the downtown landmark.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette



634. Erection of Middleborough Clothing Store

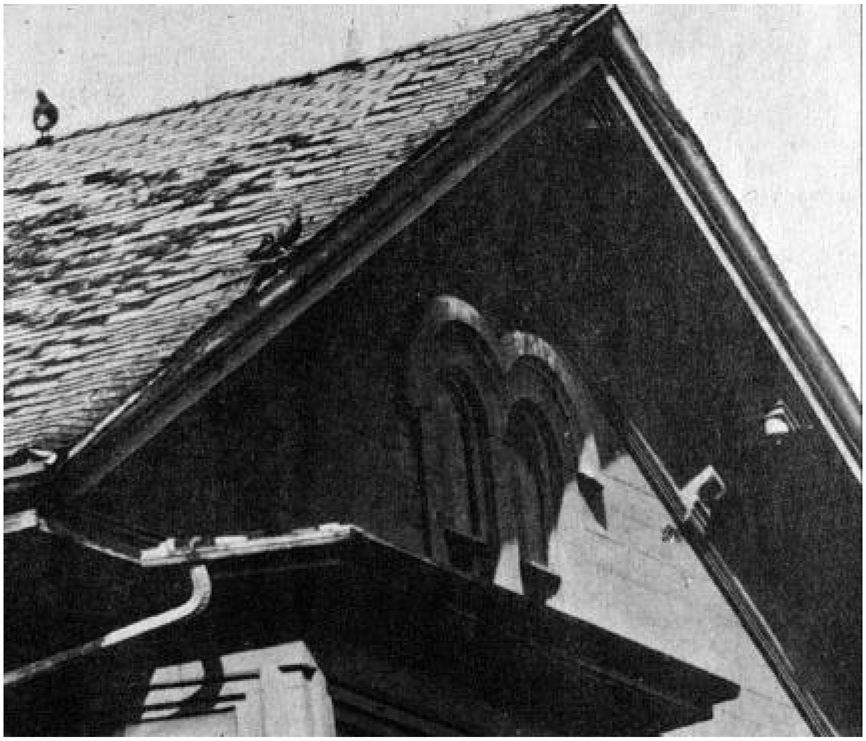
Middleborough Clothing Store was being built by Otis Tunkham. The Ryder Homestead was built by Levi Peirce for the pastor of the Central Baptist Church. It was pushed back to make room for the First National Grocery Store building, then torn down to make a parking lot in the 1960's. In the next building, Leonard & Barrows manufactured shoes before building the new building further down on Centre Street. The First National Grocery chain then purchased the old Peirce Hardware store, tore that down to build the present building.



635. Middleborough Clothing Store

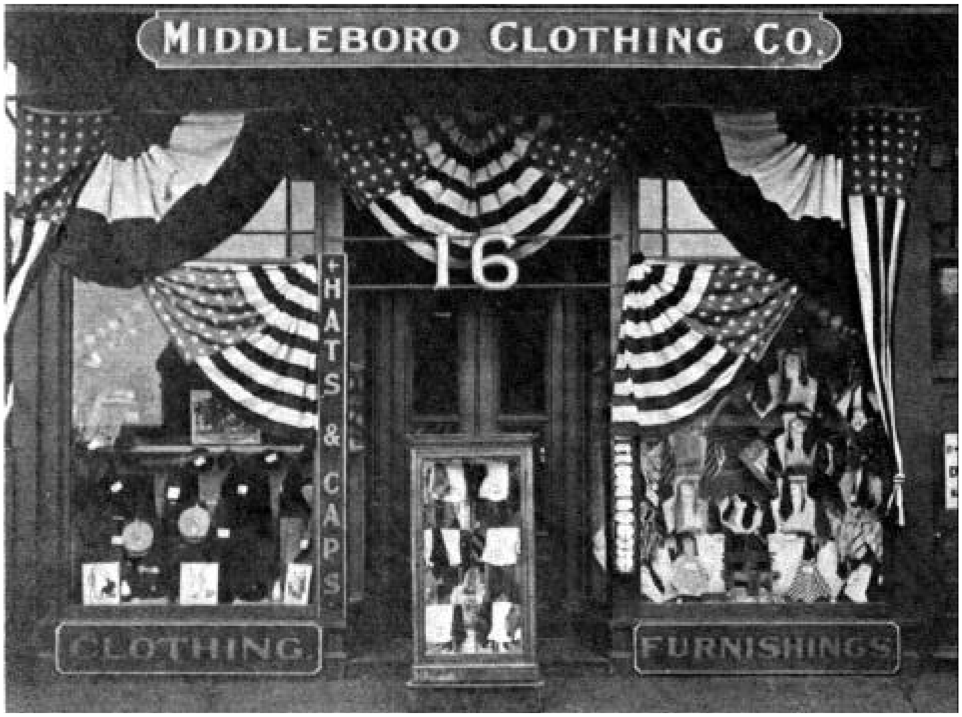
This whole new storefront was put on in 1965 and became one of the modern stores in the vicinity.

Source: Middleborough History, Mertie Romaine, 1969, pg. 81



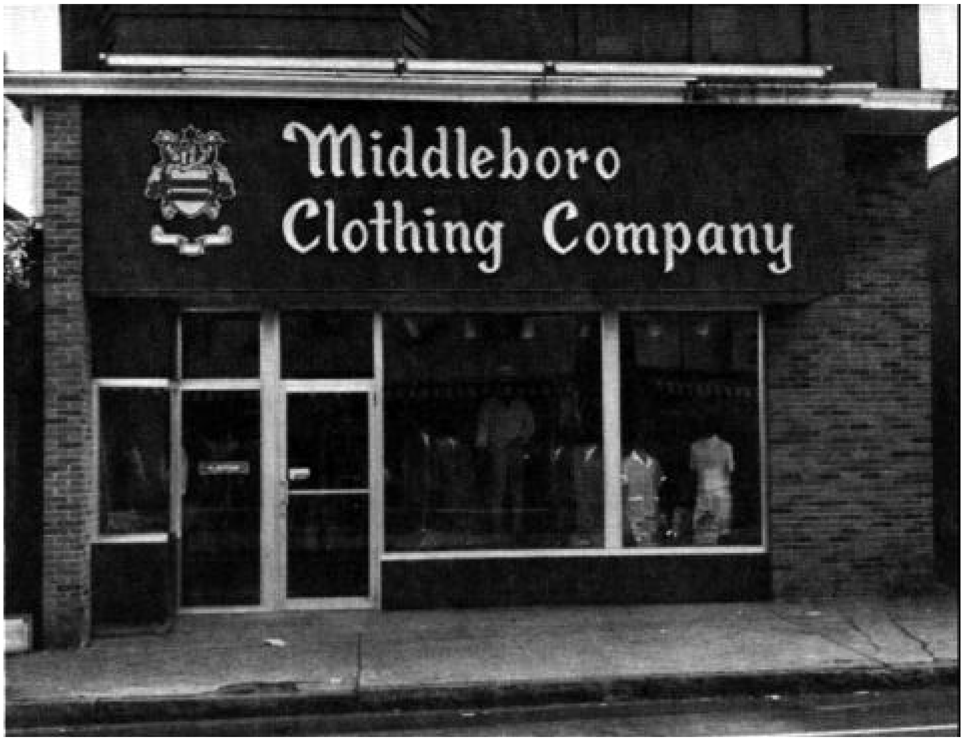
636. Middleborough Clothing Store Roof Line

This picture appeared in the Middleboro Gazette in Clint Clark's column asking people to identify it.


MIDDLEBORO CLOTHING CO.
16
HATS & CAPS
CLOTHING
FURNISHINGS

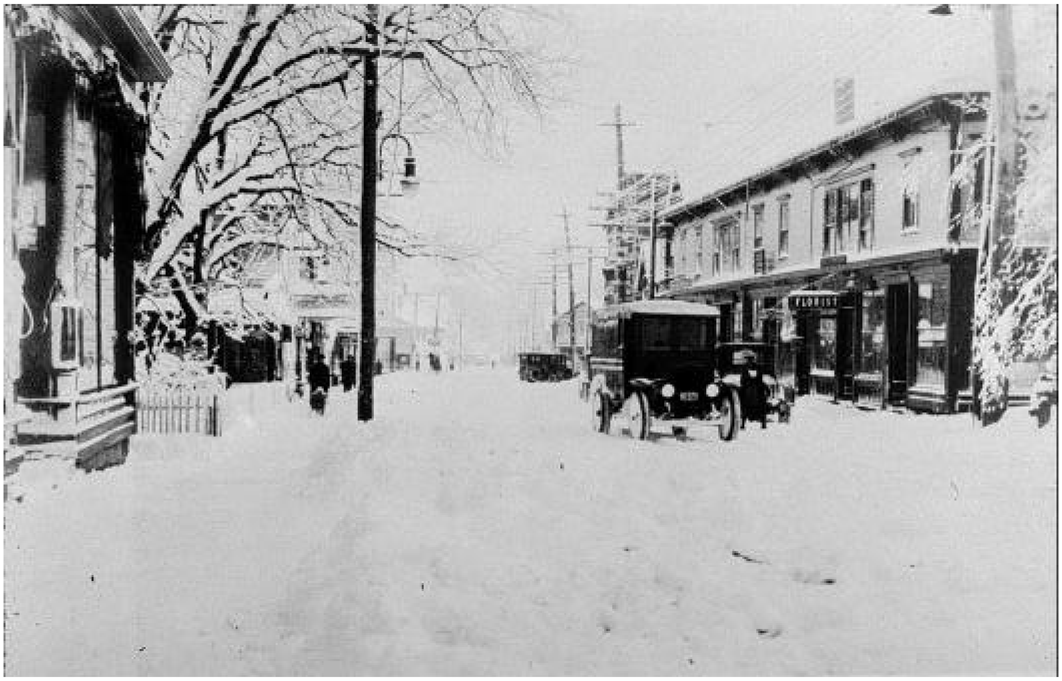
637. Middleborough Clothing Store

Men’s high fashions were displayed amidst the decorative bunting on a warm July the 4th parade day.


Middleboro
Clothing Company

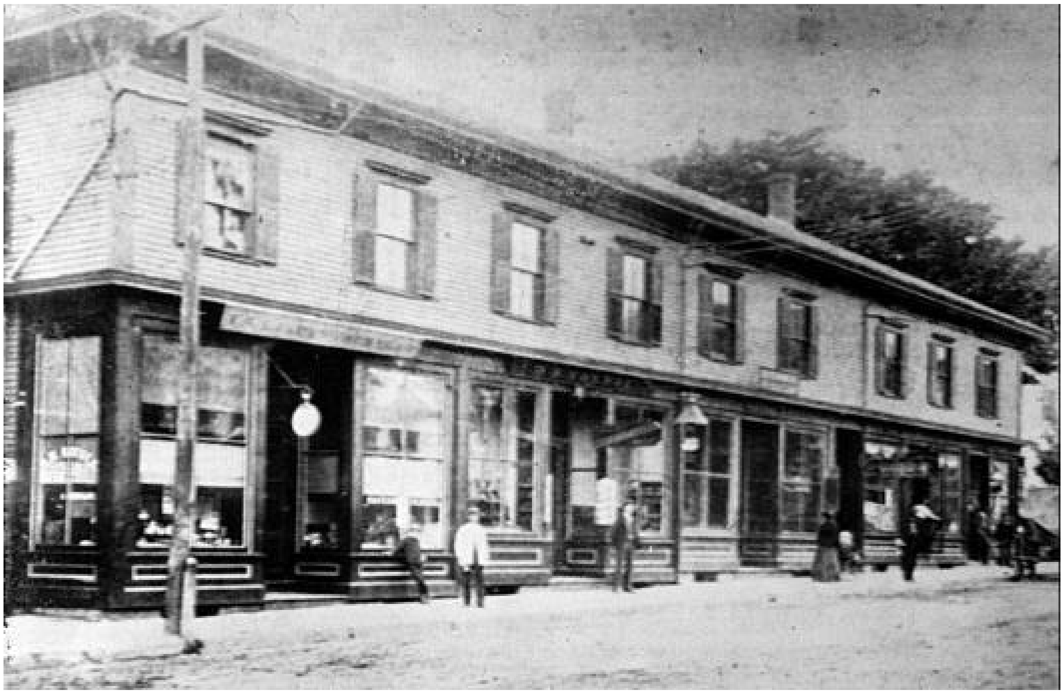
638. Middleborough Clothing Store

In 1969 for Middleborough’s Tercentenary, Middleborough Clothing sported a new formal look far different from the original.



639. Looking To Thatcher Block

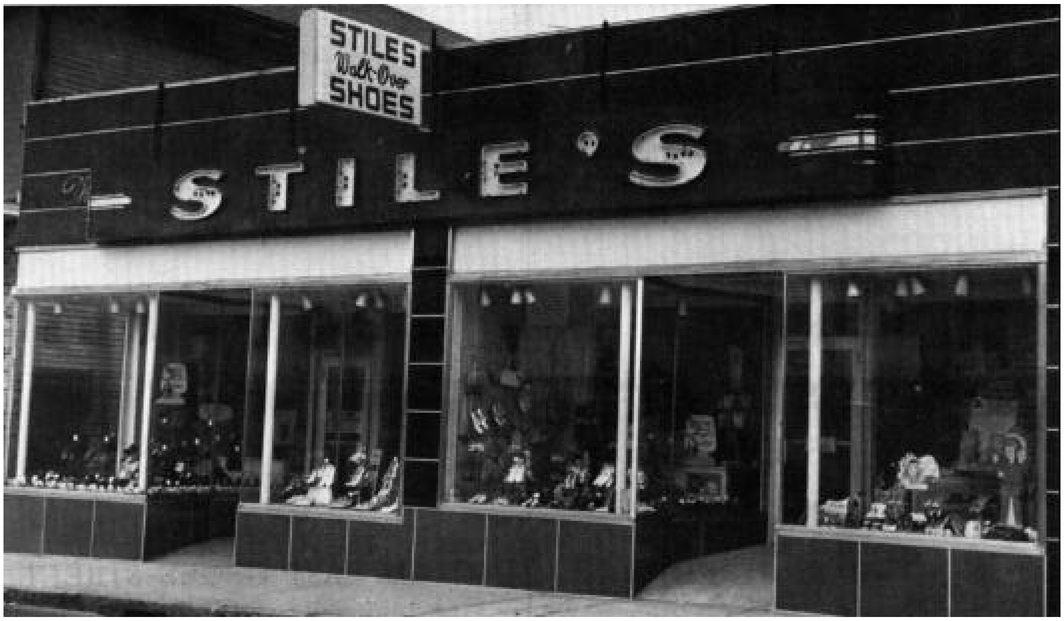
In the snow it’s hard to make out, but to the right stands the Thatcher block with its two stories. The top story was taken down in the 1930’s.



640. Thatcher Block

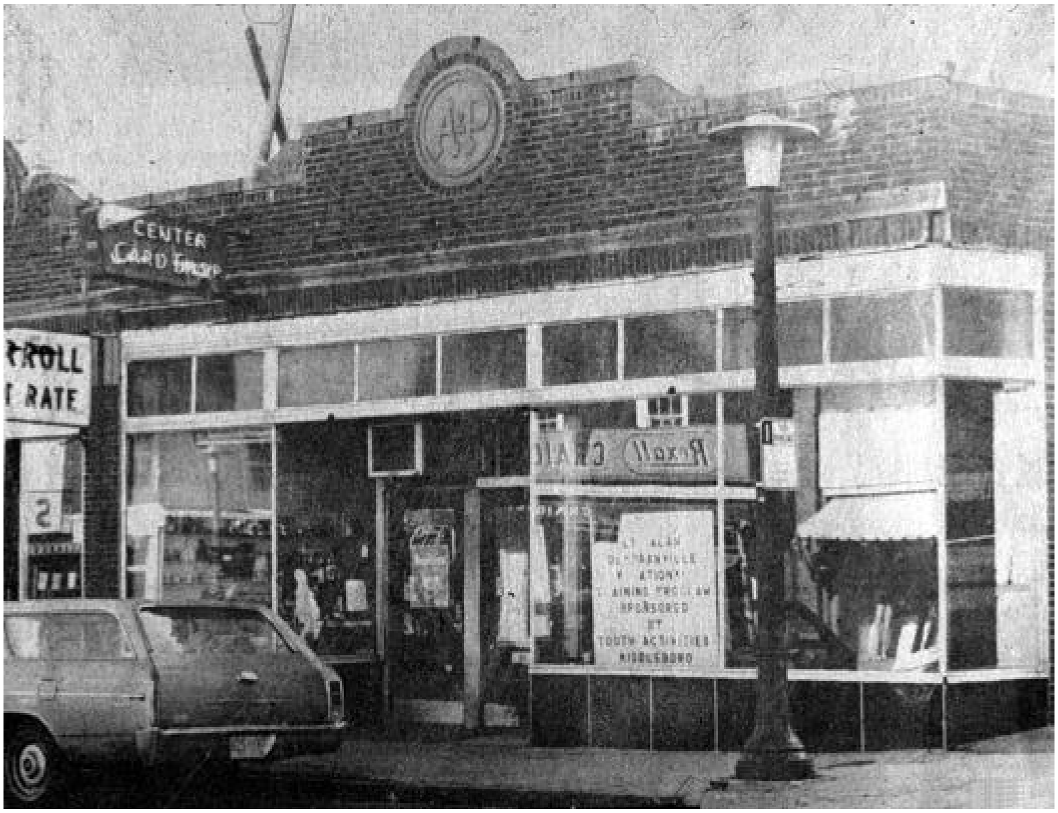
There are six shops in the Thatcher Block, the first one on your left is Middleborough's well known jeweler, F. W. Hayden; D.B. Monroe's Boots and Shoes; Middleborough Post Office; Millinary and Dressmaking Shop; unknown; a grocery store (Lucas and Thomas?)

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume IV, June 1962, Number III, pg. 11.


STILES
Walk-Over
SHOES
STILE'S

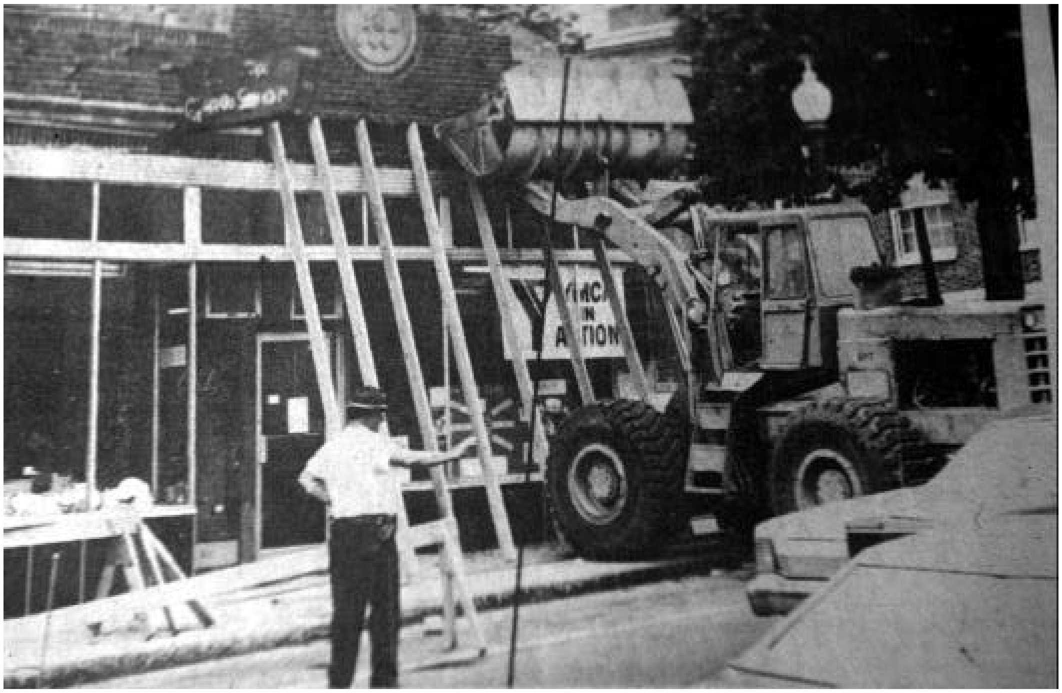
641. Stile's Shoe Store

Stiles occupied this very modern looking building in the Thatcher Block for many years. The building formerly housed the shoe store owned by William Andrews.


CENTER
CARD SHOP
RROLL
T RATE
Rexall

642. Thatcher's Block

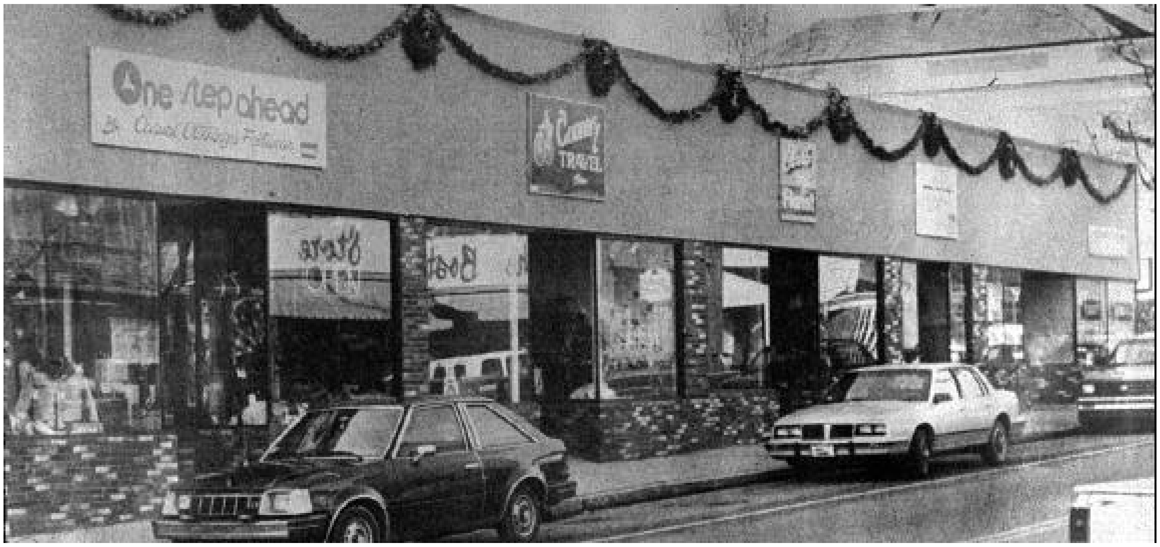
Center Card shop is on the left and next to it is Carroll Cut Rate. Mr. Simmon's was an expert in cosmetics and it's said he was a makeup artist to the Hollywood movie stars in his younger days.



643. Thatcher's Block

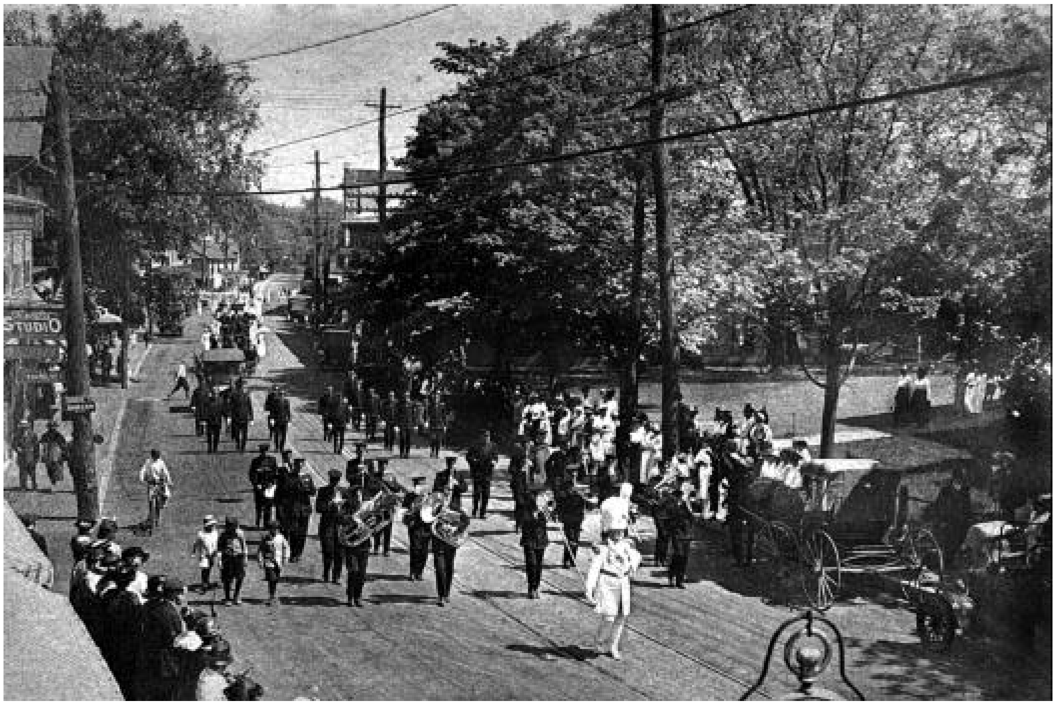
"Luckily, no one was passing by Center Card Shop and the YMCA headquarters last Tuesday evening, when a section of the brick facade crashed to the sidewalk. Nemasket Construction Co. men and equipment Wednesday morning leveled the upper section, including the old A&P insignia."

Source: Direct Quote from Clint Clark


One step ahead
TRAVEL

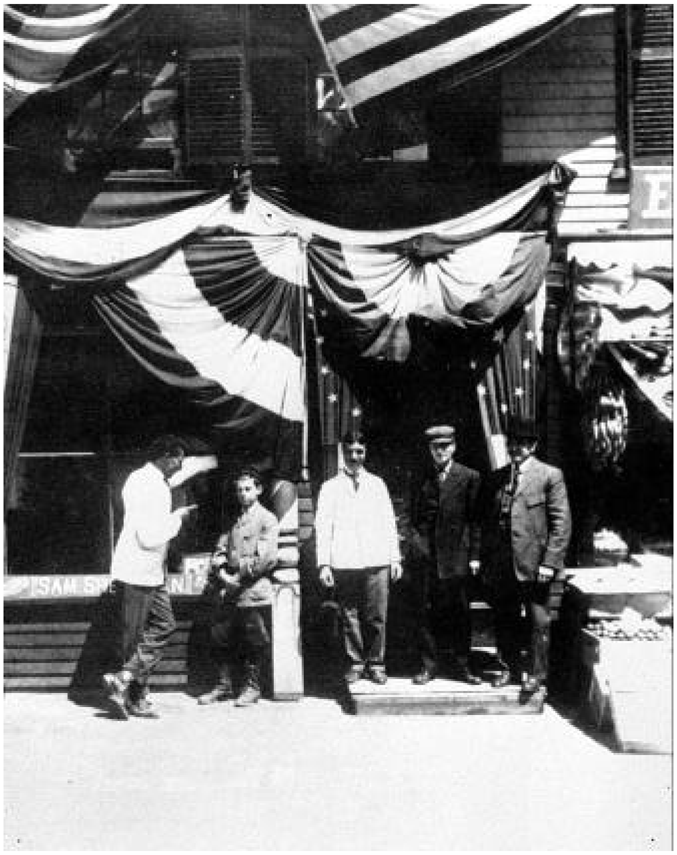
644. Thatcher’s Block

After the crumbling brickwork was partially removed, it was covered with plywood and false stonework was applied over it.



645. Parade on Centre Street

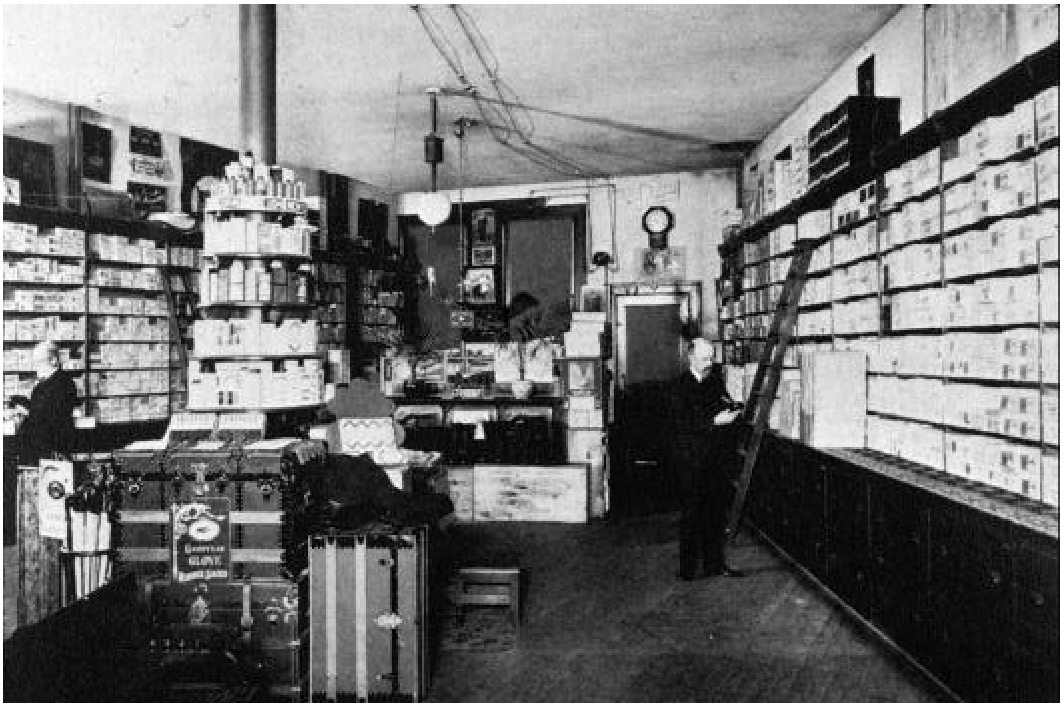
I love this picture, see the children following the band, Middleborough's finest with their white gloves. Note the finial in the foreground. This could be the 1894 hand pumper.



646. E. Oneto's Fruit Store

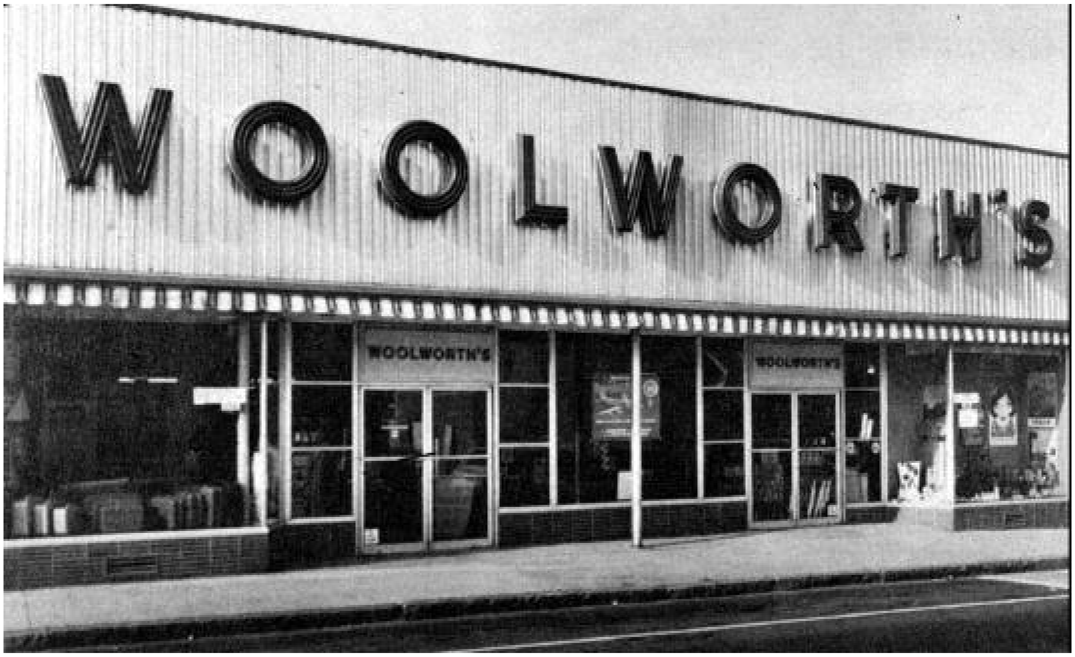
Emanuel Oneto sold his store in the mid 1920's and moved to Haverhill.

Source: Mertie Romaine History, pg. 351



647. D. B. Monroe Shoe Store

The ladders ran on tracks so the clerks could climb up to get the right shoe size to sell to their customers. The two clerks are David B. Monroe and Harry E. Monroe.


WOOLWORTH'S
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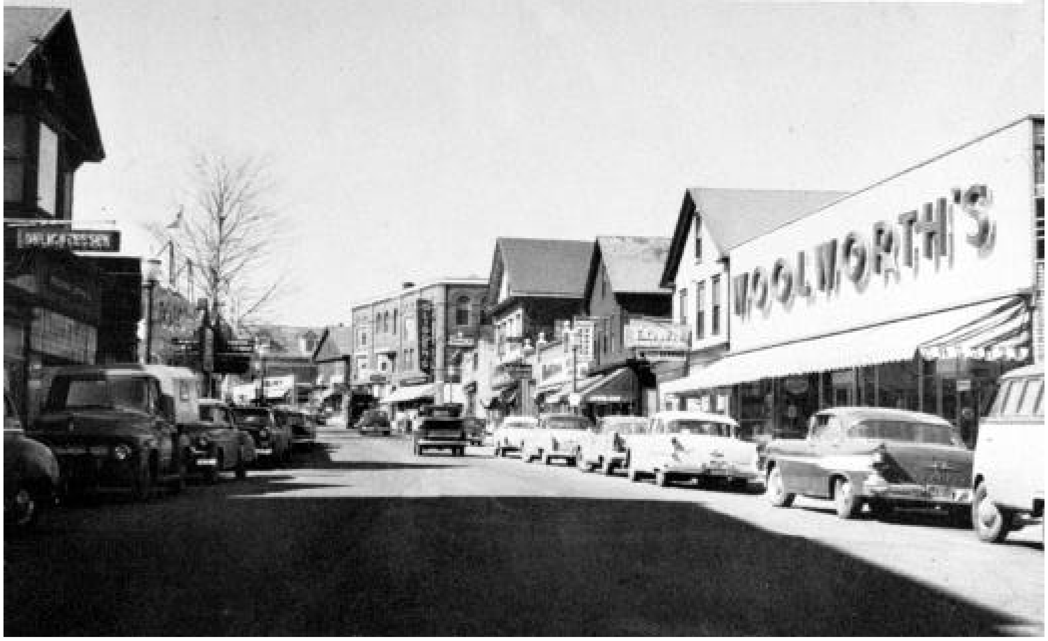
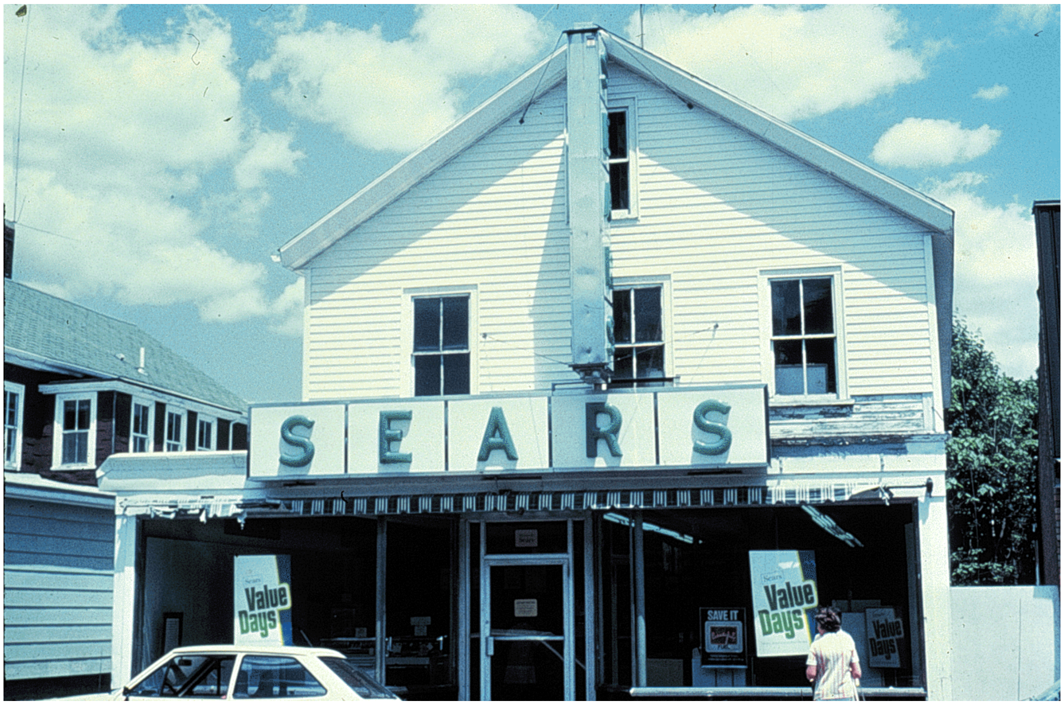
648. F. W. Woolworth's 5 cents and 10 cents

This is F.W. Woolworth's new sign to go with their recent renovations.



649. Centre Street, Business Section

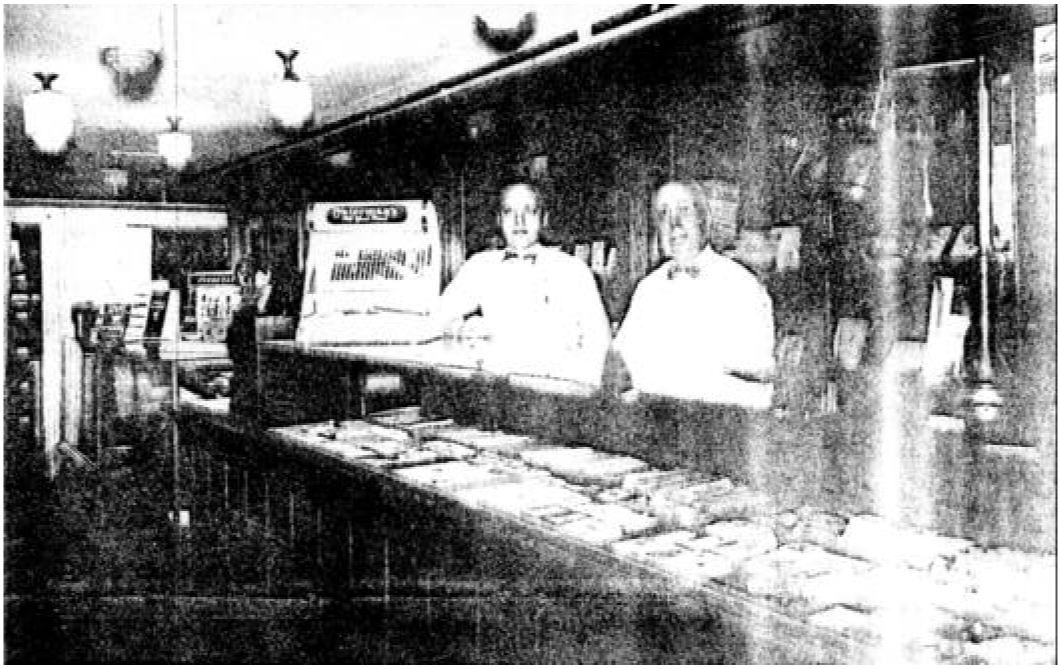
This picture depicts the end of Middleborough’s Golden Age. We can see Woolworth’s, Benny’s, Laforest Pharmacy, Boston Store and McNeil’s Dept. Store, First National Grocery Store. Then the big Glidden Block in the rear.


SEARS
Value Days
Value Days
Value Days
SAVE IT

650. Sears

This private home became the Sparrow Brothers men's and boys clothing store. The Economy Grocery store moved into the building and became the centers first supermarket. Different businesses that have occupied the building include town Cleaners, Benny's Auto Stores, Sears and today houses Coastal Cleaning Supplies.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History, pg. 79-80.

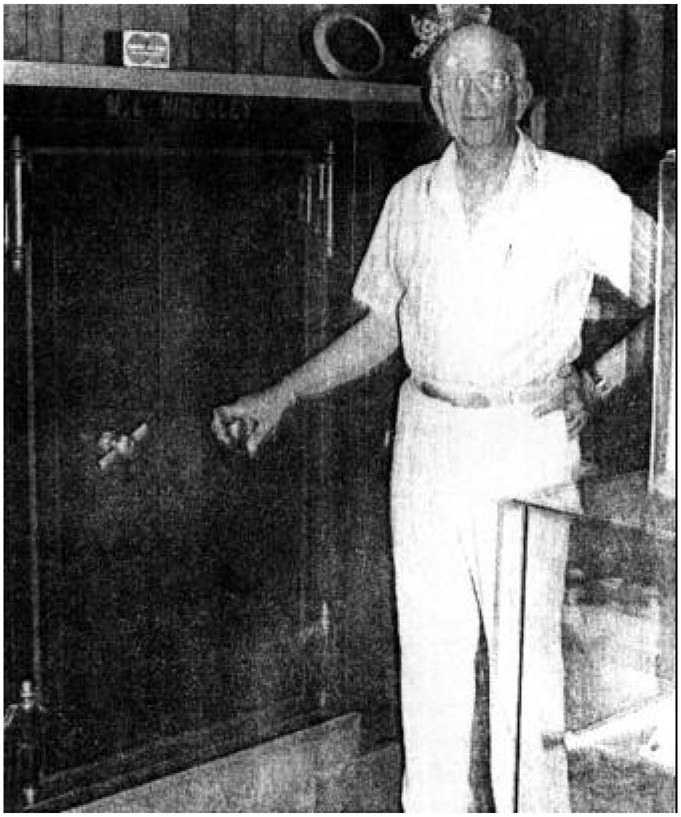


651. Hinckley Jewelers

“Richard G. Hinckley (left) and his father, Myron L. Hinckley (right) the founder of M.L. Hinckley and Son Jewelers, posed for this photo on September of 1946, the store was then located on Centre Street.”

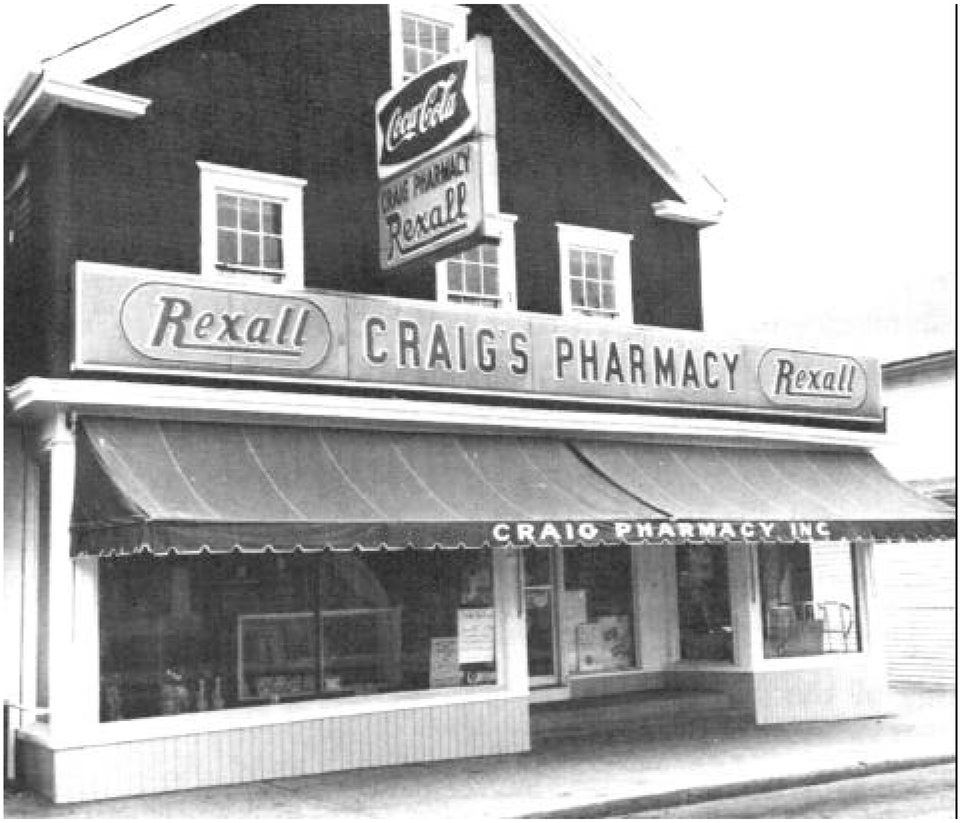
Source: Mary Jo Curtis Quote

652. Hinckley Jewelers



Richard O. Hinckley displays the safe that has been used at his family jewelry store since its opening in 1915. The safe was originally owned and used by the Mayflower Cooperative Bank before Hinckley's grandfather bought it.

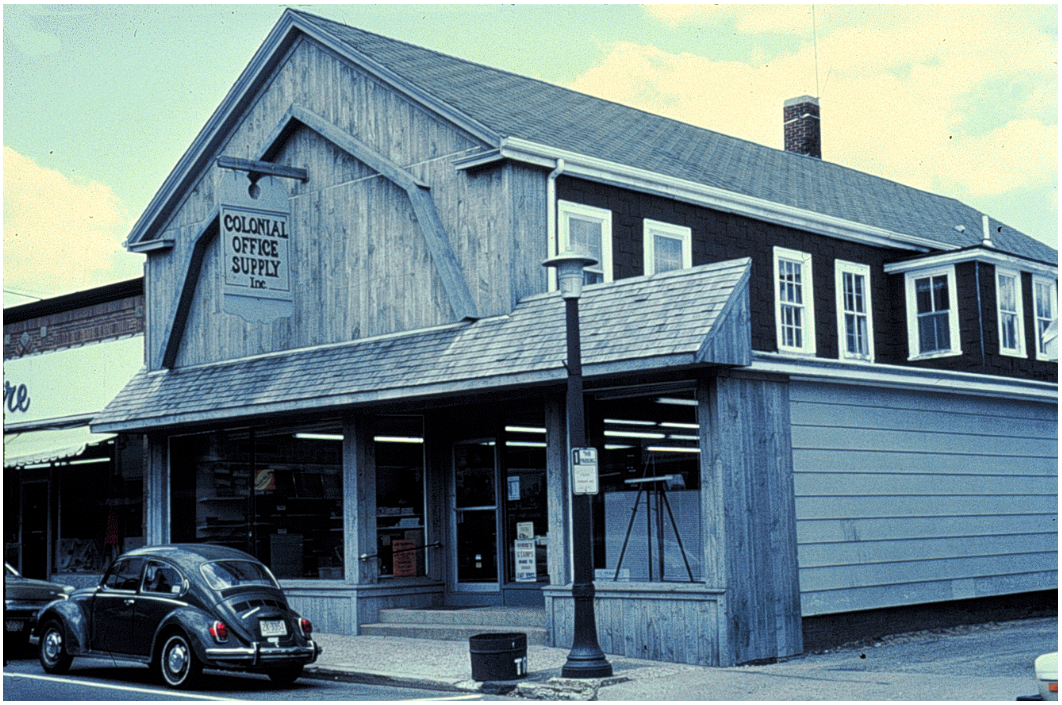
Source: Mary Joe Curtis Quote.


Coca-Cola
CRAIG PHARMACY
Rexall
Rexall
CRAIG'S PHARMACY
Rexall
CRAIO PHARMACY INC

653. Craigs Pharmacy

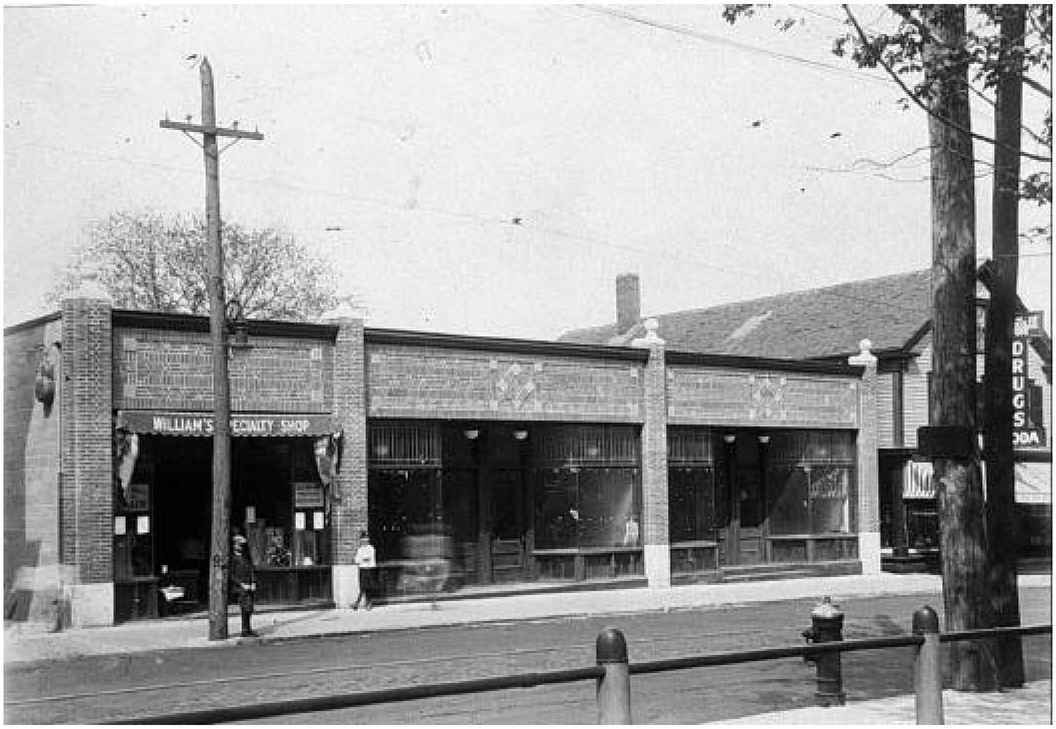
This building was originally the private residence of Mrs. William Peirce, and in the 1870's "was remodeled to accommodate a business on the ground floor". Shaw and Childs occupied the new store. For many years it was known as the Jesse F. Morse Pharmacy. It continued as a pharmacy for many years. Today it is an antique shop.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, 1909-1965, pg. 92-93.


COLONIAL
OFFICE
SUPPLY
Inc.

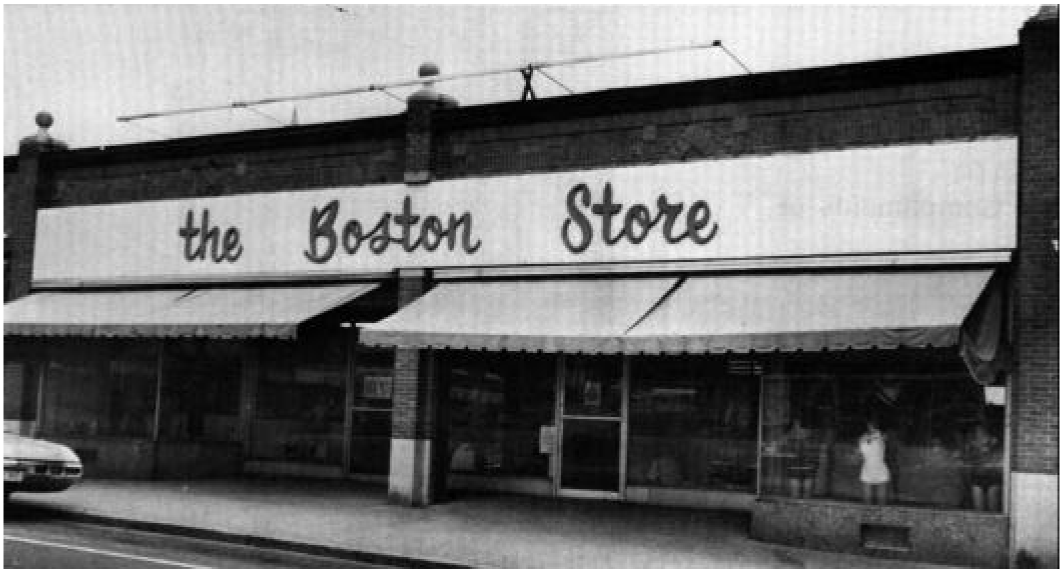
654. Colonial Office Supply

In 1985 the Jessie F. Morse Pharmacy became the Colonial Office Supply.


WILLIAM'S SPECIALTY SHOP
DRUGS
ODA

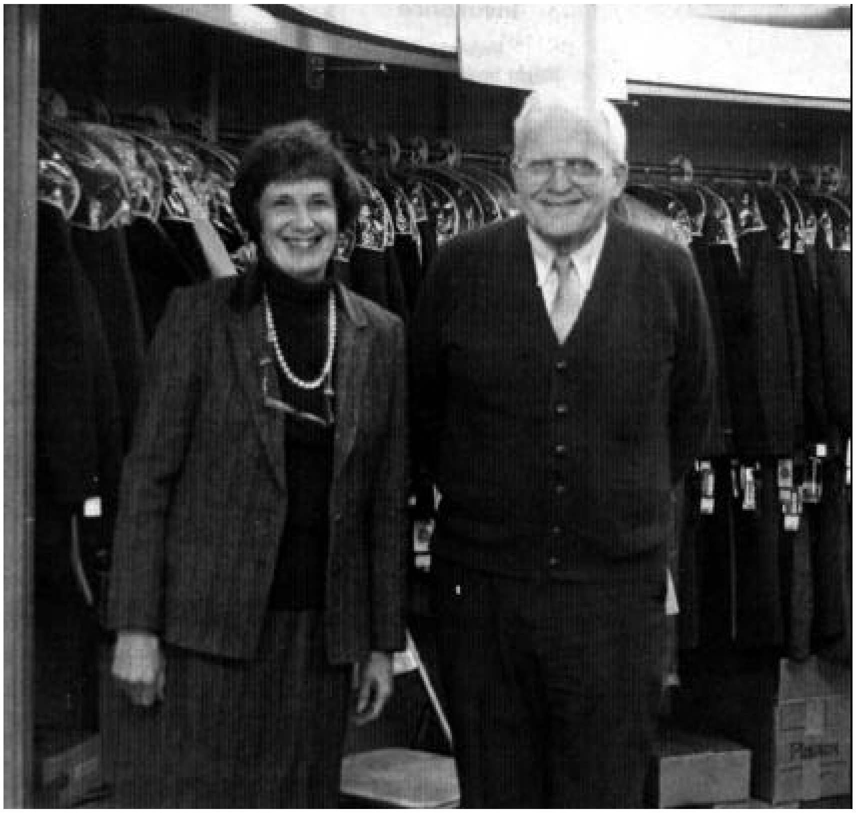
655. Ryder Block Former First National Store

This Ryder block, now empty of the First National Grocery store, having moved to the corner of School Street, is now occupied by William's store.



656. The Boston Store

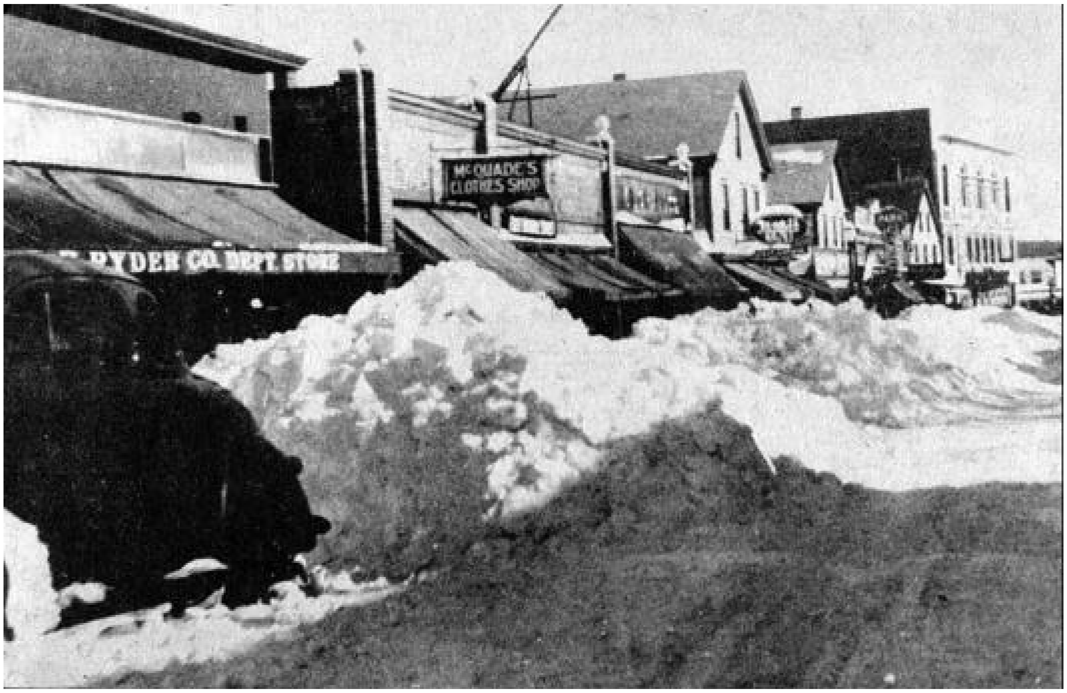
After First National Grocery stores moved out, this building was occupied by the W.T. Grant Store. Then for many years, was the Boston Store owned by the Kramer Family. It was later used for various purposes.



657. Alton and Eunice Kramer

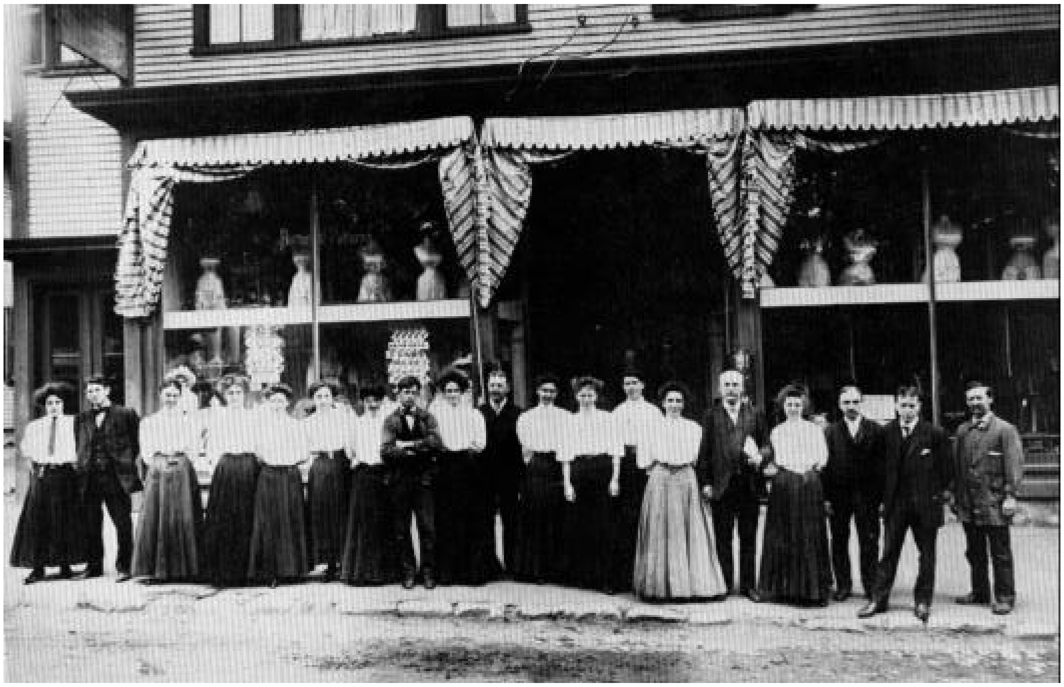
"Alton and Eunice Kramer pause for a moment during another busy day at their long-established store on Centre Street. The Boston Store has been in business for nearly 70 years."

Source: Cynthia Bliss Quote, Middleborough Gazette


RYDER CO. DEPT. STORE
McQUADE'S CLOTHES SHOP

658. Business Center Snow Bound

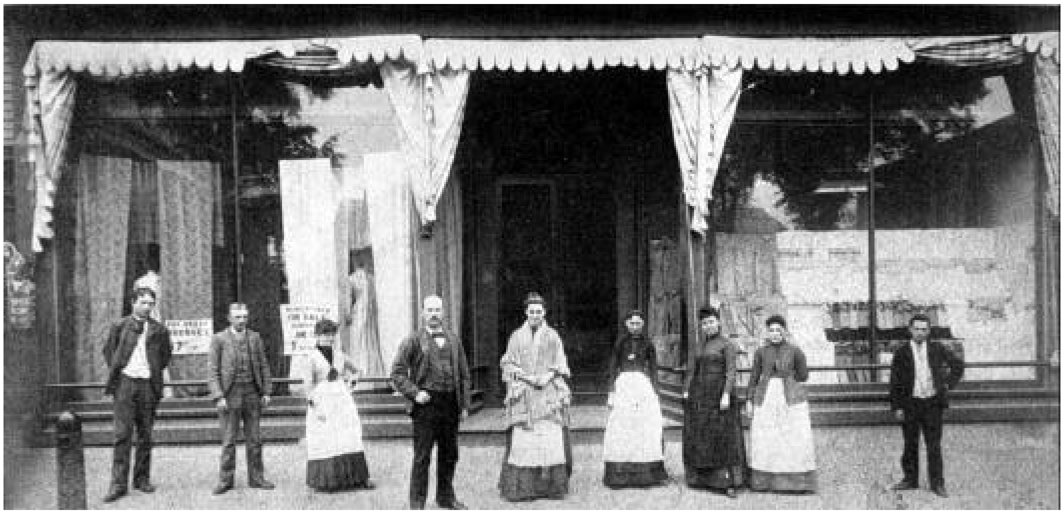
There was a great variety of businesses hampered by this major storm: among them, The Ryder Dept. Store, McQuade’s Men’s Clothing, W.T. Grant Co., J.F. Morse Pharmacy, Hinckley Jewelry Store, etc.



659. F.N. Whitman Department Store

"Clerks of Fred N. Whitman's ca. 1910, left, Lulu Shea, Walter Gillis, Abbie Brett, Lucy Crawshaw, Elizabeth Williams, Sara Levy, Nellie Drummond, Oliver Brett, Mary McDonald, George Tate, Emma Breach, Francis Purdon, Mary Shaw, Nellie Kelley, Alonzo F. Ryder, Lydia Holmes, Amasa Glidden, James McNeil and Neal Harrington, Sr."

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume VIII, February 1966, Number I, pg. 1 cover
Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 83.



660. Fred N. Whitman's Department Store

Left to right; George Crapo, O.W. Moulton, Mary Thresher, Alonzo F. Ryder, Mrs. C.E. Lovell, Eugenia Mott, Abbie Brett, Sarah Barden, and Frank Macomber.

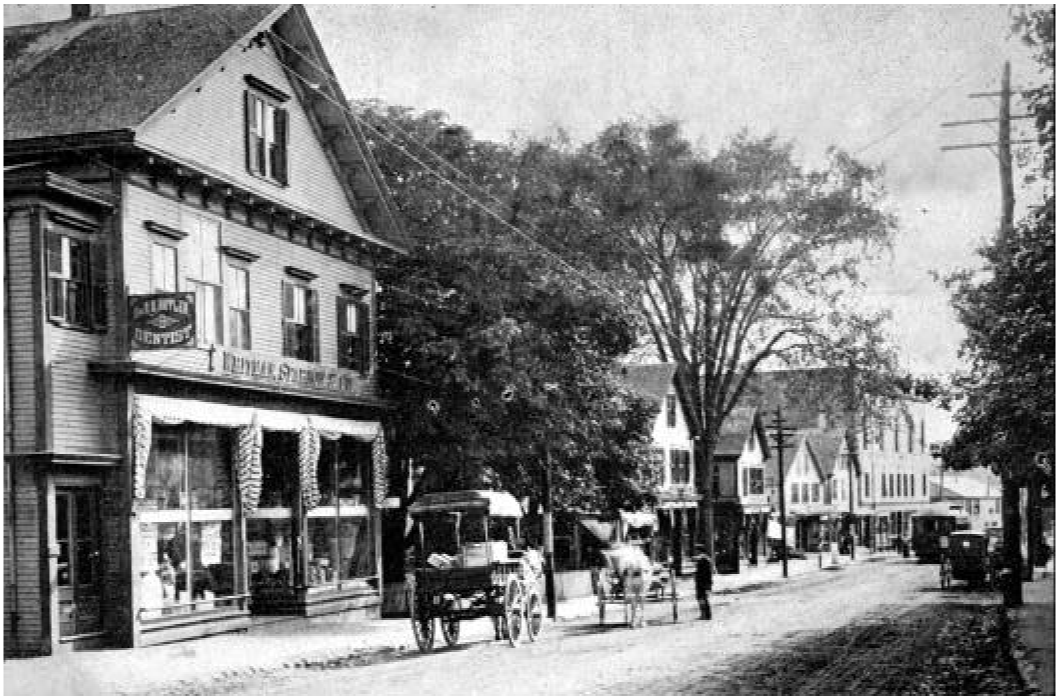
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXIV, November 1985, Number 3, pg. 14

661. Alonzo and Emma Ryder

Alonzo Ryder was educated in the Sandwich, Mass. School system and came to Middleborough with his family to work in the Whitman Sparrow Store. Alonzo was associated in all aspects with the department store through all the years of its changes in name until it became McNeil's. He was noted for his work ethic, and was punctual everyday.

662. Ryder House

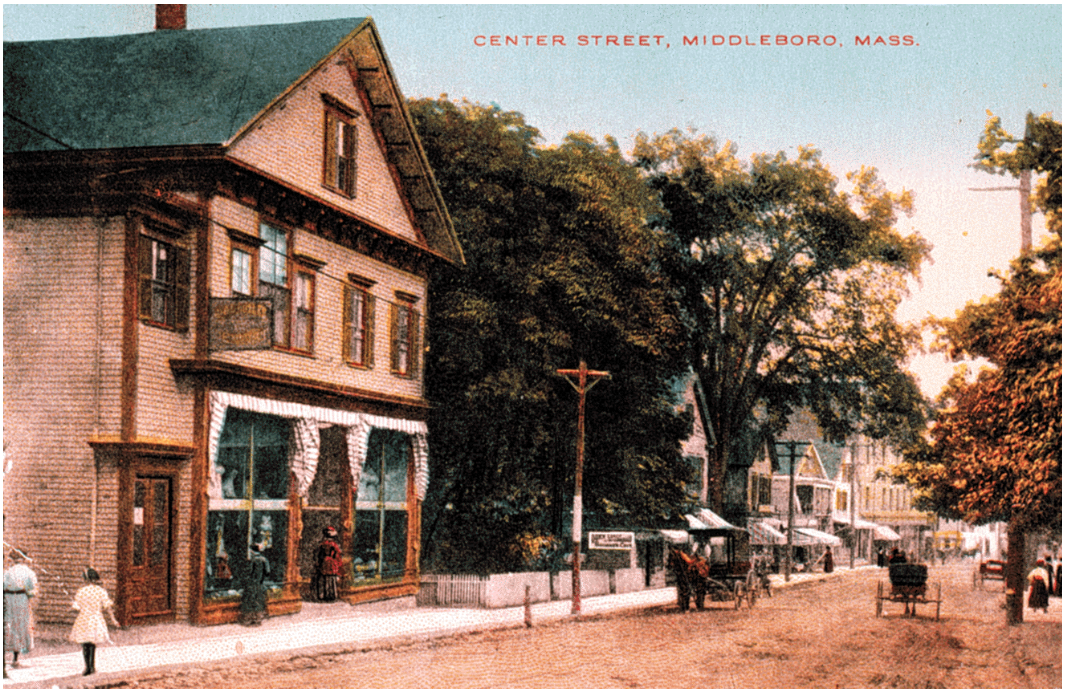
This home on North Street is where Alonzo and Emma Ryder made their home for so many years.



663. Whitman-Sparrow Department Store

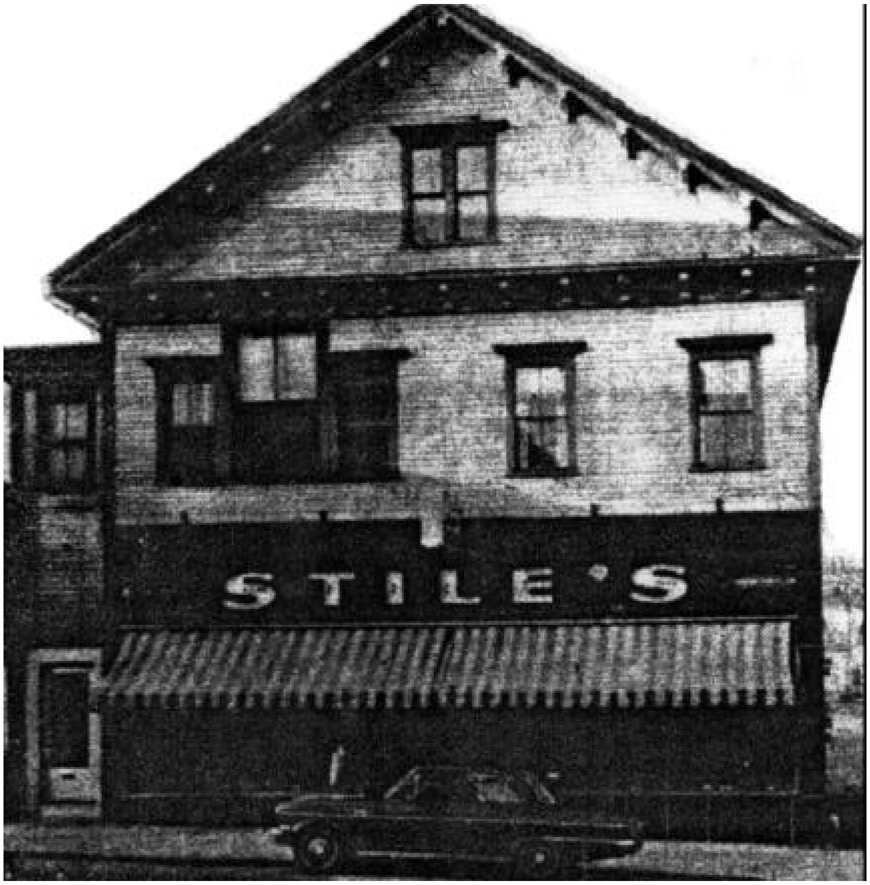
Whitman-Sparrow and Company was the town’s first department store, pictured here in circa 1900. It served under different company names for many years before it closed in 1962 and was eventually torn down to make way for a bank.

Source: Mertie Romaine’s Town History, pgs. 81-82.


CENTER STREET, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

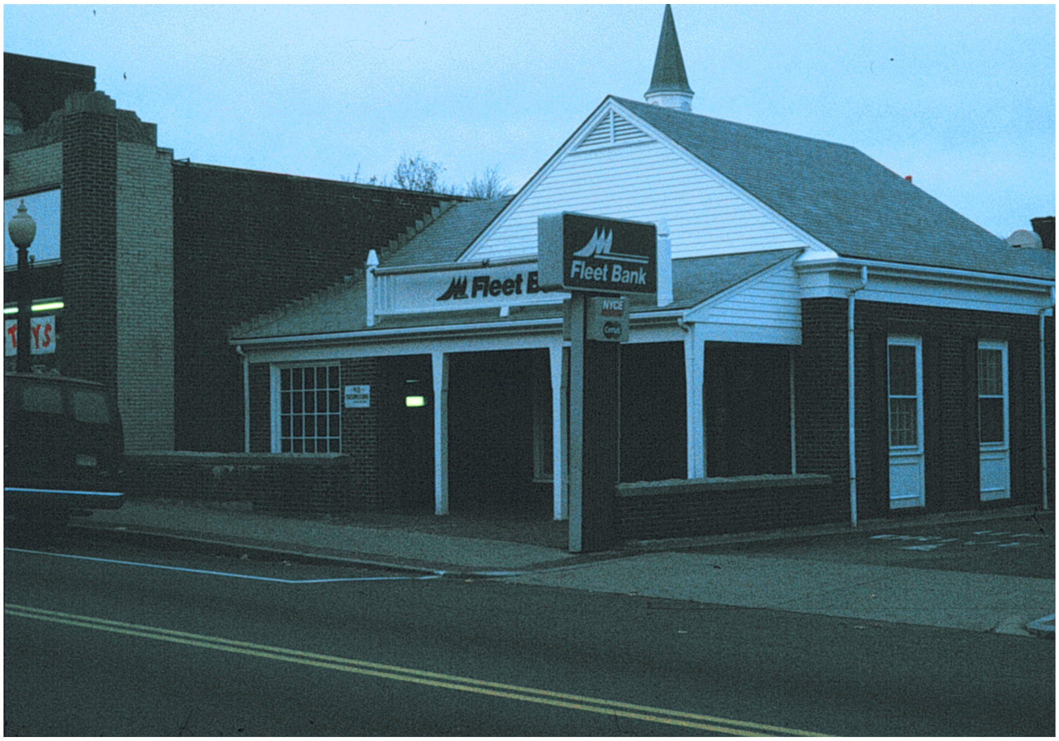
664. Whitman-Sparrow Department Store

This is the most important postcard in the Walter O. Thompson collection. According to Walter, this is the card that started him collecting. Without seeing this card, in all probability, there would be no collection.



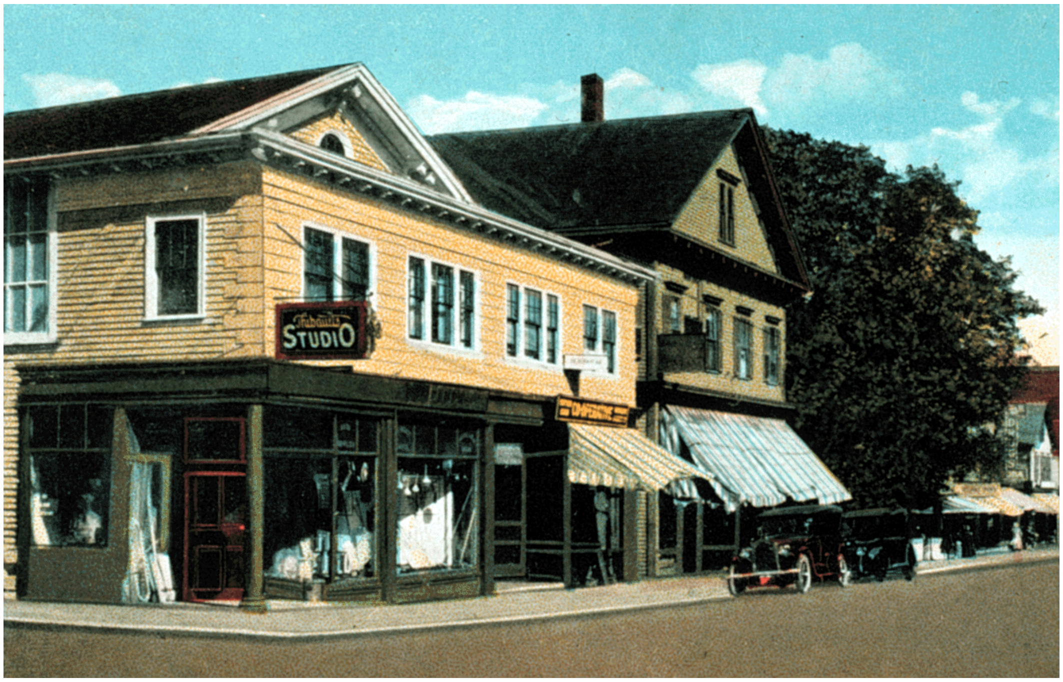
665. Stiles Shoe Store

Stiles Shoe Store, having moved from the Thatcher Block across the street, occupied this building in 1962 when Walter McNeil retired. Shortly after, the building that Alonzo Ryder had worked in for many years was torn down for a bank.


Fleet B
Fleet Bank
NYCE
TOYS

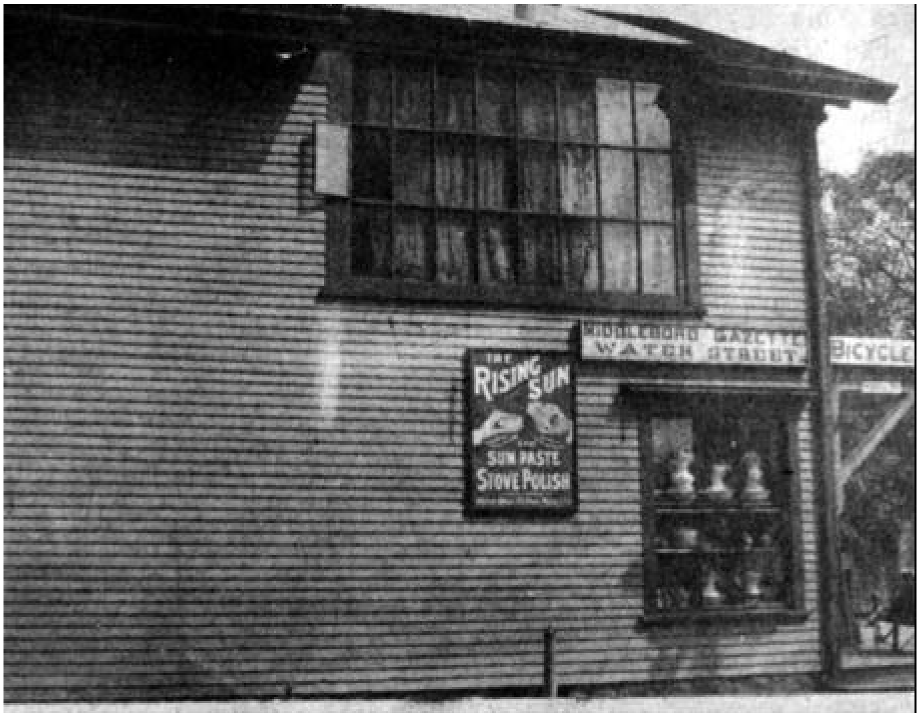
666. Fleet Bank

The Fleet Bank building replaces one of Middleborough's oldest treasures, The Whitman-Sparrow Department Store.



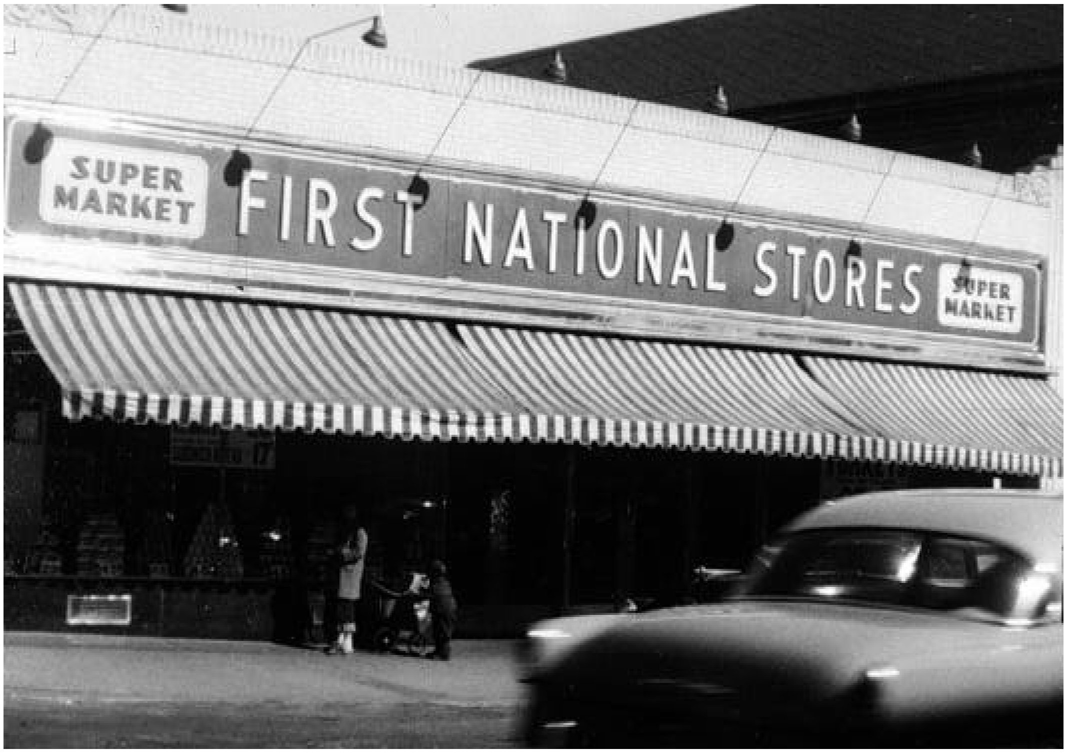
667. Thomas Peirce Hardware and Whitman-Sparrow Stores

This beautiful shot near the Peirce Block shows the corner entrance to the Thomas Peirce Hardware store and the Cloverdale Grocery store entrance on Centre Street. Note the hanging sign of the William Thibeault photography studio on the second floor.


THE RISING SUN
SUN PASTE STOVE POLISH
BICYCLE

668. William Thibeault Photography Studio Window

In this photo, it clearly shows the large window providing added light for the William Thibeault Photo Studio. Under the window, there is a sign advertising the Middleborough Gazette office on Wareham Street and the hardware store is advertising "Rising Sun" stove polish and bicycles.


SUPER MARKET
FIRST NATIONAL STORES
SUPER MARKET

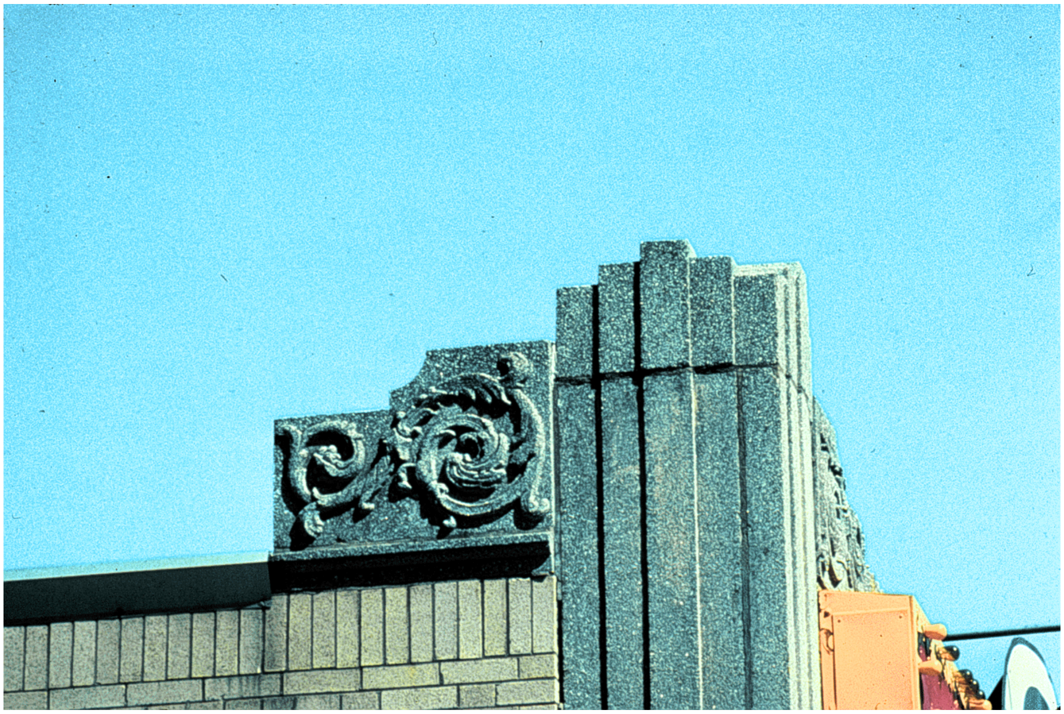
669. First National Stores

This is the second of three grocery stores the First National operated in town. Charles Devlin was the grocery manager for many years.

EATS
Soufflé
Salads
20
PLEASE Serve
YOURSELF

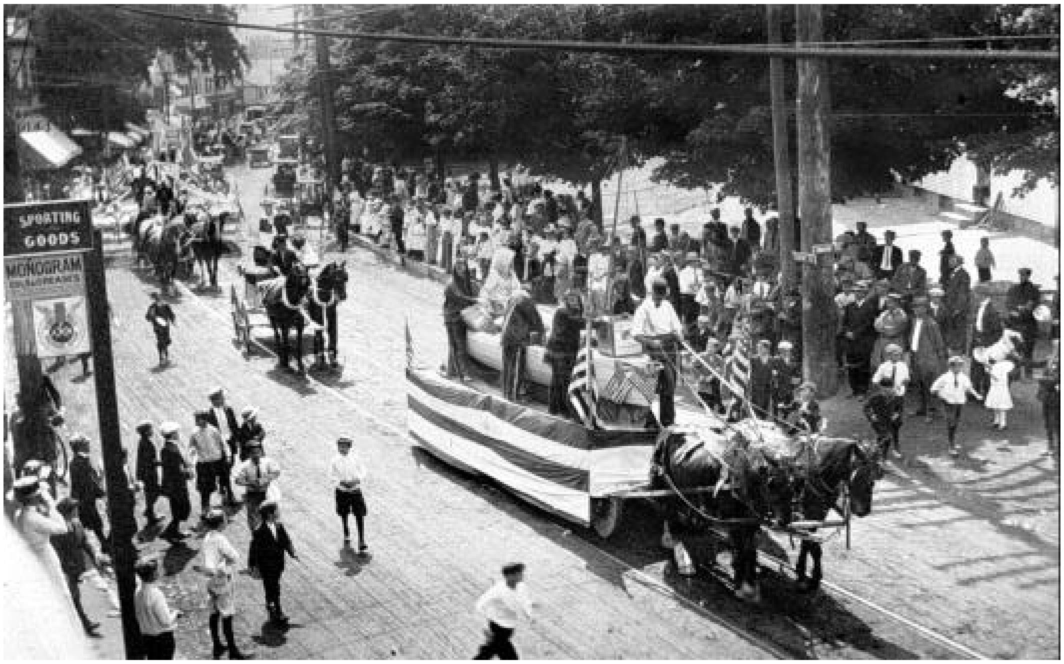
670. Grocery Manager, Charles Devlin

Charlie Devlin was a popular store manager, not only with his employees, but also with the consumers. He was influential in obtaining numerous contracts to supply groceries and meets to various restaurants and summer camps. With only an elementary school education, he began his career in a grocery store in Taunton and became very proficient with figures and finances.



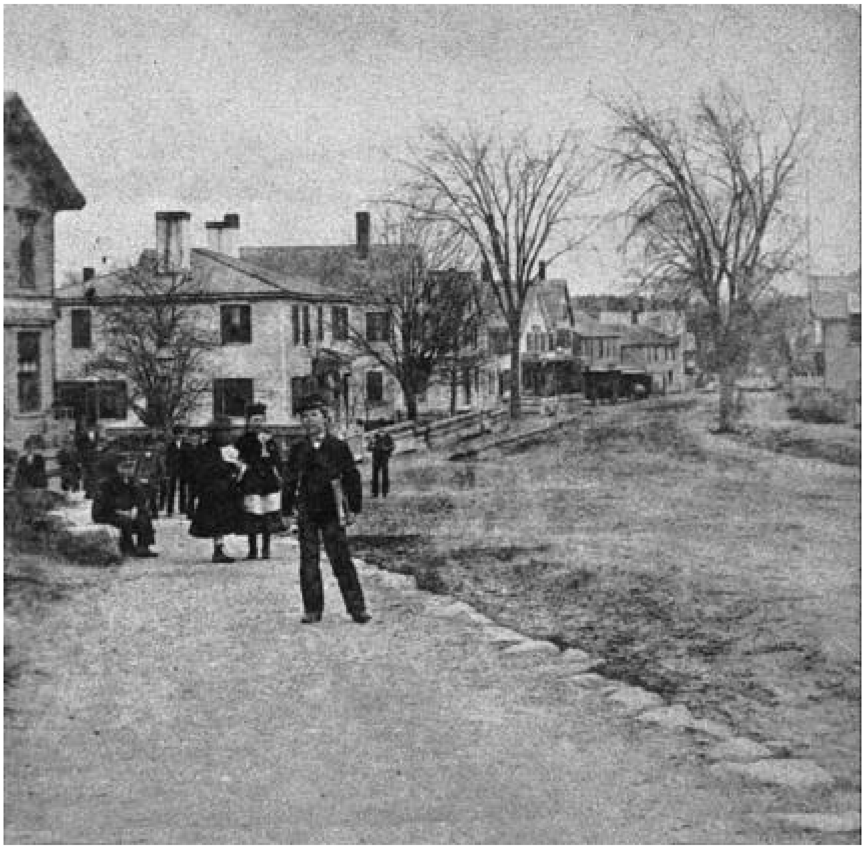
671. Corner Cornice on First National Store

The decorative design is seen on the corner of the building, built as a First National Grocery Store. This view shows the top of the Benny's sign, which advertises the present occupant.



672. Parade on Centre Street

This was taken on the corner of Union and Centre Streets. The steps to the right lead to the Police Station which was in the back ell of the Peirce Academy. The first float could be a replica commemorating the landing of the Pilgrims. See all the excited boys running along behind the floats.

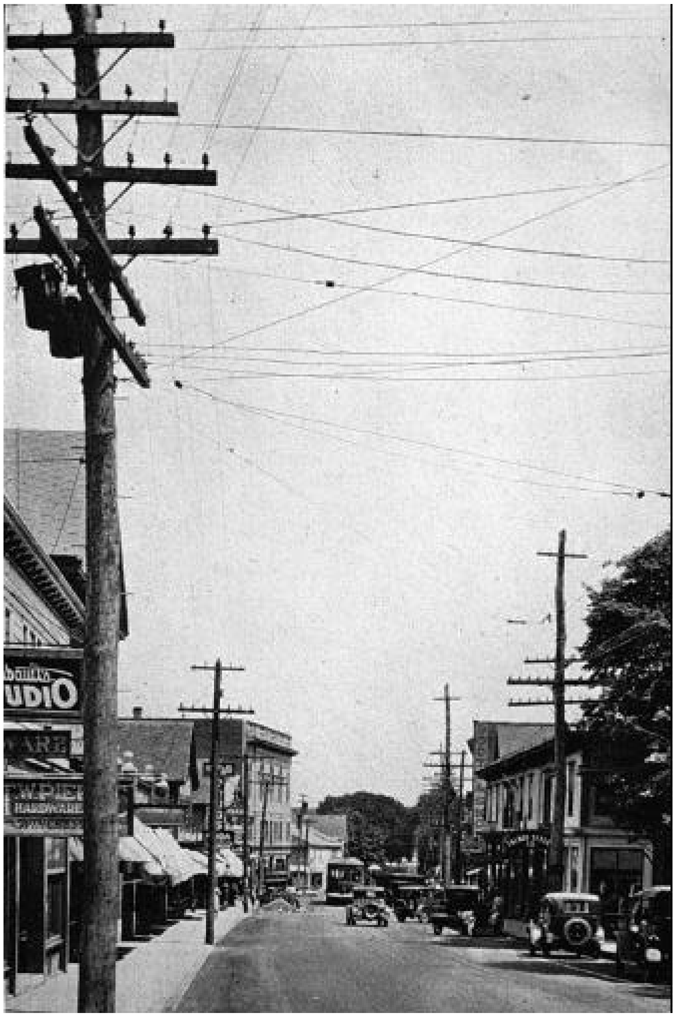


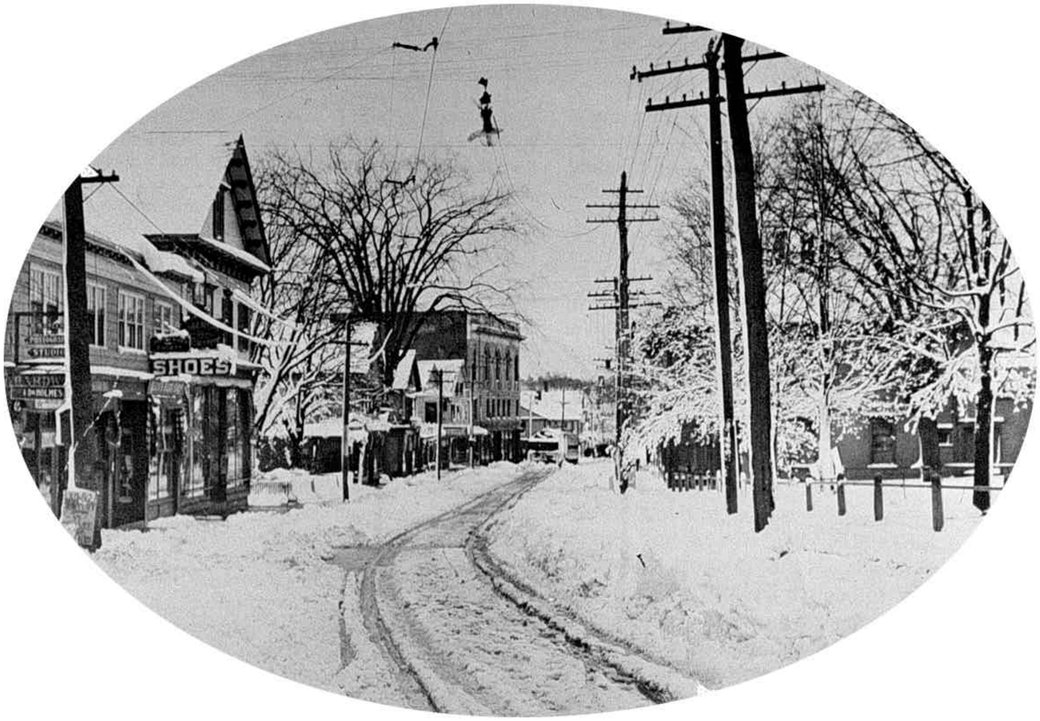
673. Looking Down Centre Street

This is a very early scene of Centre Street with students walking from School St. School around the site of the present Glidden Block. The first building on the left was one of the places where Leonard and Barrows manufactured shoes. The beautiful colonial homestead was built by Levi Peirce for the pastor of Central Baptist Church.

674. Centre Street Business District

This early photo shows the location of the newly merged First National Grocery store (on the center left) and across the street is the two story Thatcher block where the U.S. Post Office was located until moving to the Peirce block when it was newly built in 1900. An East Taunton trolley car can be seen coming up from the Four Corners.





675. A Chilly Business District

This is a gorgeous winter day in downtown Middleborough. One can clearly see the plowed trolley tracks cleaned by the trolley company's rotary plow. The streets and sidewalks had to wait for the horse drawn plows.

Source: Middleborough Antiquarian
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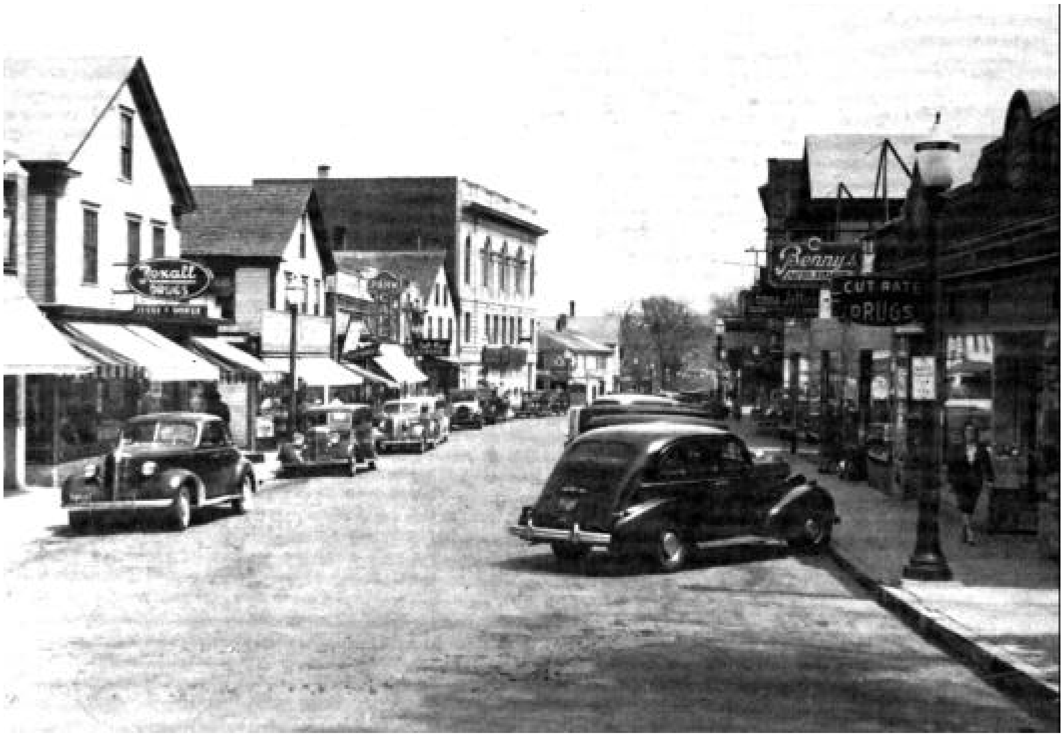
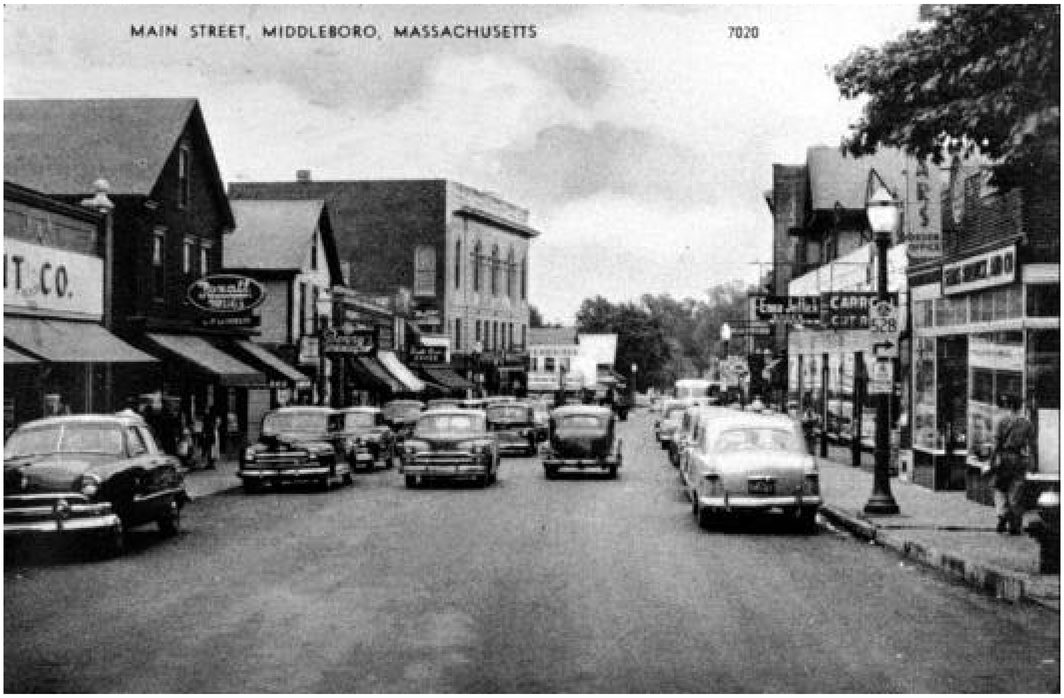


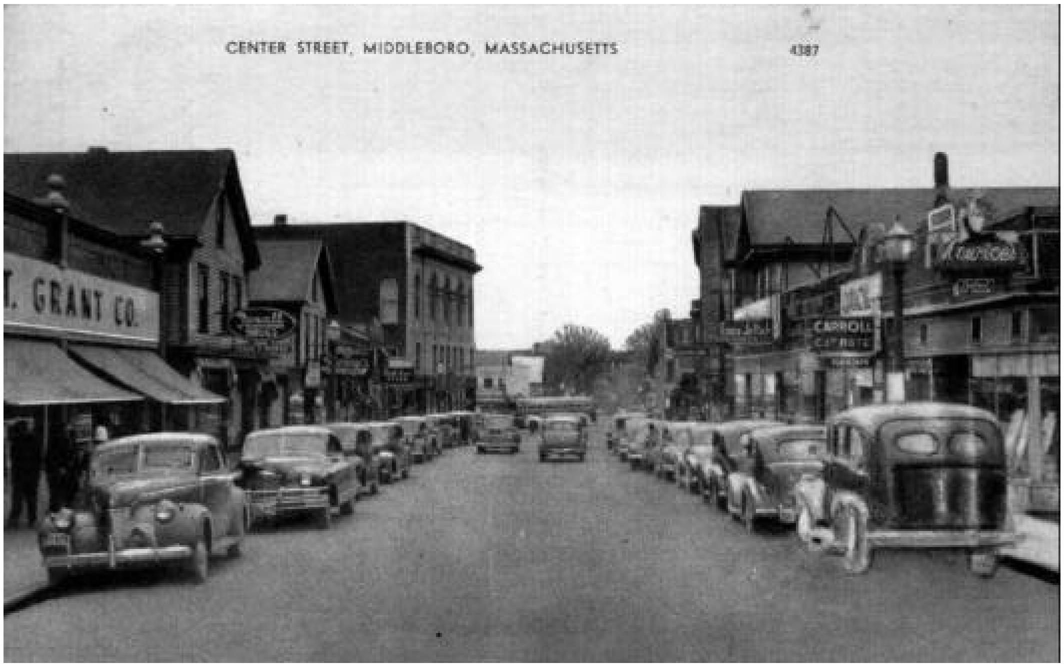
676. Centre Street Business District

In 1939, Centre Street was the major state highway (Rte. 28) going to the cape. On the right we see the experimental parking that failed and on the upper right of the Thatcher block we see the A&P logo which had already moved down to the Peirce Block. Note that across the street was the famous Jessie F. Morse Drug Store, with Middleborough's first supermarket next door, (Stop and Shop).


MAIN STREET, MIDDLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS
7020
T. CO.

677. Centre Street Business District

This most familiar view shows the W.T. Grant Co. on the left, also Laforest Drug Store, Benny's Auto Stores and F.W. Woolworth. On the right in the Thatcher block is the Sears Roebuck Co., Center Card Shop, Carroll's Cut Rate and Enna Jettick Shoe Store.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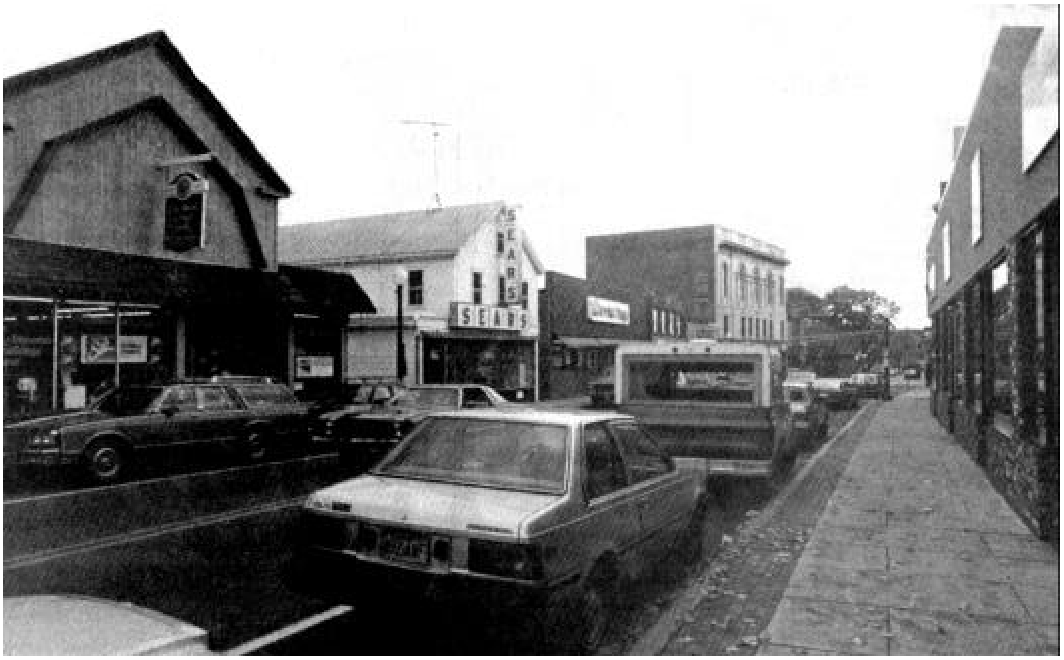
678. Centre Street Business District

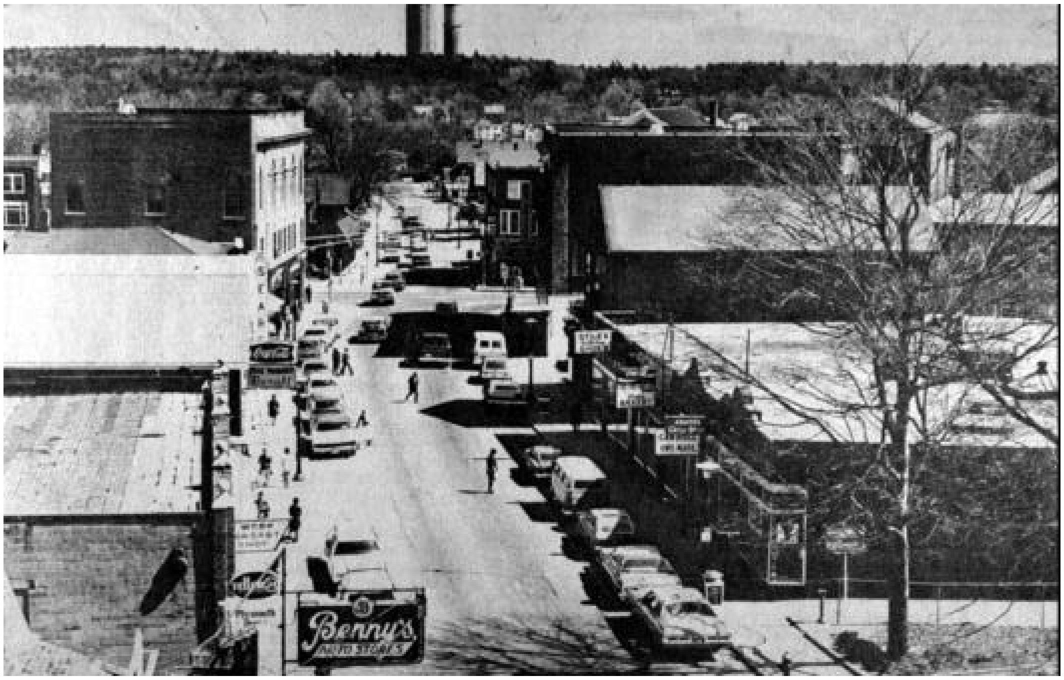
Another view of the town’s main commercial center.



679. Centre Street Business District

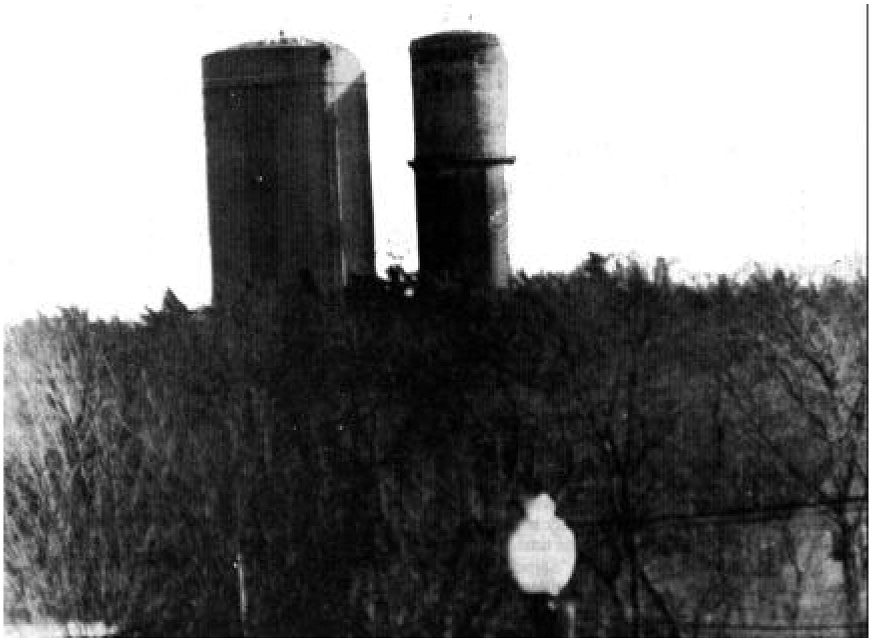
“Autumn skies and festive decorations, as well as the small-town appearance of the downtown Middleborough encourages shoppers to spend their time and money in local stores.”

Source: Cynthia Ballou Quote


Benny's
AUTO STORES

680. Centre Street Business District

This overview of Centre Street points toward the twin water towers on Barden Hill.



681. Water Towers

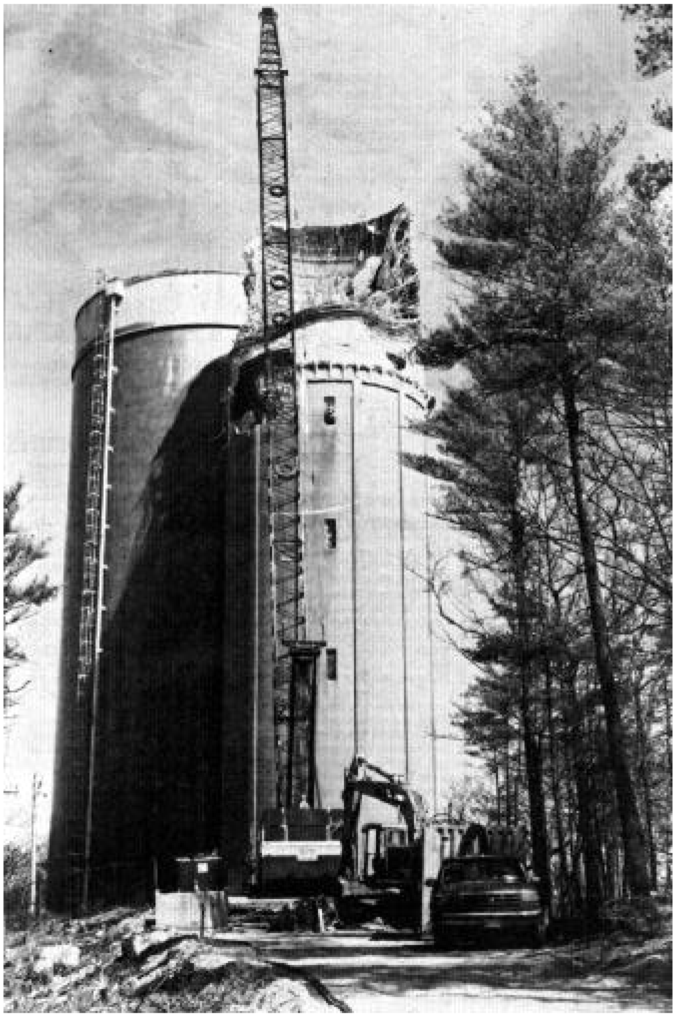
"The first concrete water tower in Massachusetts and the largest in the U.S., the 173 foot, half-million gallon standpipe on Barden Hill (at right) has been deteriorating for a number of years. Town officials are proposing that the tower be demolished, since a slab of concrete recently fell from the structure and smashed the windshield of a vehicle during the inspection of the newer tower. Tearing down the structure would require a hearing before the Historical Commission under the town's demolition delay bylaw, and since the tower is on the National Register of Historic Places along with the 1885 water works on East Grove Street. Built in 1915, the tower was dedicated to Joseph E. Beals, who was instrumental in developing the water department."

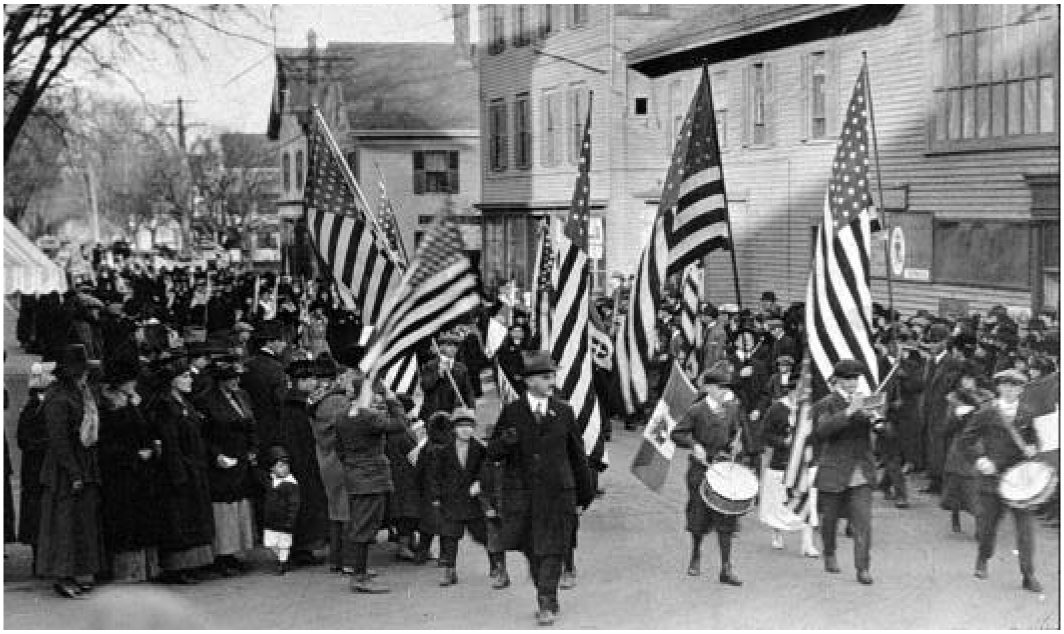
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, Thursday, Jan. 23, 1997.

682. A Bit of History Disappears

“This 56 year old standpipe, a landmark in Middleborough, is now just a memory. Too costly to repair, the town had it torn down.

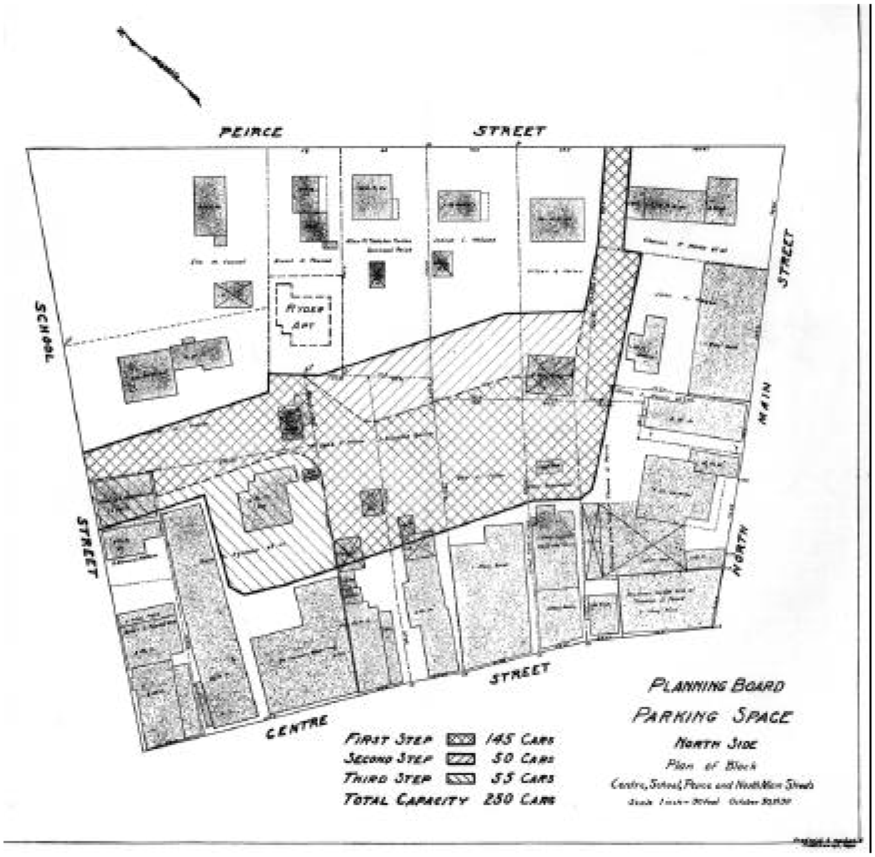
Source: Bonnie Olson





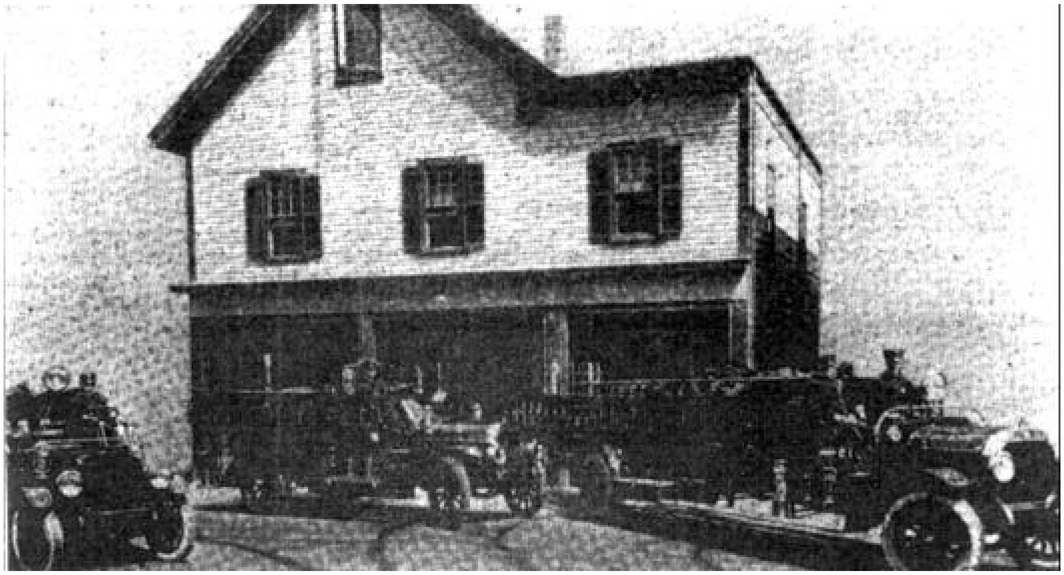
683. Memorial Day Parade

This gorgeous view of School Street depicts the School Street Drum & Bugle Corps. with Wirt B. Phillips, music director, leading off the Memorial Day Parade with the Civil War soldiers marching in front of the old School Street engine house.


PEIRCE STREET
SCHOOL STREET
MAIN STREET
NORTH
CENTRE STREET
RYDER APT
FIRST STEP ▨ 145 CARS
SECOND STEP ▨ 50 CARS
THIRD STEP ▨ 55 CARS
TOTAL CAPACITY 250 CARS
PLANNING BOARD
PARKING SPACE
NORTH SIDE
Plan of Block
Centre, School, Peirce and North Main Streets

684. “Parking Space Map”

The town has tried, at various times, to devise a plan for a downtown parking lot to keep business in town. This particular plan they had devised was to make an entrance to a lot on School Street by taking down the old Fire Station and to exit on Peirce Street by taking down the Peirce Barn. Although they tried through the years for public parking, it took several merchants considerable time and money to purchase the land to finally accomplish the job.



685. Central Fire Station

This was the original Central Fire Station as it looked on School Street and which served the town well until 1926, upon the dedication of the new Central Fire Station. It continued to serve the town by use of the GAR Hall on the second floor.

Source: Middleborough Antiquarian
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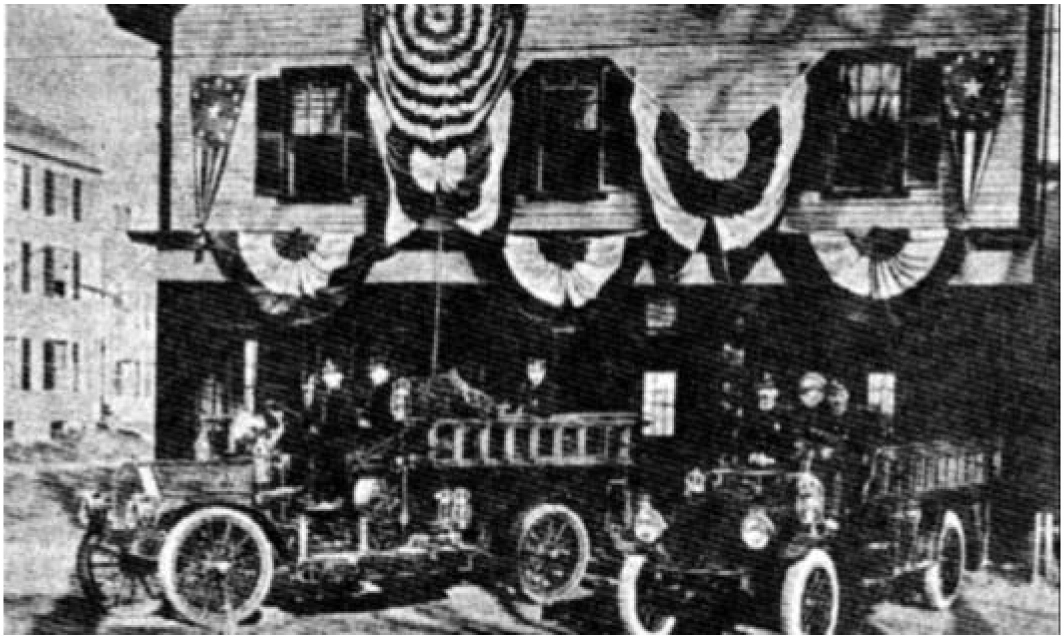
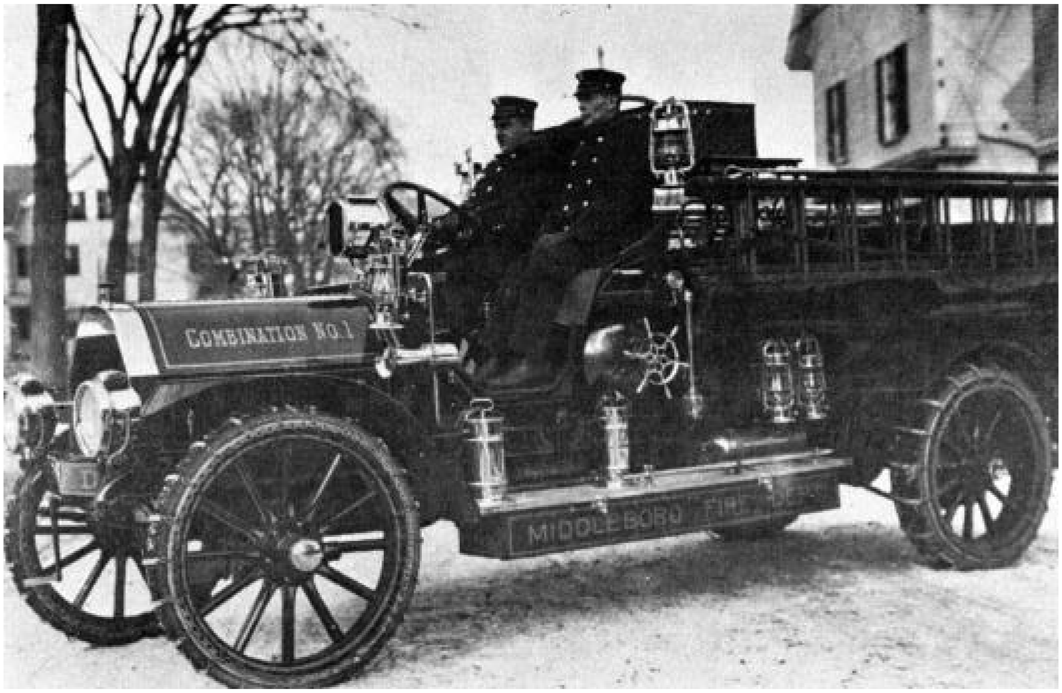


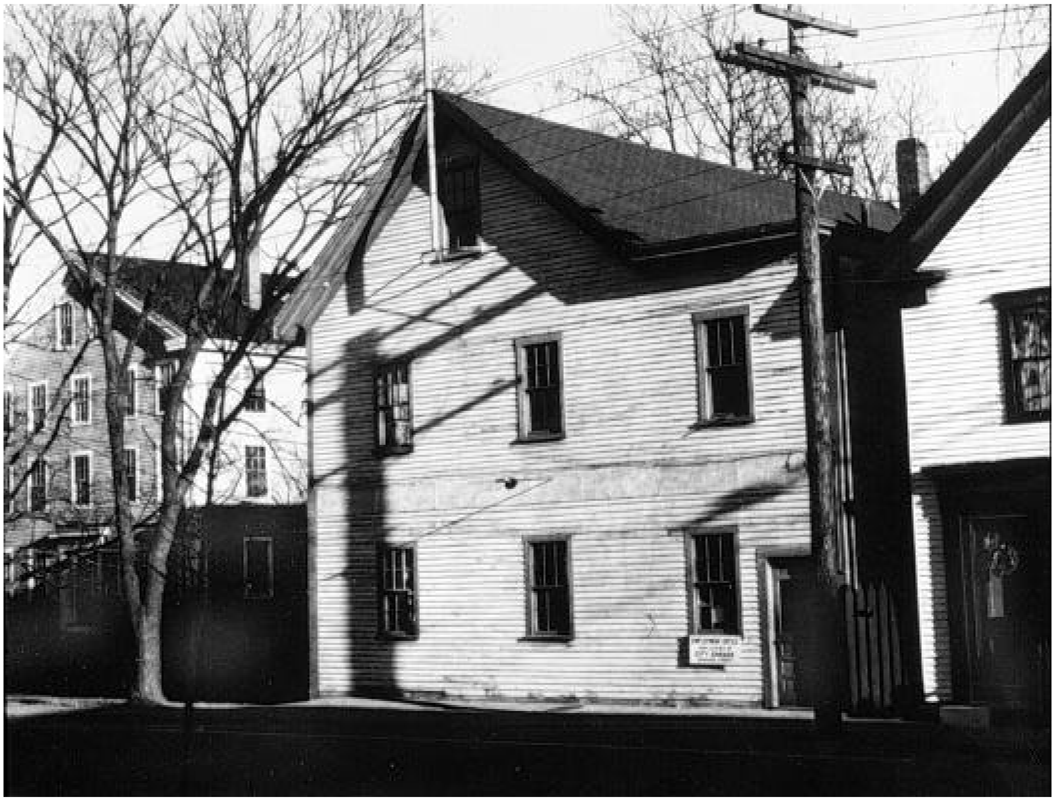
686. School Street Engine House

A rarely seen photograph of the School Street Firehouse taken about 1916 showing all three of the department’s recently acquired pieces of motorized apparatus. From left to right are the Maxim Combination No. 2 (1914), Knox Combination No. 1 (1912) and Maxim “Cities Service” Ladder Truck (1915). “The School Street Engine House was pulled down in 1958.

Source: Mike Maddigan’s “Recollecting Nemasket”
The Middleboro Gazette, October 16, 1997.

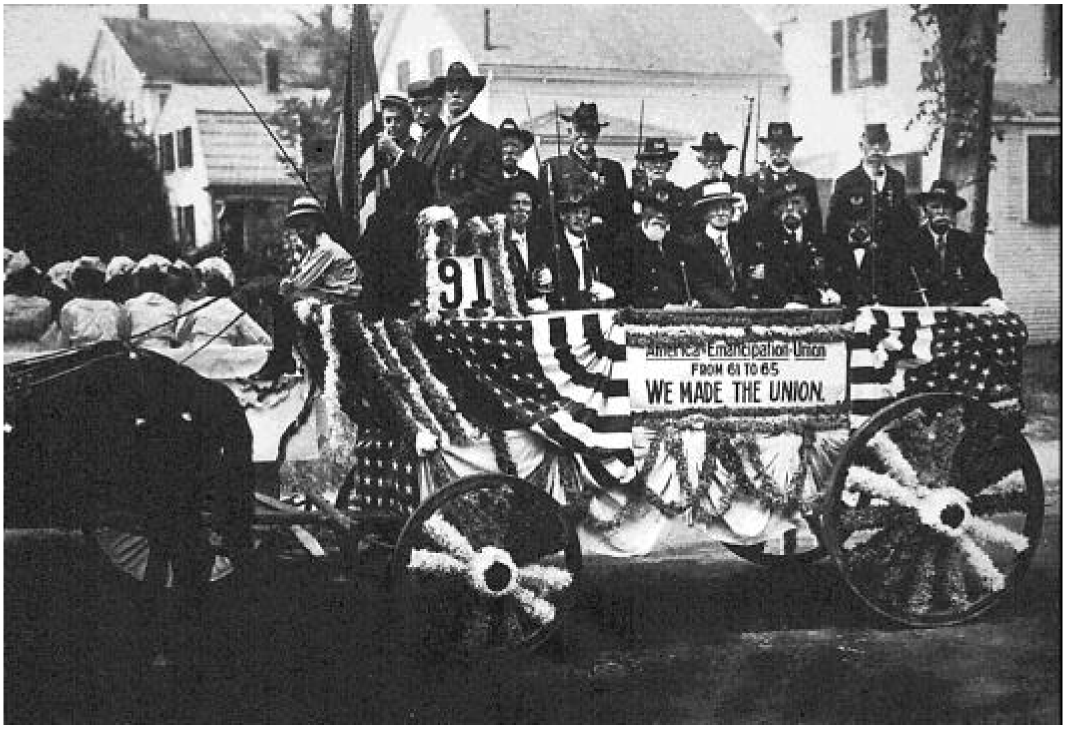

COMBINATION No. 1
MIDDLEBORO FIRE

687. Combination No. 1, 1912 Knox



688. The Old Central Fire Station

This building served the town well through WWII. Women rolled bandages for fighting men on both floors. Dances were held and the Unemployment Bureau was the last tenant of the building until it was torn down in 1958.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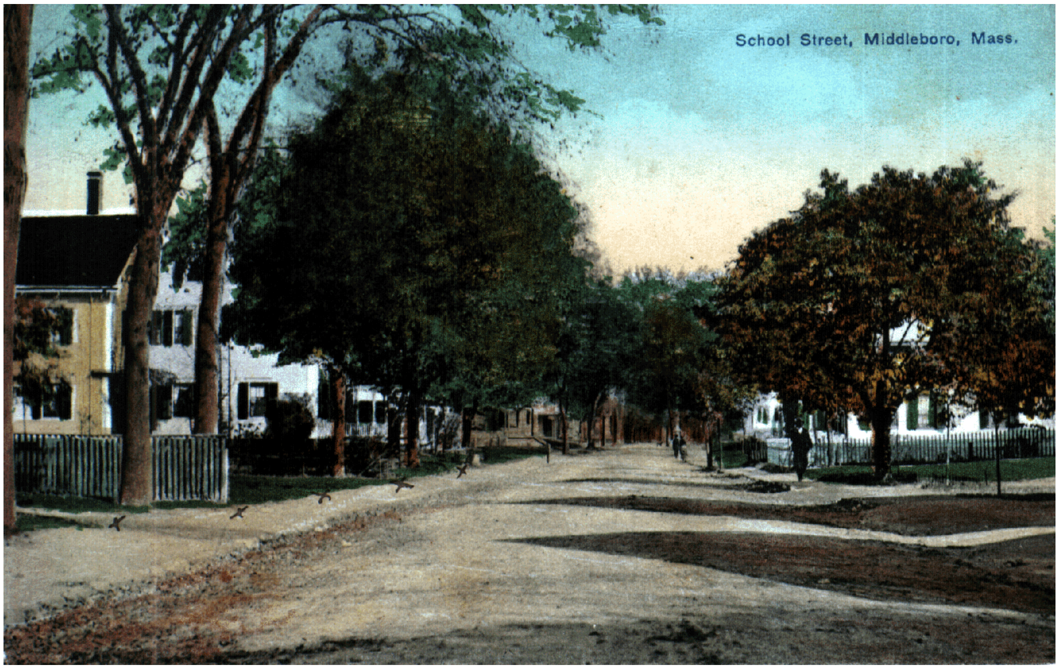
American Emancipation Union
FROM 61 TO 65
WE MADE THE UNION.

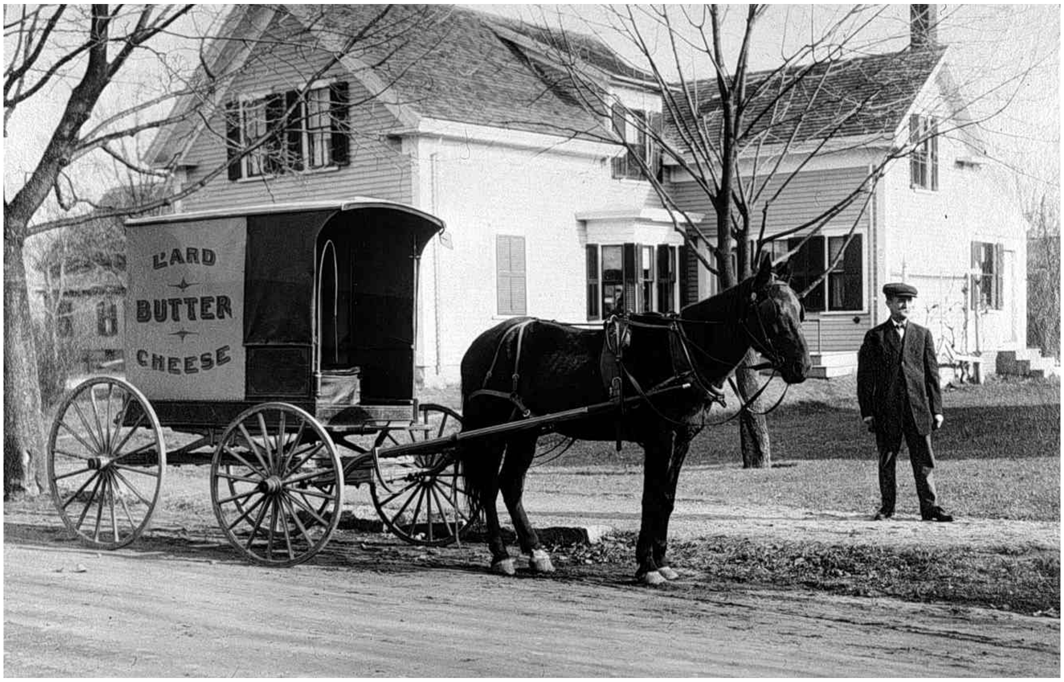
689. Civil War Float

This float was entered in a Memorial Day Parade depicting the remaining Civil War veterans riding on a horse and wagon proclaiming that they made the Union.


School Street, Middleboro, Mass.

690. School Street View

This view of School Street takes us between Barrows and North Streets. The second house on the left is where Mr. & Mrs. Henry B. Burkland lived for many years.



691. “The Butter and Egg Man” Levi B. Tinkham

“The ‘Butter and Egg Man’ was a familiar sight about the streets of Middleborough property and the outlying districts with his offering of lard, butter, cheese and eggs. He lived on the southeast corner of School and North Streets, and kept his horse and cart in a large barn on his property.”

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
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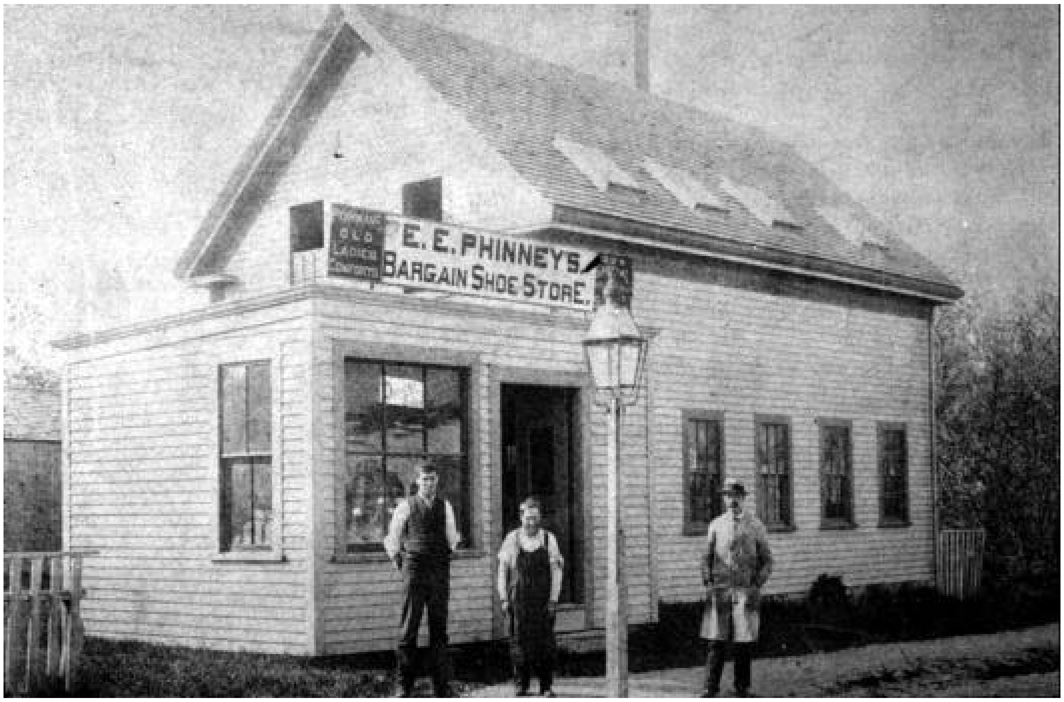

692. “A Family Shoe Shop”

“This family business was located on the lower end of School Street, founded in 1890 by William O. Penniman and his brother Josiah under the name of Penniman Brothers. Later they admitted Elmer E. Phinney into partnership. Eventually, Mr. Phinney became the owner and manufactured ladies’ shoes, including those indicated on the sign, ‘Penniman’s Old Ladies’ Comforts.’ Herbert H. Lightford became a member of the firm, which continued to manufacture shoes until 1925. After that, Foster Wade of Barrows Street converted the shop into a neighborhood grocery store and following his death the building became a dwelling, which still stands near the corner of School and North Streets.”

“The gentlemen standing in front of the shoe shop are identified as Alton Aldrich, ‘Con Cronin’, and William O. Penniman.”

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
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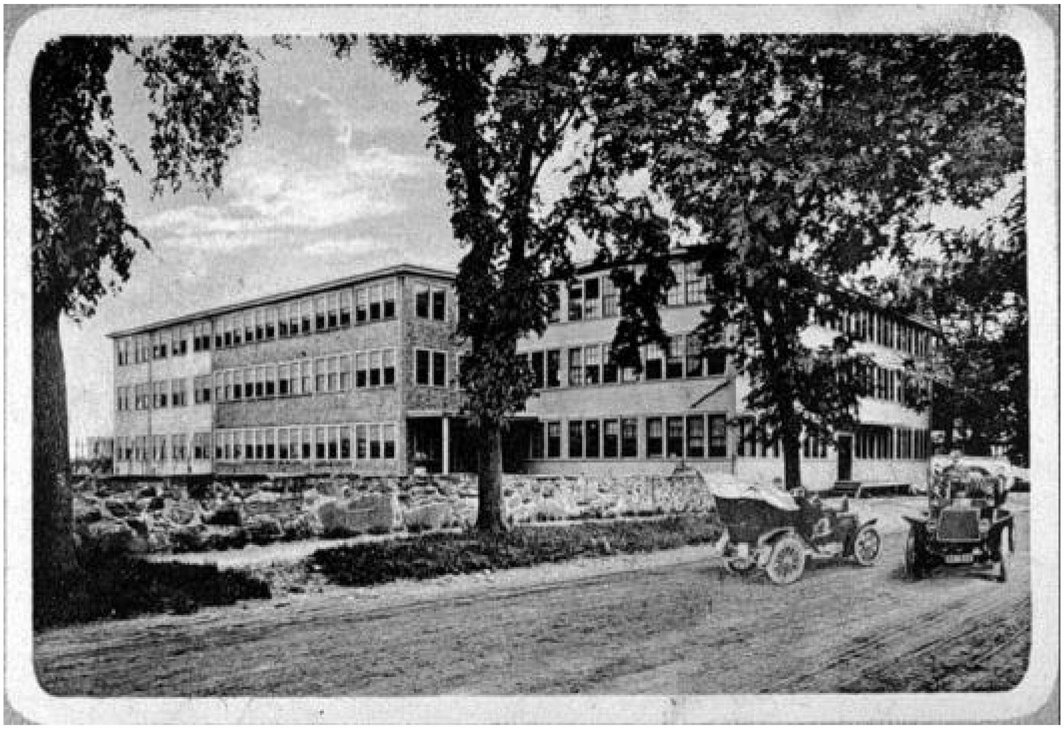
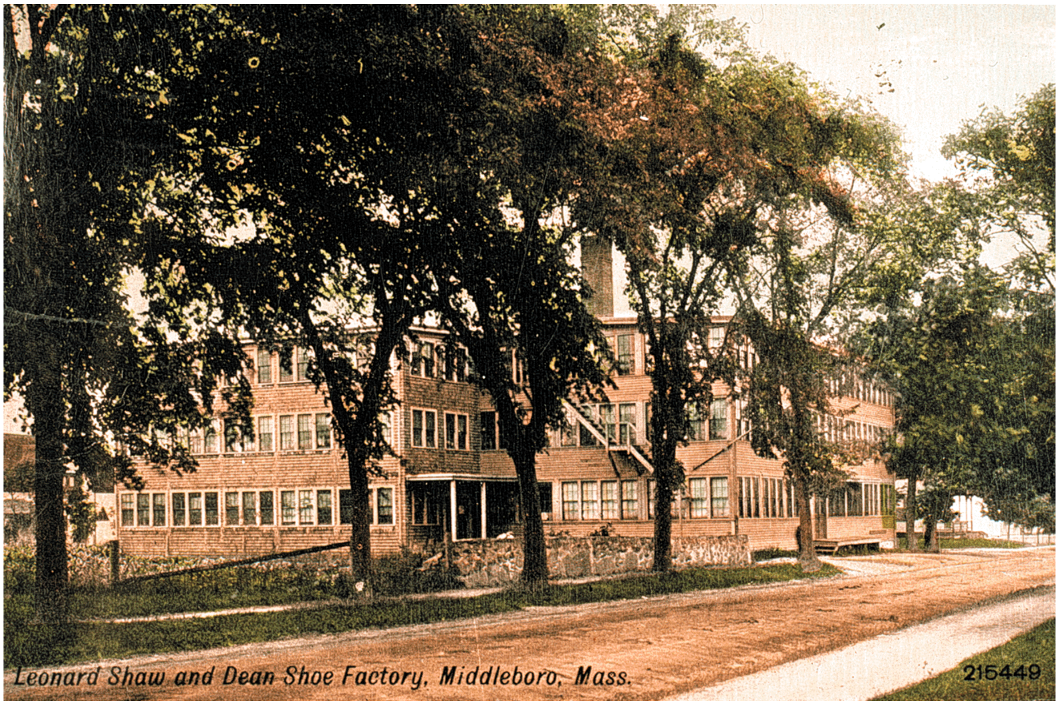


693. Leonard, Shaw and Deane Shoe Factory

In 1892, Cornelius H. Leonard and Samuel Shaw made shoes in the Jenks Building on the corner of Wareham and Clifford Streets. In 1897, W. Henry Deane became a partner and a factory was built on the corner of Peirce and Rice Streets.

Source: Mertie Romaines History of Middleborough, pg. 68.


Leonard Shaw and Dean Shoe Factory, Middleboro, Mass.
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694. Leonard Shaw and Deane Shoe Factory

W. Henry Deane retired in 1906. In 1931 it merged with Schwartz, Ruggles, Inc. of Rockland, Mass. and all of their patterns and lasts were moved to Middleborough.

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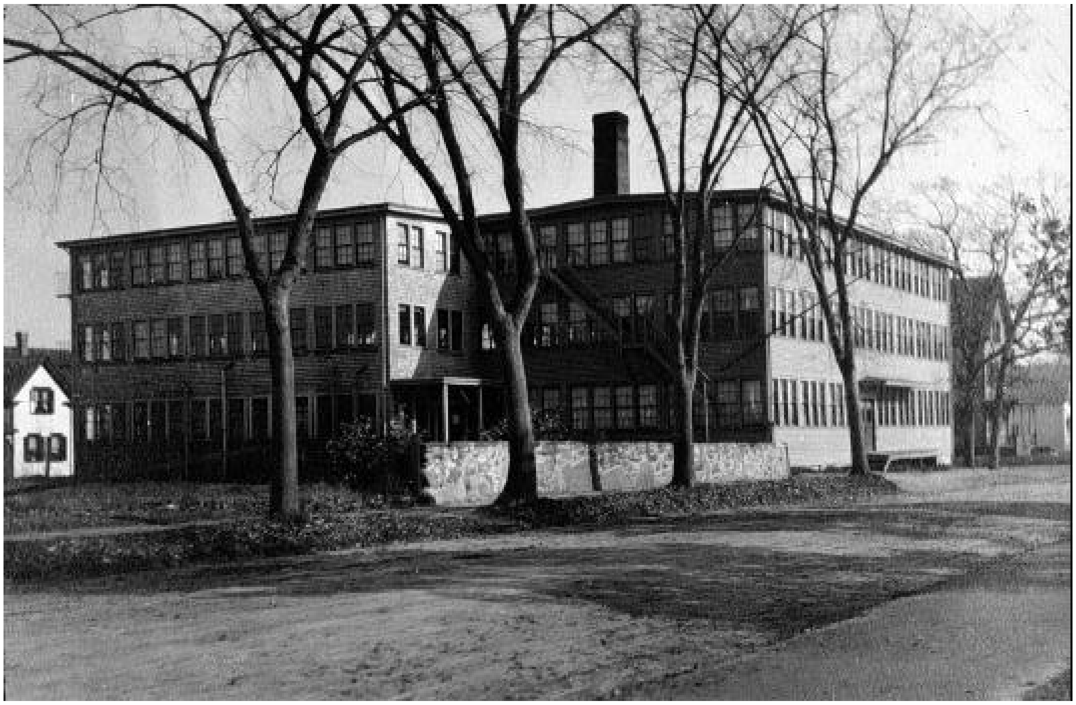
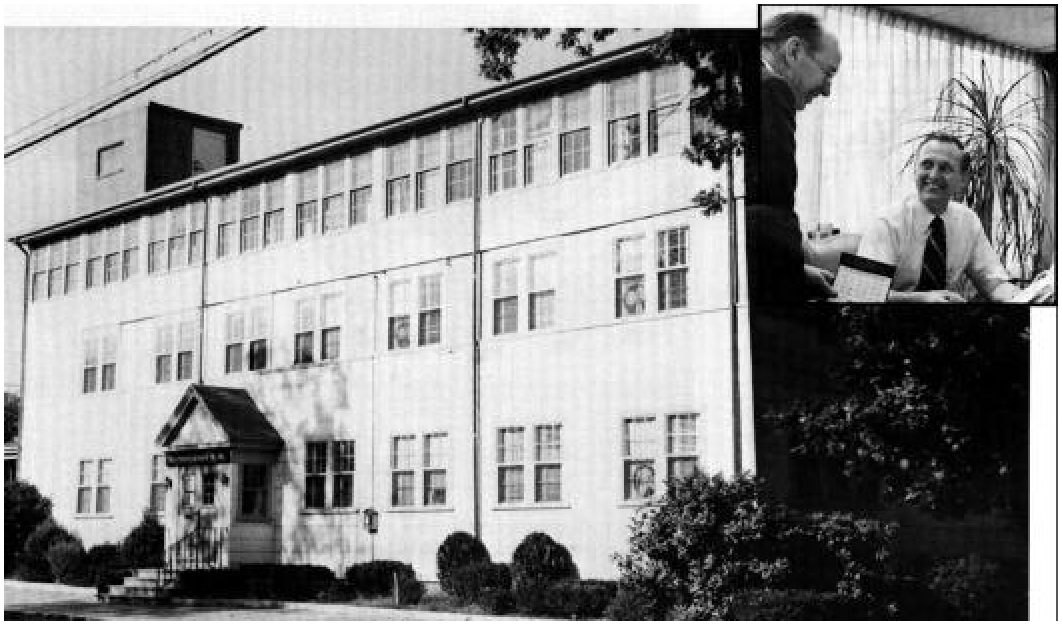


695. Leonard Shaw and Deane Shoe Factory

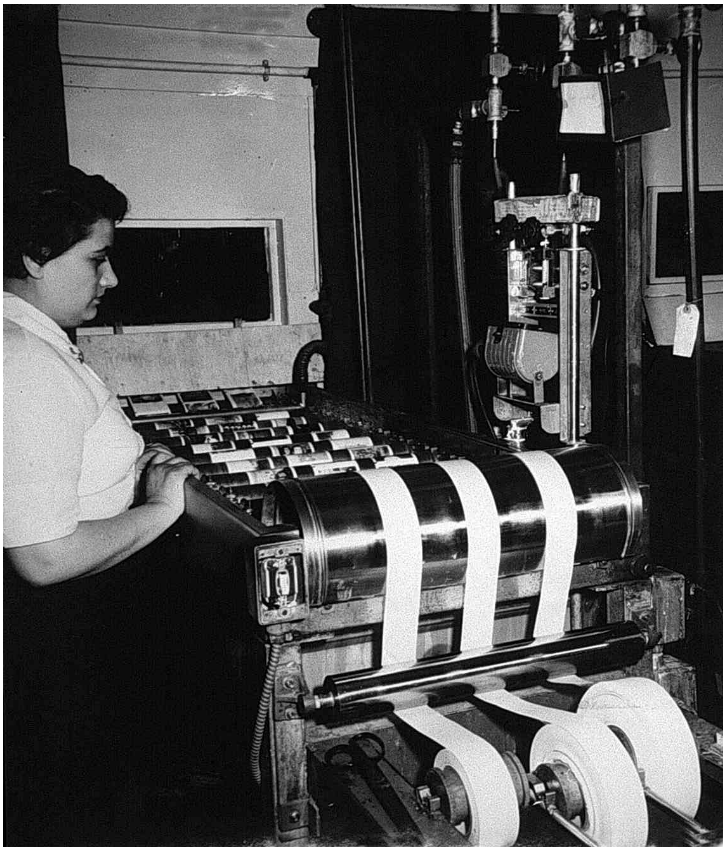
In 1933 John A. Lucey purchased the Leonard Shaw and Deane Shoe Factory. Samuel Shaw served as a director. The shoe factory was closed and merged with the Leonard Barrows Shoe Factory on Centre Street. Winthrop-Atkins occupied the building for many years.



696. Winthrop-Atkins Building

“This is the one time Winthrop Atkins Building on Peirce Street. It now belongs to the Bay State Specialty Company. Photo Insert: Harold and Donald Atkins discuss calendar sales during their leadership at Winthrop-Atkins.

Source: The Middleborough-Lakeville Hometown Magazine, pg. 44.

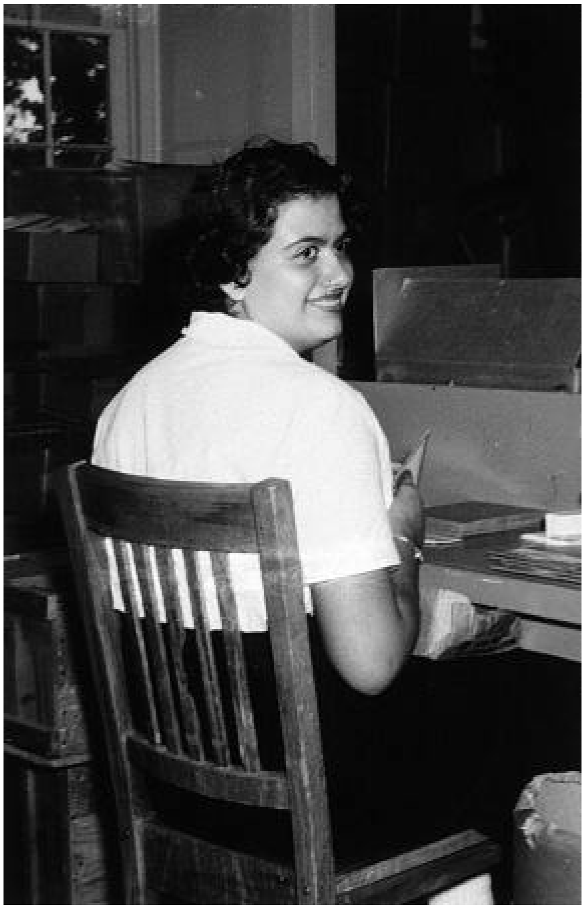


697. Irene Freitas

Irene Freitas started working at Winthrop-Atkins on Peirce Street in 1956. She is sitting at a photo processor, which prints the image on to the paper and cuts the finished photos.

Source: Walter Thompson

698. Irene Freitas



Here Irene is working the gluing machine.

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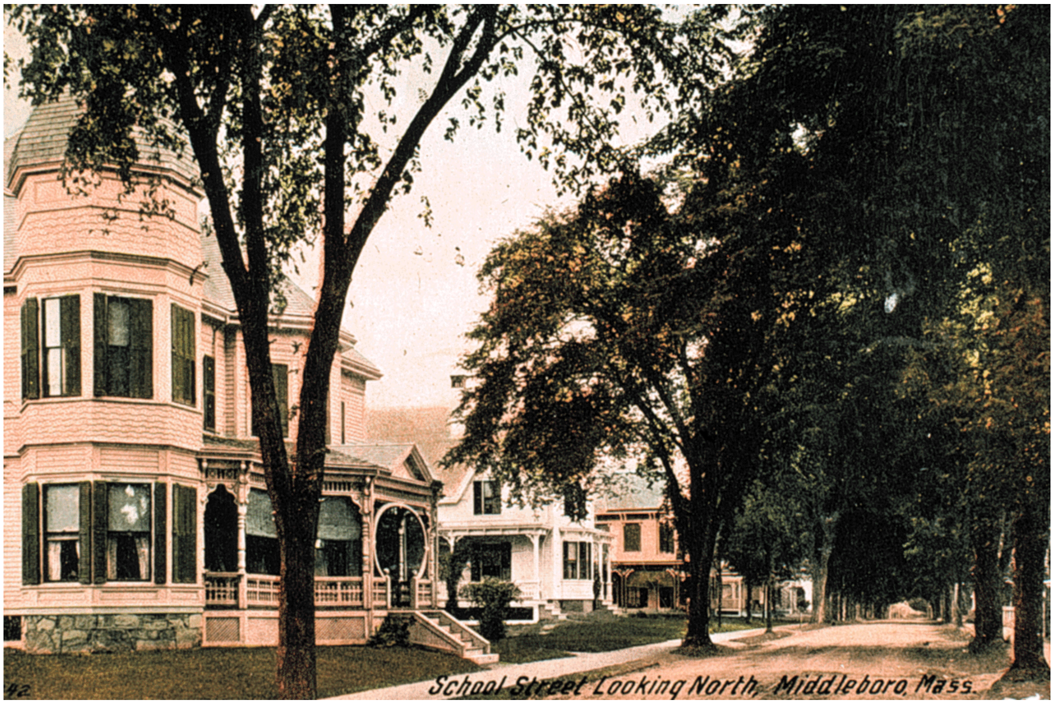
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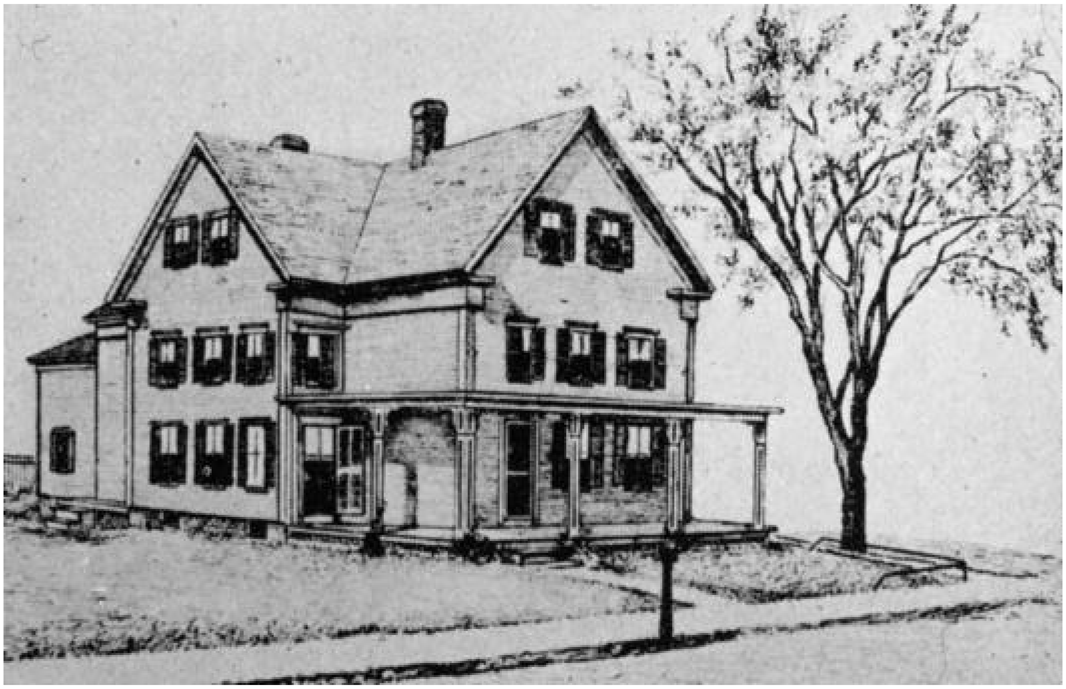
School Street Looking North, Middleboro, Mass.

699. “School Street Looking North”

The house on the corner was built by Mrs. Bourne whose family owned the Bourne Furniture Company. The house had a fire and the tower was dropped by one floor and the ornate porch disappeared. Note the elm-shrouded street.

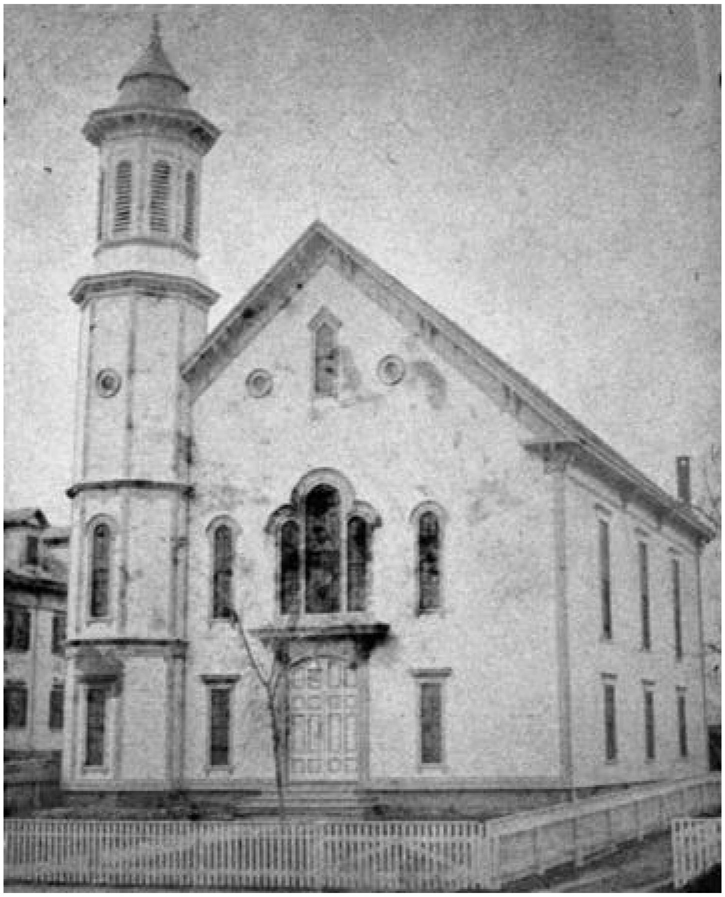


700. Central Methodist Church Parsonage

Mr. Abner L. Westgate, in 1989, willed the house on the corner of School and Peirce Streets to the Central Methodist Church. It was used as the parsonage until a minister deemed the property too noisy for his profession. Now it is used as rental property by the church.

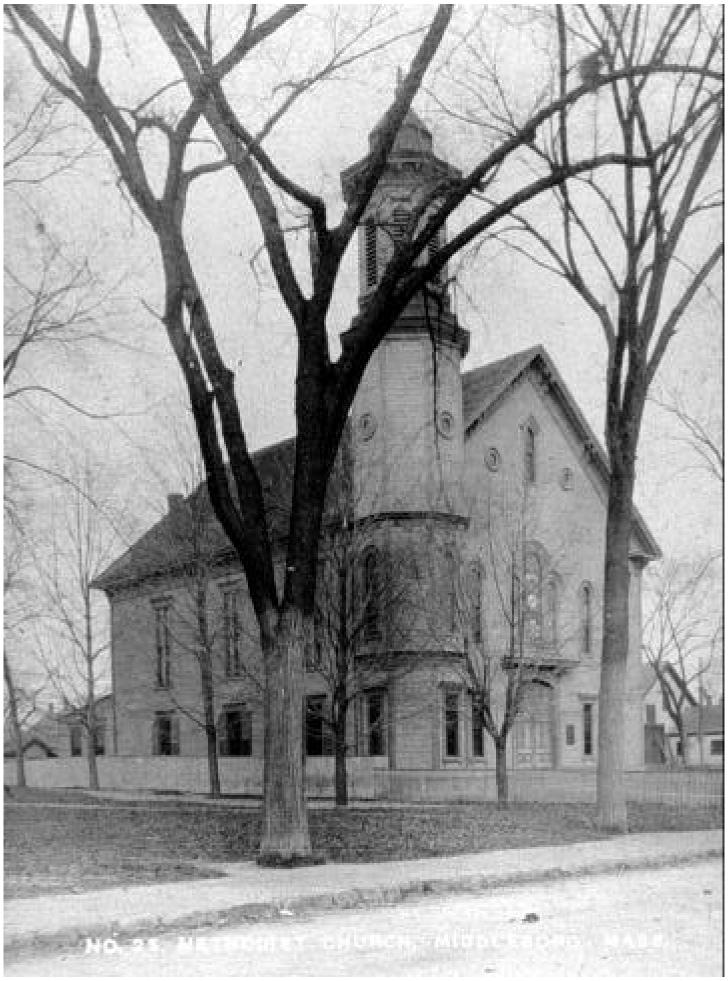
701. Central Methodist Church

Prior to the building of the Central Methodist church, the Baptist Chapel between the Pierce Academy and the Central Baptist church was moved to the pine grove on School Street where the present parsonage is located. (The Wood House)



702. Central Methodist Church

The present church, costing $12,500, was completed February 9, 1869.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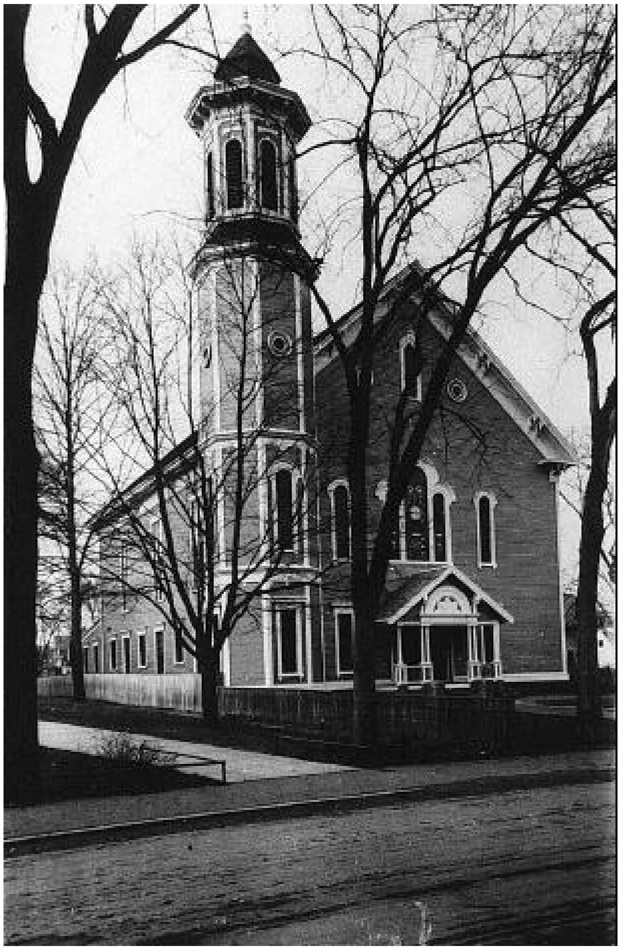
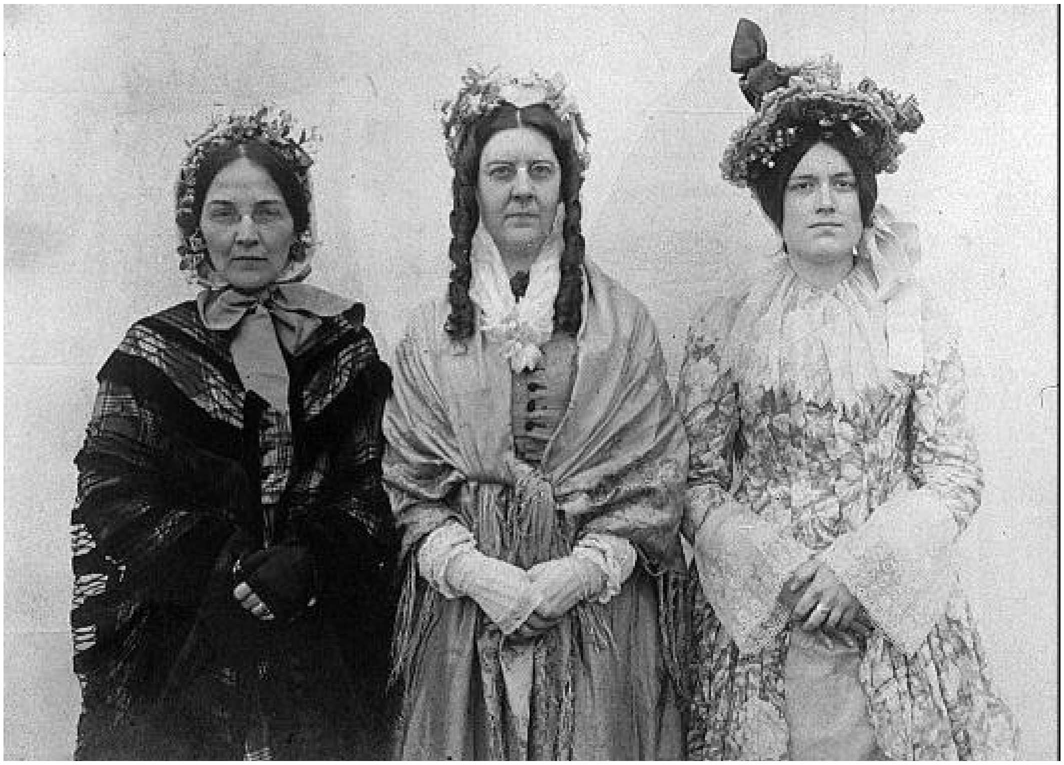


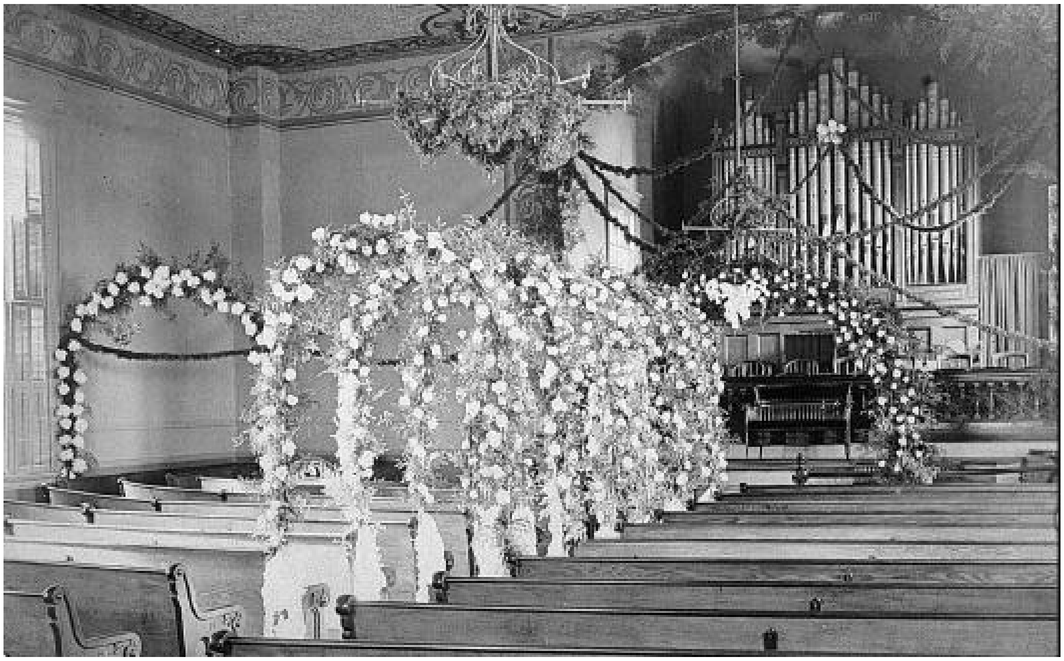
703. Central Methodist Church

In 1863 the church met in a hall over the George Soule Furniture store and the Baptist chapel was moved and leased from the Central Baptist Society in 1865.



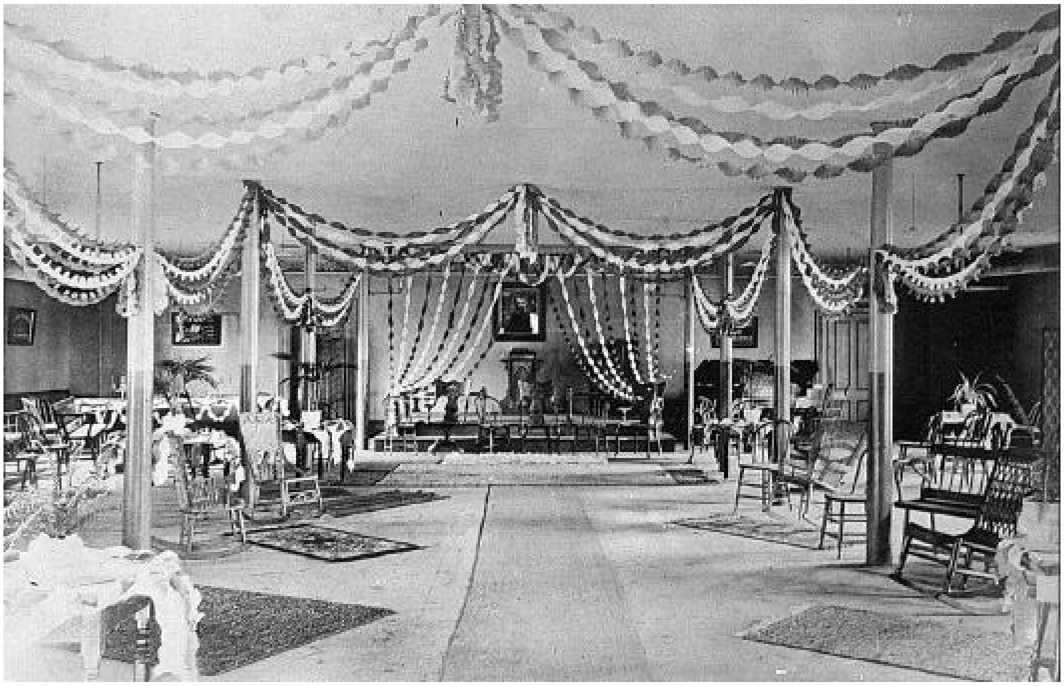
704. Wedding Party – Central Methodist Church

Central Methodist Church, 1907, wedding party; Florence Haskins, Belle Tenney, Lulu Anderson.



705. Central Methodist Church Sanctuary

The Sanctuary of Central Methodist Church, January 9, 1909, for the wedding of C.A. Adams and Belle Tenney.

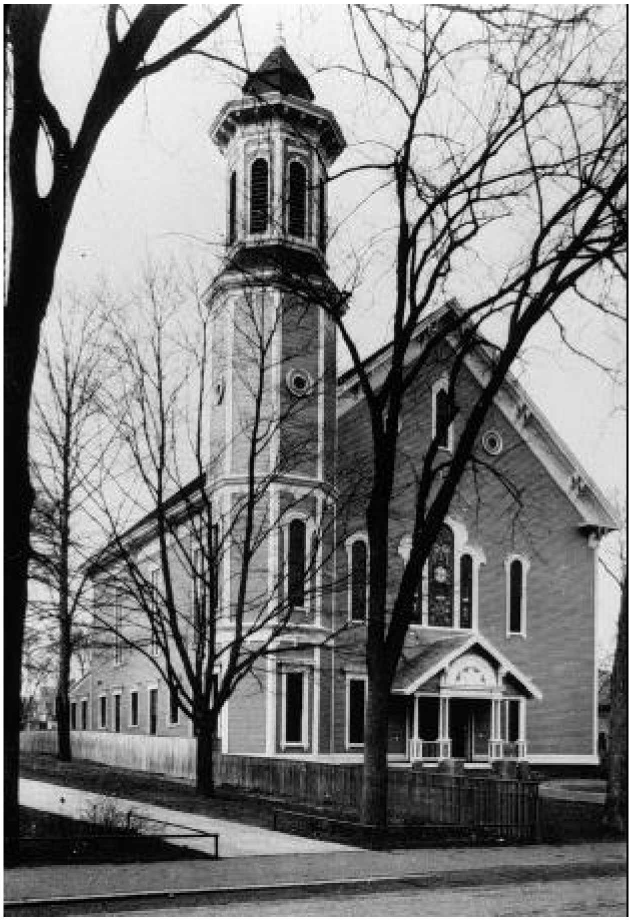


706. Central Methodist Church – Downstairs Wedding Reception

On January 9, 1909, the downstairs of Central Methodist Church was decorated for the wedding reception of C.A. Adams and Belle Tenney.

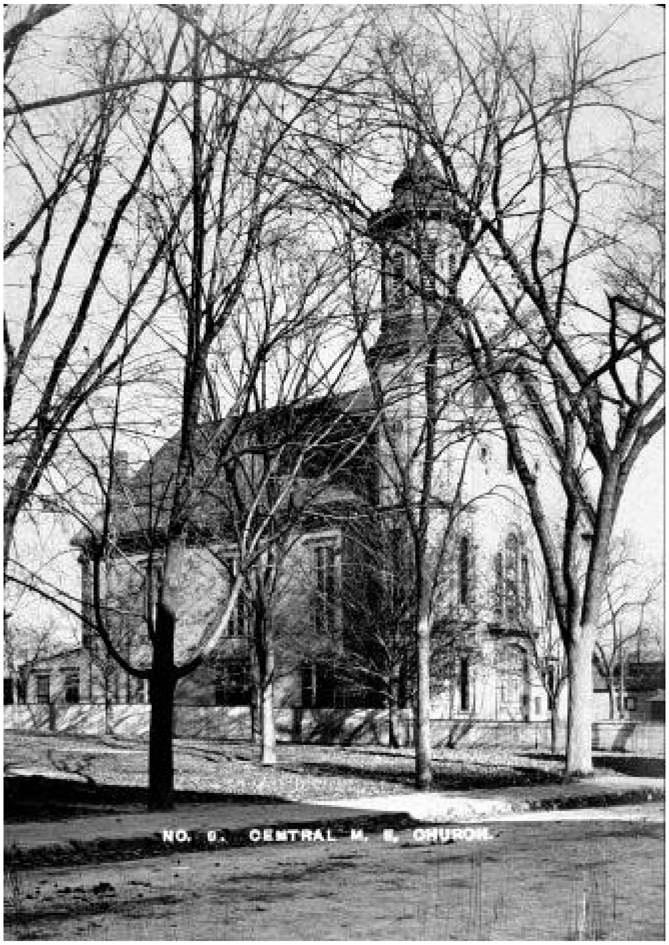
707. Central Methodist Church

This is the most beautiful view that I have depicting the Central Methodist Church.



708. Central Methodist Church

Another view of Central Methodist Church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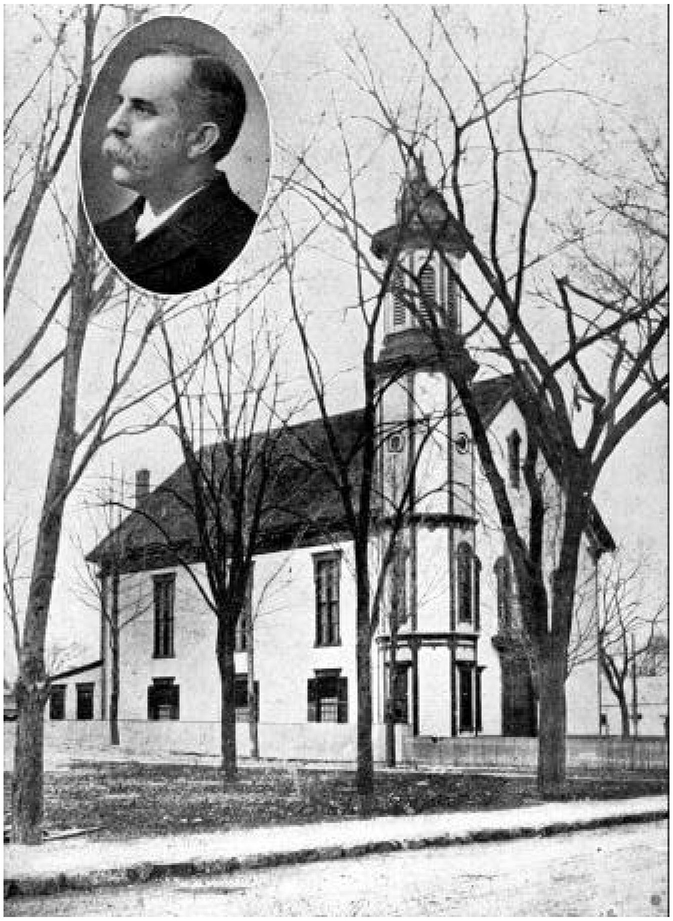
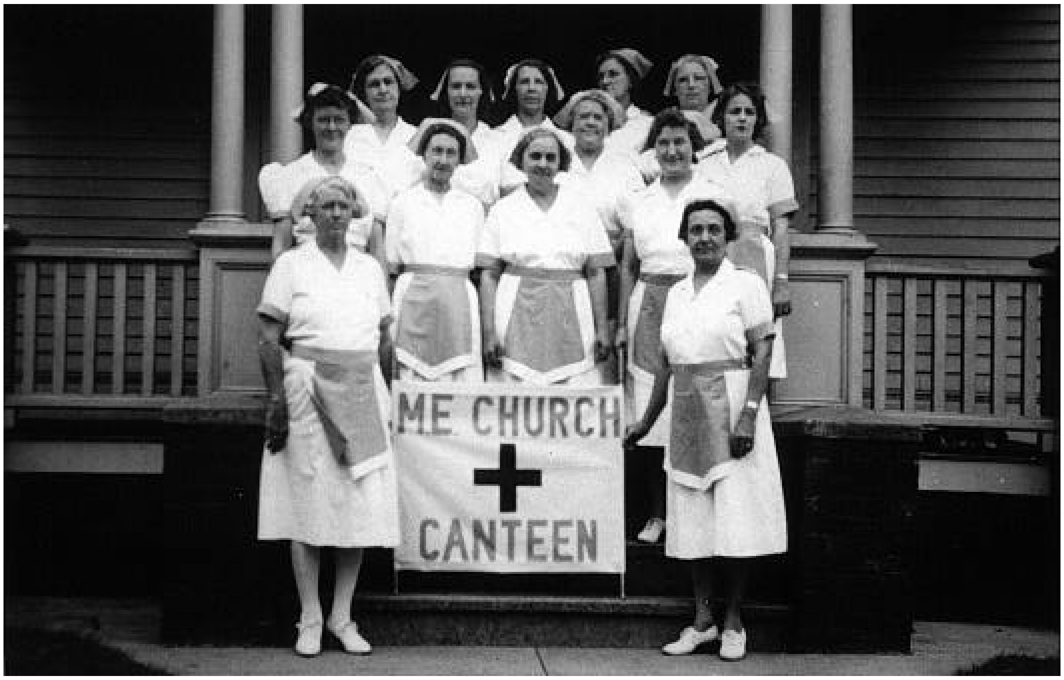


709. Central Methodist Church, Rev. Warren A. Luce, Pastor

The Reverend Warren A. Luce came after the first minister, Oscar Johnson, and served the church from 1910-1912.

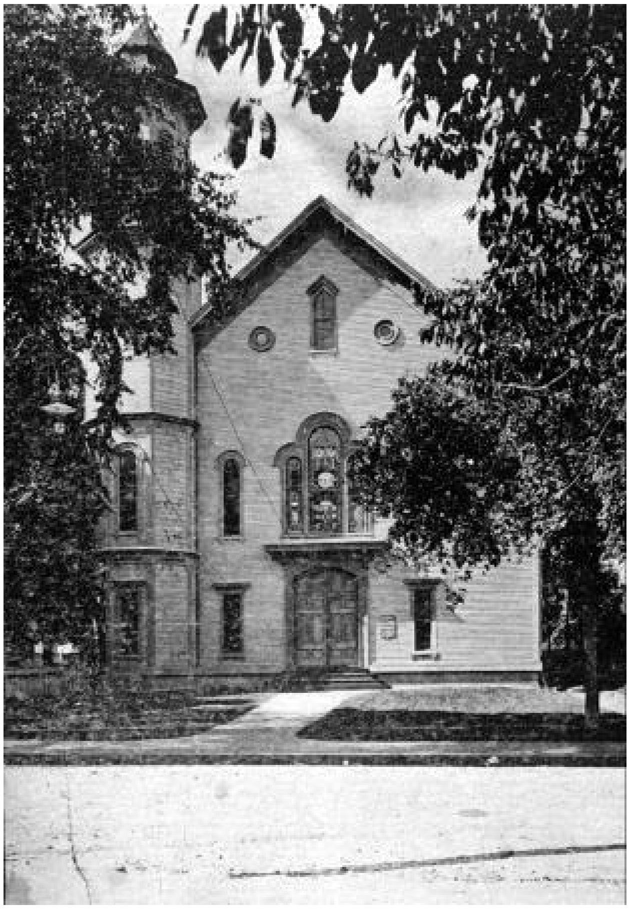


710. Central Methodist Church Canteen

Unfortunately the women’s names are unknown in this picture but the Methodist Church supports a Canteen for the GI’s when they came home during WWII.

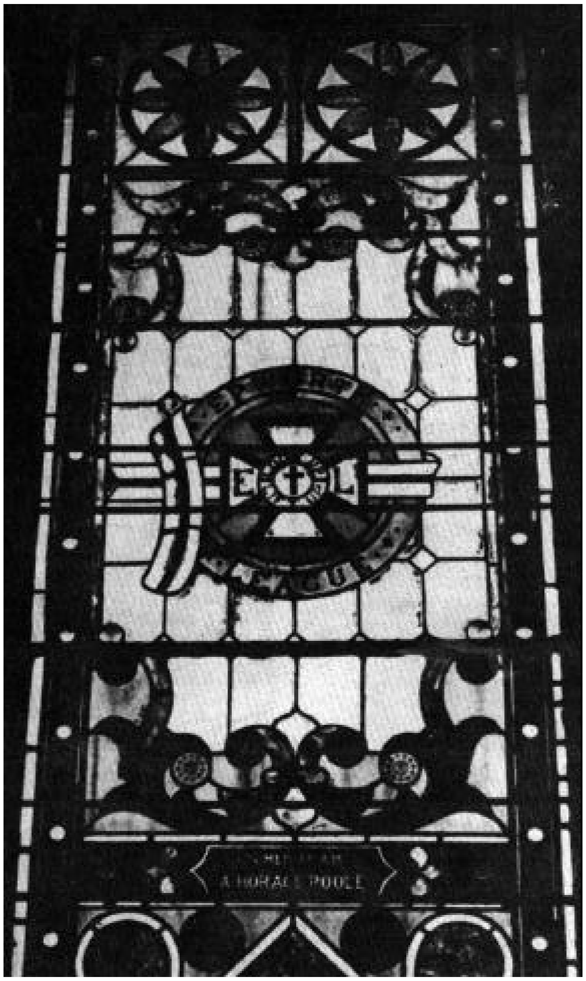
711. Central Methodist Church

This is an early view of the front of the church without the porch, which was added later.



712. Central Methodist Church

Clint Clark took this picture of the central main window that faces School Street. The window was given in memory of A. Horace Poole.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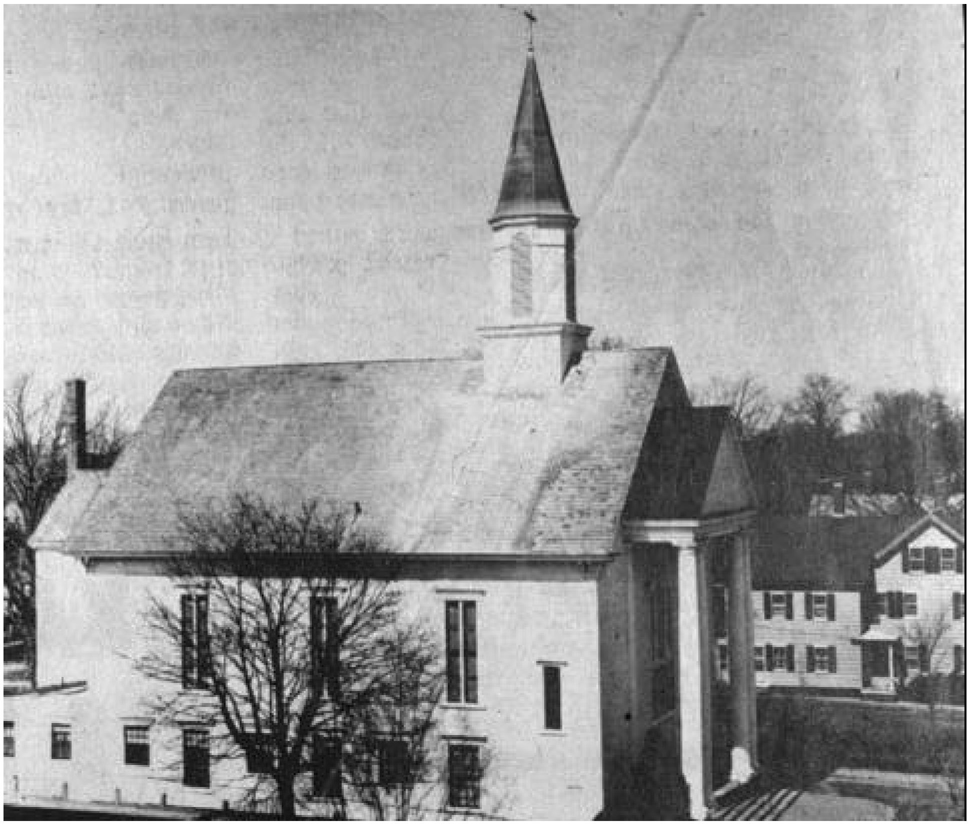
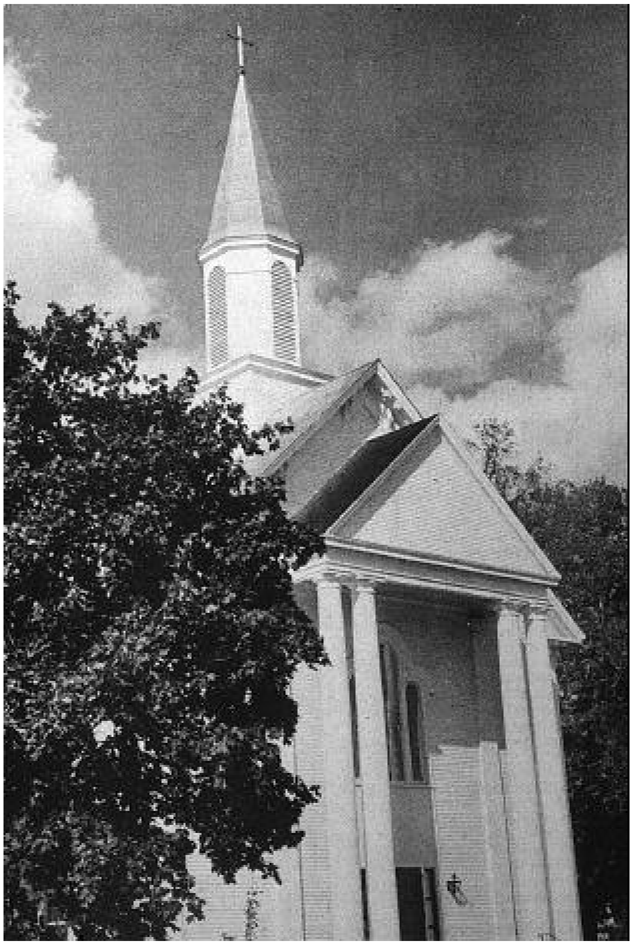


713. Central Methodist Church

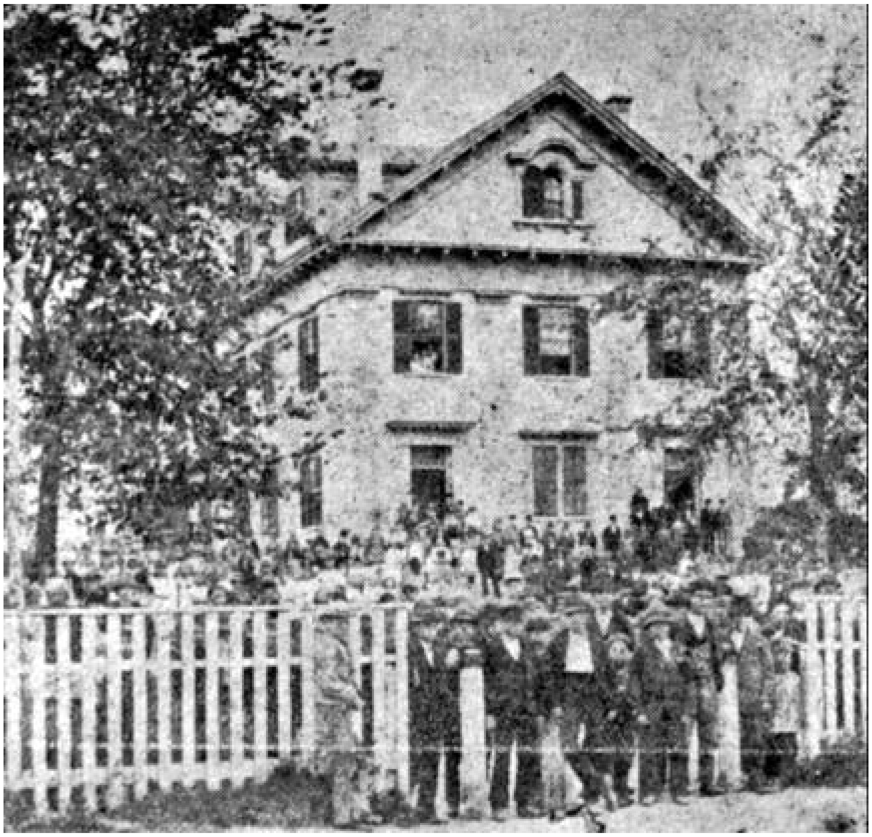
This is the renovated church after the 1954 hurricane, which caused extensive damage to the original steeple.



714. Central Methodist Church

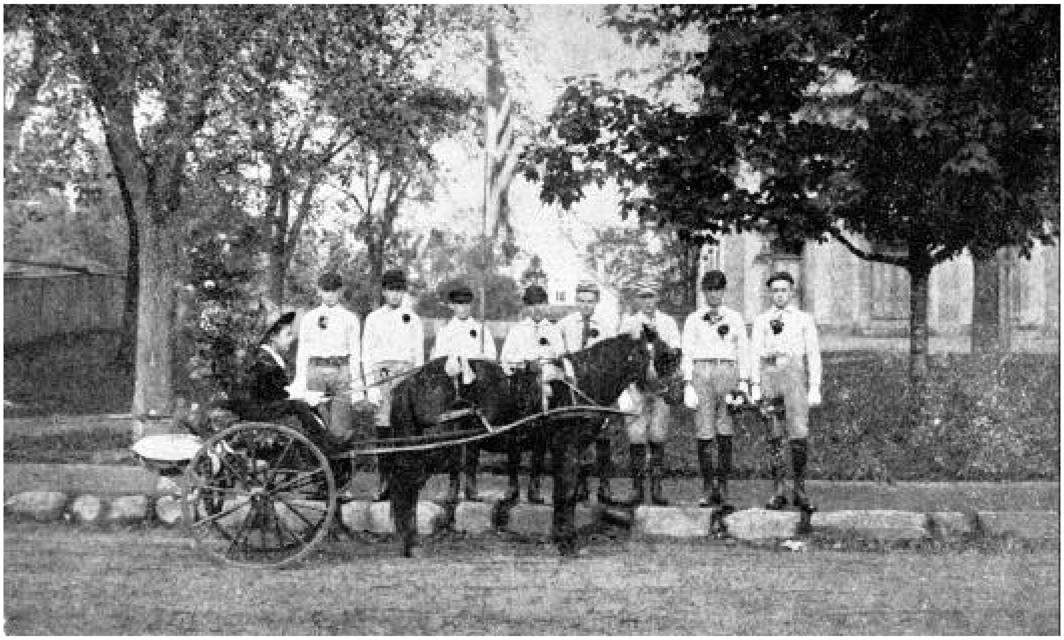
The hurricane of 1954 badly damaged the pagoda steeple. Rather than repair, the members undertook a major rebuilding program shortly thereafter, in April 1956.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 201.



715. School Street School

This school was a proud accomplishment of mid 19th century Middleborough, as it resulted in the replacement of three downtown schools.



716. “Ralph Cushing and His Fire Company”

Fred LeBaron, Arthur Southworth, Charles Mansfield, Clif Vaughan, Jim Leahy, Henry Marshall, Bert Cushing and George Soule. Taken in front of the School Street School. Youngsters in that era saw fire fighting as a glamorous exciting way to be a grownup.

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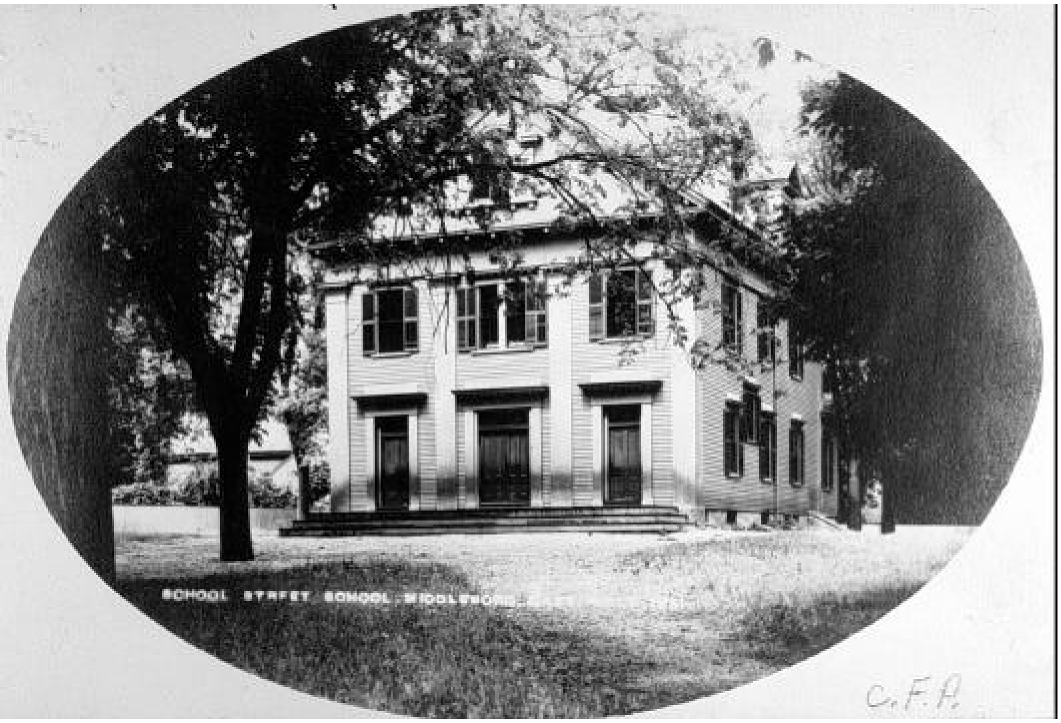
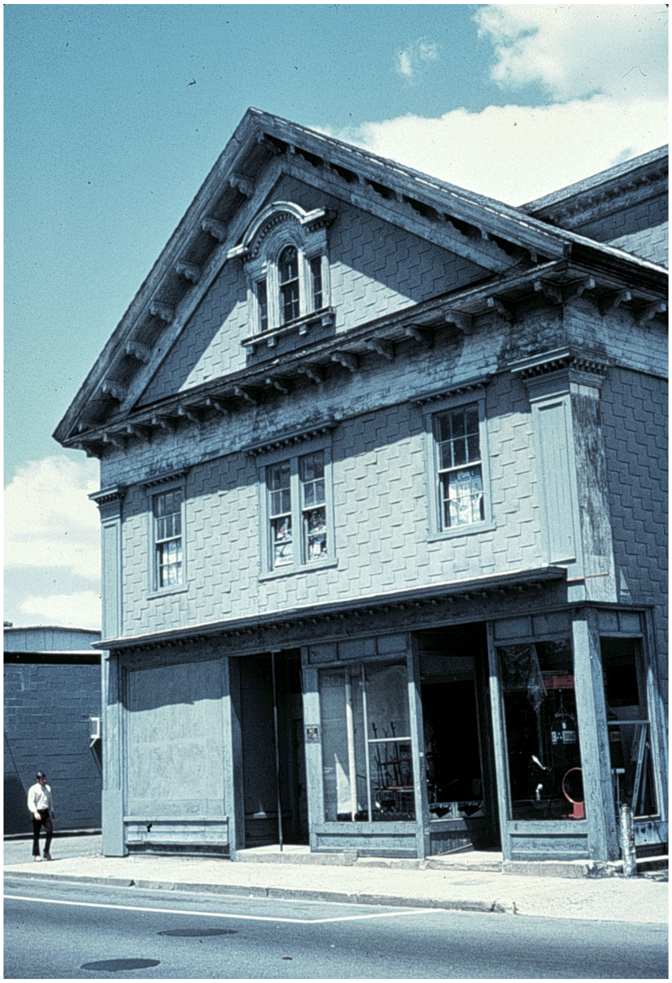

SCHOOL STREET SCHOOL, MIDDLEBORO
C.F.A.

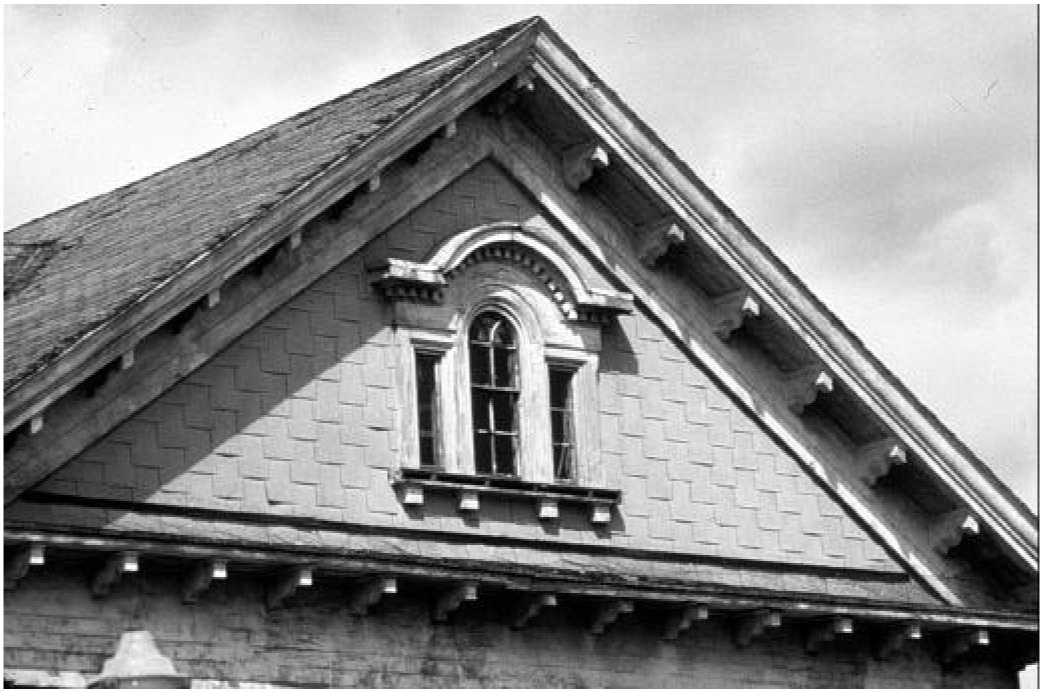
717. School Street School

Taken about a year before the school was moved to Centre Street where it still stands. This well built relatively young structure was replaced primarily for fears for the safety of youngsters high on the third floor in the event of fire.

718. Old School Street School

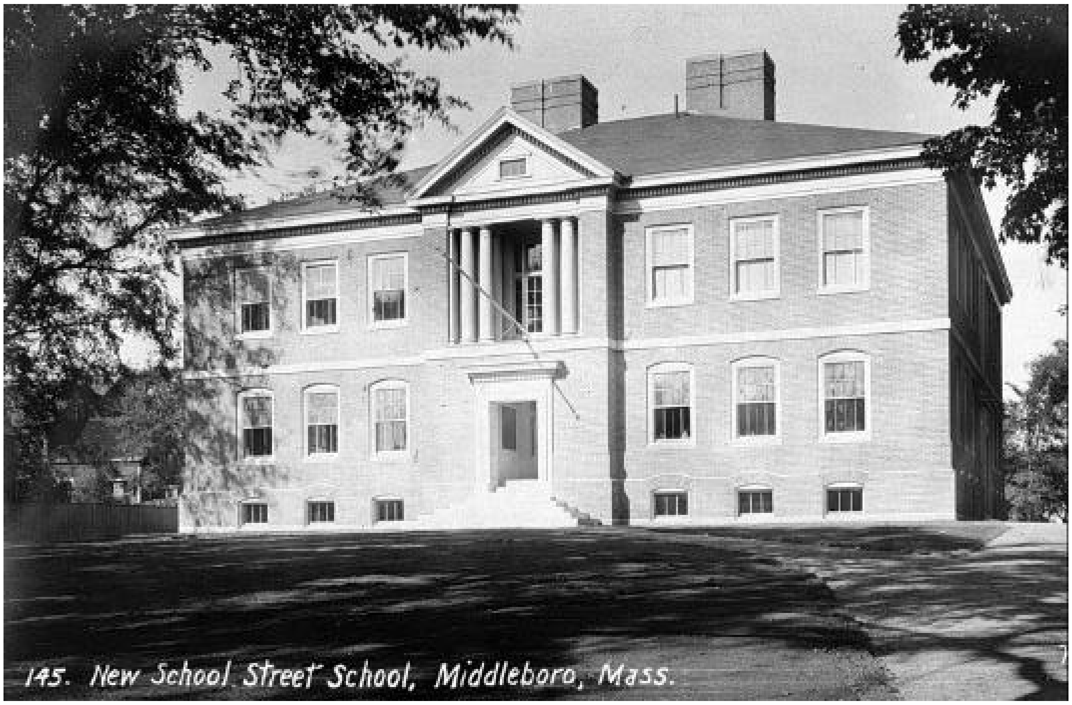
In 1906, Otis Briggs bought the old school (1849) and had it moved to Centre Street for rental property. The town leased the first floor for one year, as there was not enough classroom space at the Congregational Chapel. It was known as the Briggs block and over the years held a variety of businesses. Steve Stanley, who owned the sporting goods shop next door finally bought it in the late seventies to use as a warehouse for his shop. Later he made substantial improvements and today it is a video store.





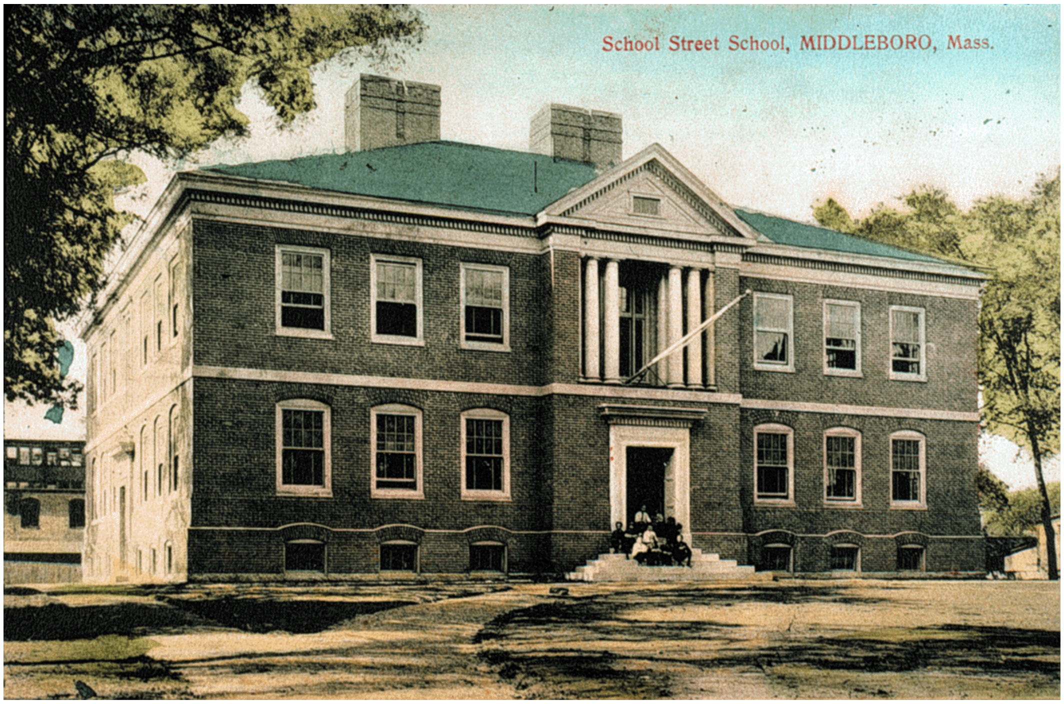
719. Old School Street School Front Pediment and Window

The beauty of this building can be visualized here despite the deterioration evident by the 1970's. Behind this third floor window is a large room with a fine hard wood floor.


145. New School Street School, Middleboro, Mass.

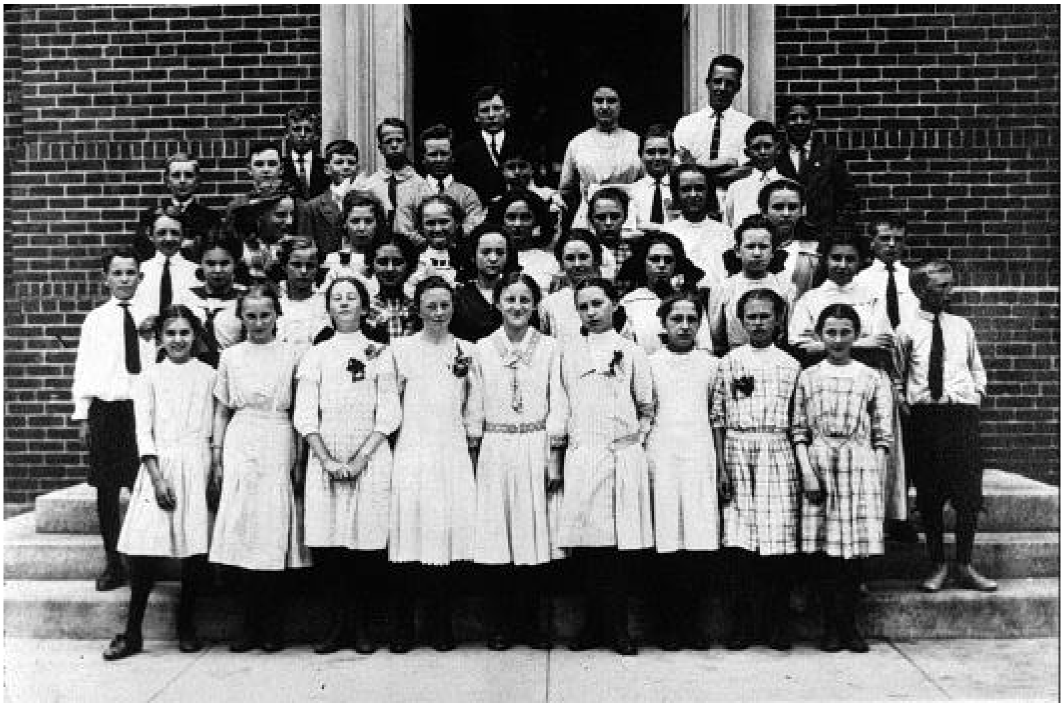
720. School Street School

This is the school, magnificent for its time that replaced the three story wooden school that Otis Briggs bought and moved to Centre Street. Building Committee: David G. Pratt, William Haskins, and William Andrews


School Street School, MIDDLEBORO, Mass.

721. School Street School

This is probably the first of a graduating class series of pictures taken over the years showing the new graduates on the front steps.



722. School Street School Class

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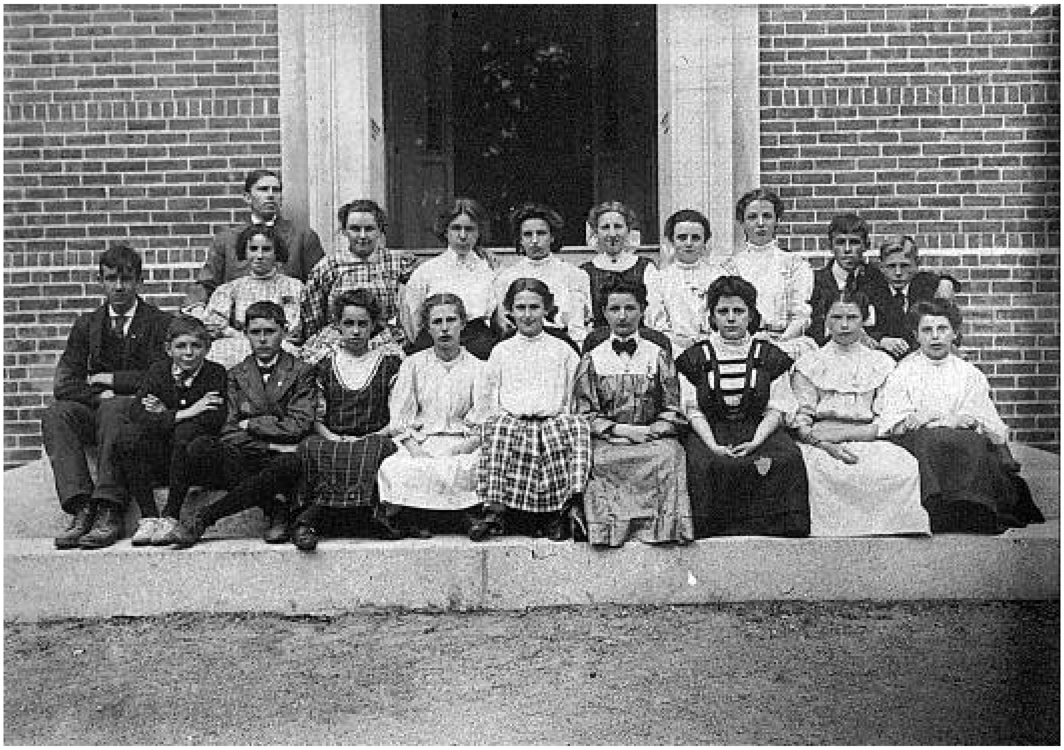

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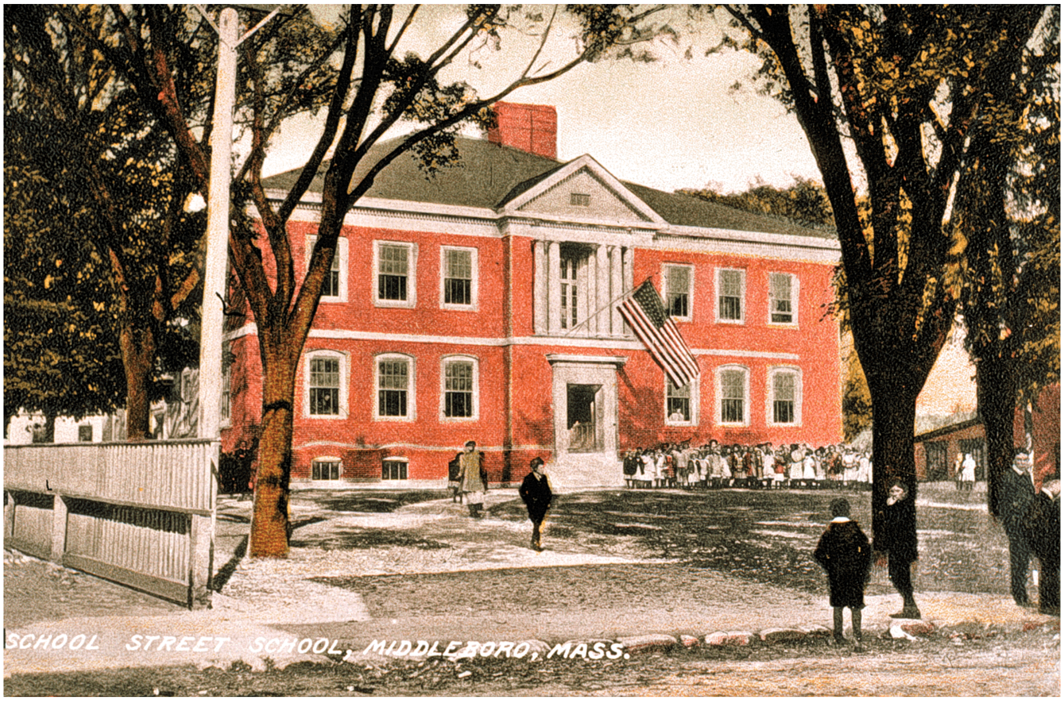
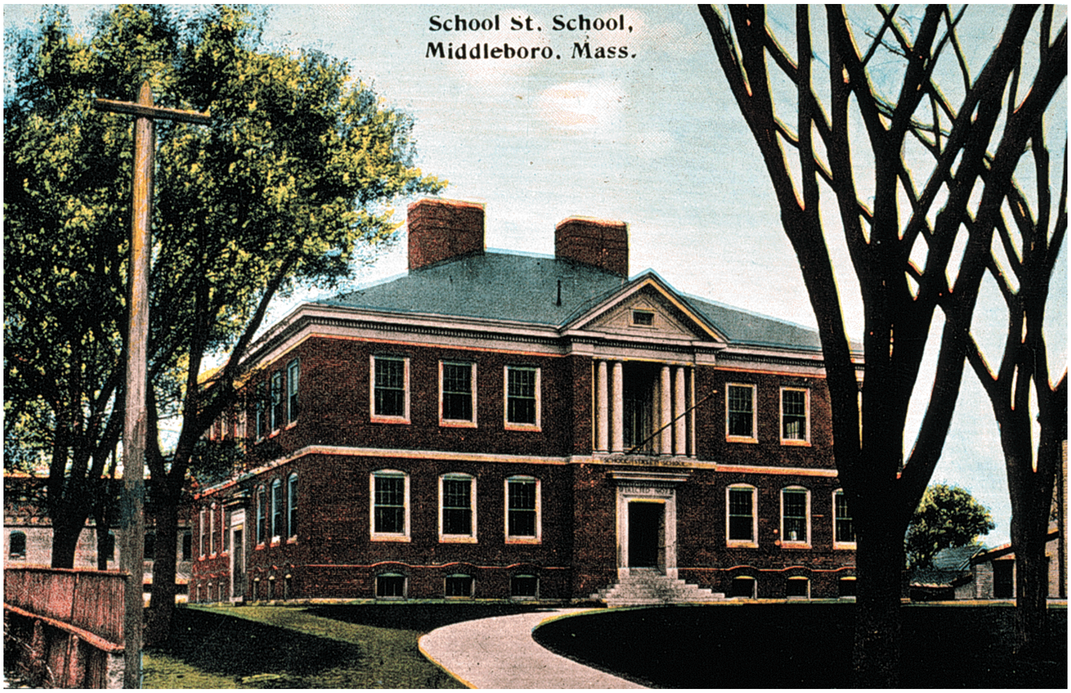

SCHOOL STREET SCHOOL, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

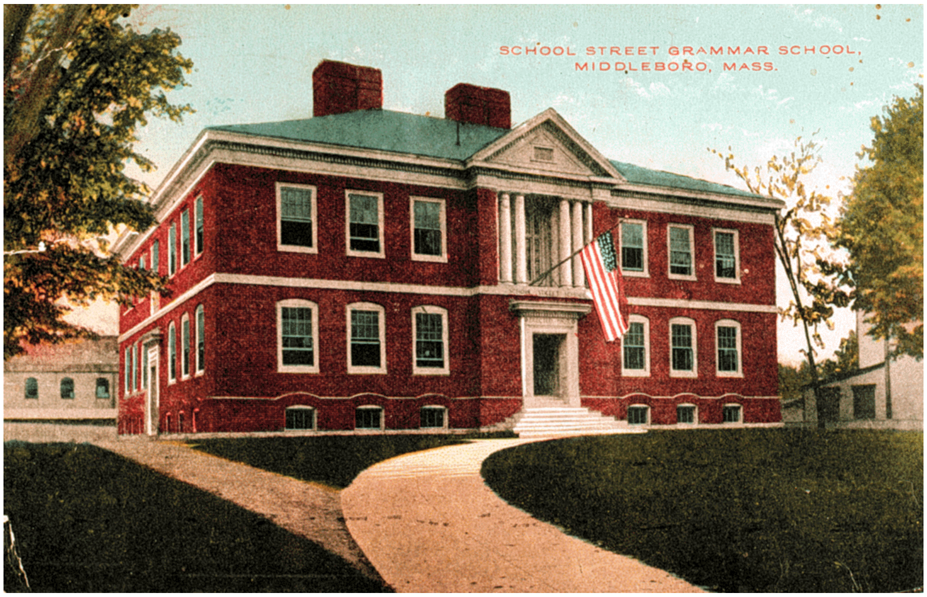
724. School Street School

An early view of the newly built school; note the girls probably lining up on their (girls) side.


School St. School,
Middleboro, Mass.

725. School Street School

A classic photo of the newly constructed school. Note the shoe factory visible at the rear.


SCHOOL STREET GRAMMAR SCHOOL,
MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

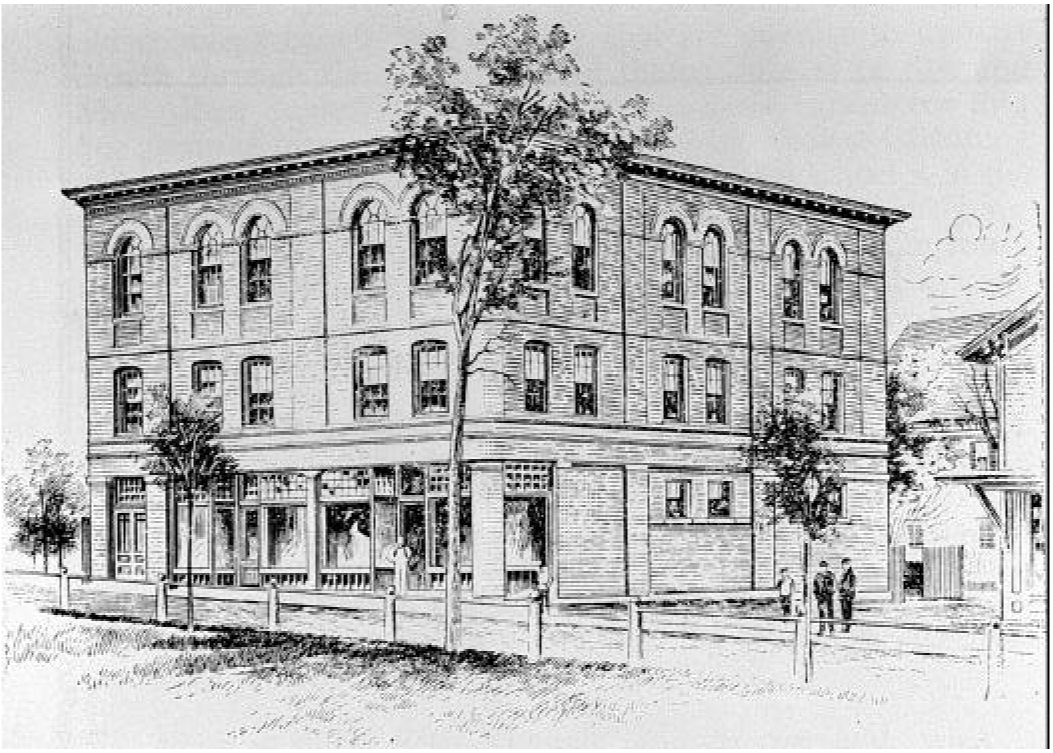
726. School Street Grammar School

This view shows the flag still hung from a front window; the janitor almost fell while taking it in; shortly after, views of the school show the flag pole erected on the front lawn.

SCHOOL STREET SCHOOL
ERECTED 1907

727. Principals of School Street School – Erected 1907

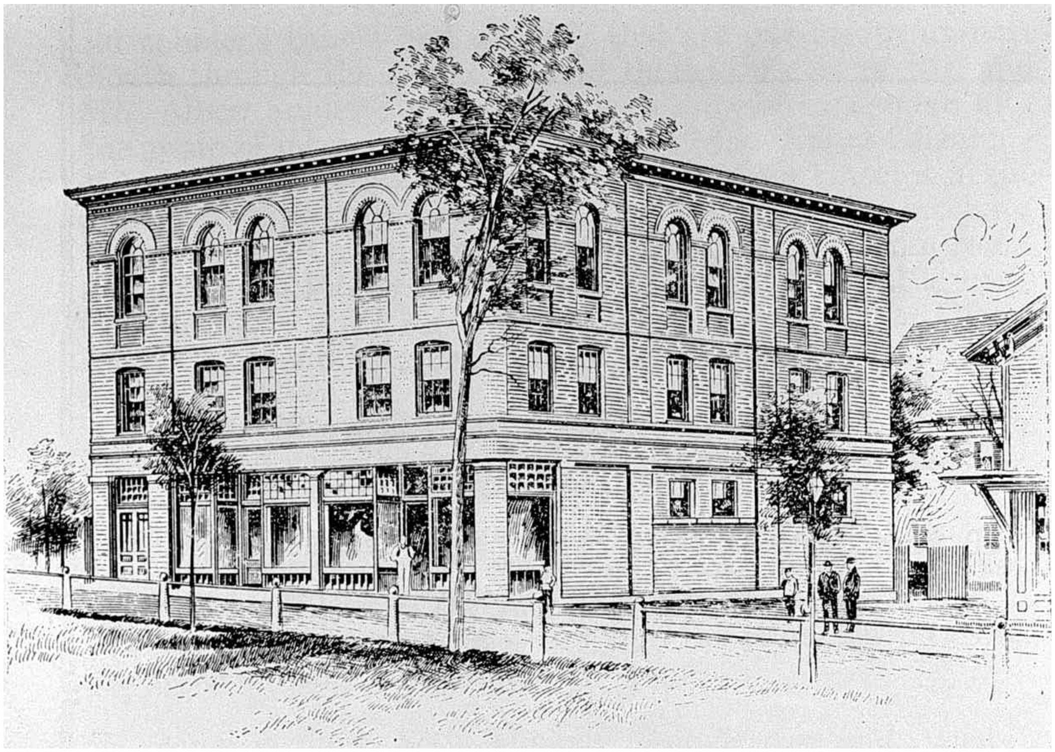
School Years	No. of Years	Principal
1907-1910	3	Carl D. Lythe
1910-1911	1	Randall L. Taylor
1911-1914	3	Frank E. Perkins
1914-1915	1	Harry L. Edgecomb
1915-1916	1	Fred N. Coin
1916-1917	1	Howard Wilbur
1917-1919	2	William H. Bailey
1919-1921	2	Ralph B. Low
1921-1924	3	George N. Hazard
1924-1927	3	George W. Emerson
1927-1928	1	Russell B. Marshall
1928-1938	10	Lottie N. Lang
1938-1942 (Dec)	4.5	Donald T. Welch
(Jan) 1943-1944	1.5	Benjamin D. Thomas
1944-1946	2	Samuel L. Abbot, Jr.
1946-1957	11	Edward W. Sawicki
1957-1986	29	Robert W. Gross
1986-		Jeffrey C. Stevens



728. Copeland Block

This is an architectural drawing of what is now the Glidden Building. At the time of the rendering, it was named for a well-known doctor, George W. Copeland, whose wife was a quiet philanthropist in town causes.

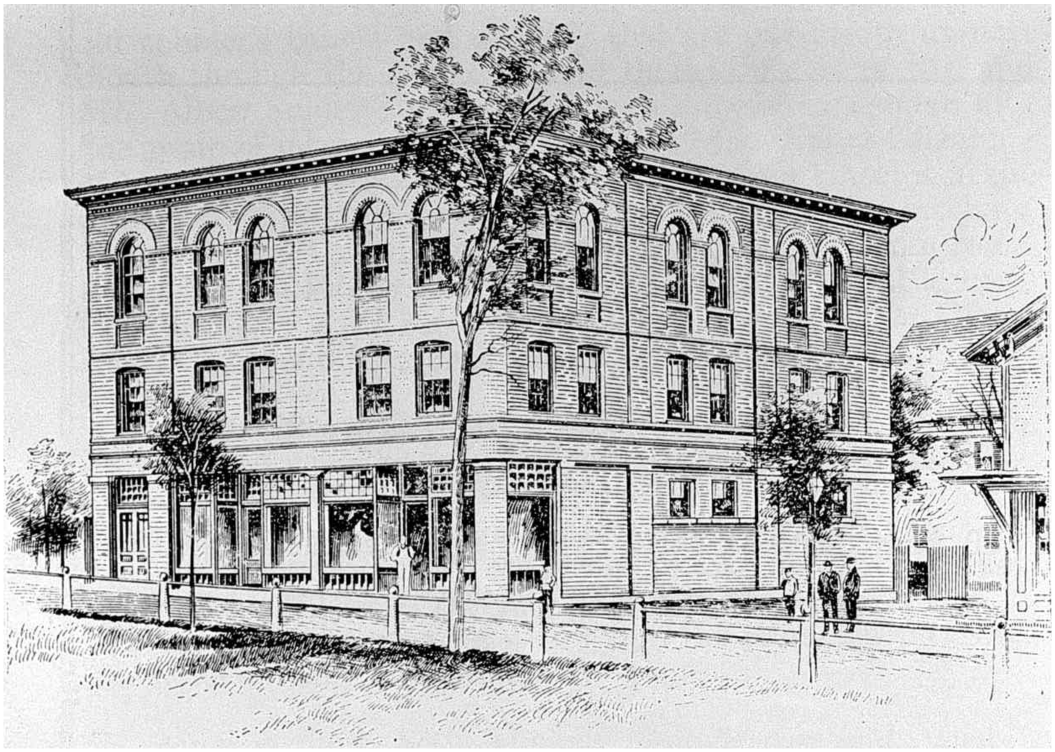
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume VIII, April 1966, Number 2, pg. 2.



729. Copeland Block

"The brick building that Dr. Copeland is having erected on the corner of Centre and School Streets is assuming fair proportion, and the lookers-on have come to the conclusion that it is to be the best looking and most substantial building in town. Its height begins to surprise the sidewalk committee, for it will tower above the Peirce Academy. The two openings on School Street have been a matter of curiosity to the sidewalk committee; they are both for windows. When the plan of the building was started it was intended to divide it into three stores, two on Centre Street, and one on School Street, but the lesser of the lower floor desires the space all in one room, so that while the plan of the inside has been changed, the plan of the outside remains as intended, and the smaller opening on School Street which was intended for a window for the Centre Street store will be used as a window so also will the larger opening which was intended as the store-front and which can now be used as a store-front if at anyfuture time it is desirable to do so."

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, October 21, 1887
Volume 35, No. 43, James M. Coombs, Proprietor

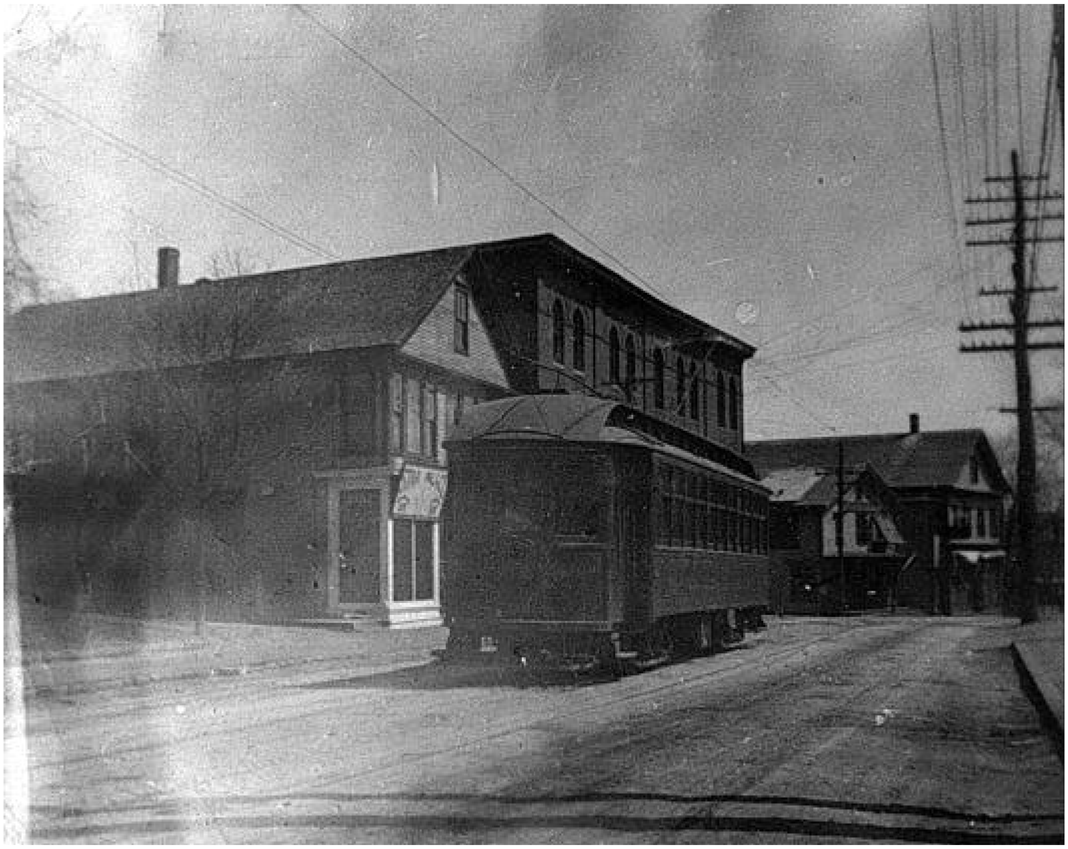


730. Copeland Block

“The person who is putting on the laths in the Copeland block excites considerable interest among the lookers-on. He is evidently an expert in the business, and comes from Brockton. It is stated that he has put on thirty bundles, three thousand laths, in ten hours. His motions remind one of the days before pegging machines were in vogue and some boys could drive the little wooden pegs right speedily.”

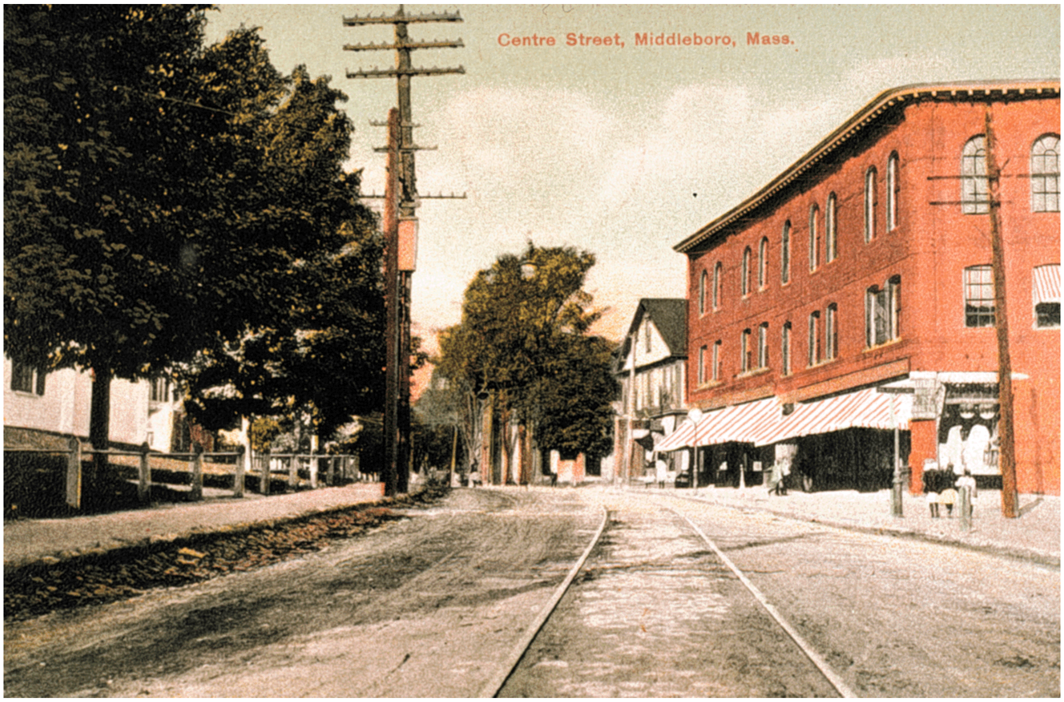
“J.S. Cuzner has taken the further contract on the Copeland Block to do the plumbing.”

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, November 11, 1887
Volume 35, No. 46, James M. Coombs, Proprietor



731. Looking Down Centre Street

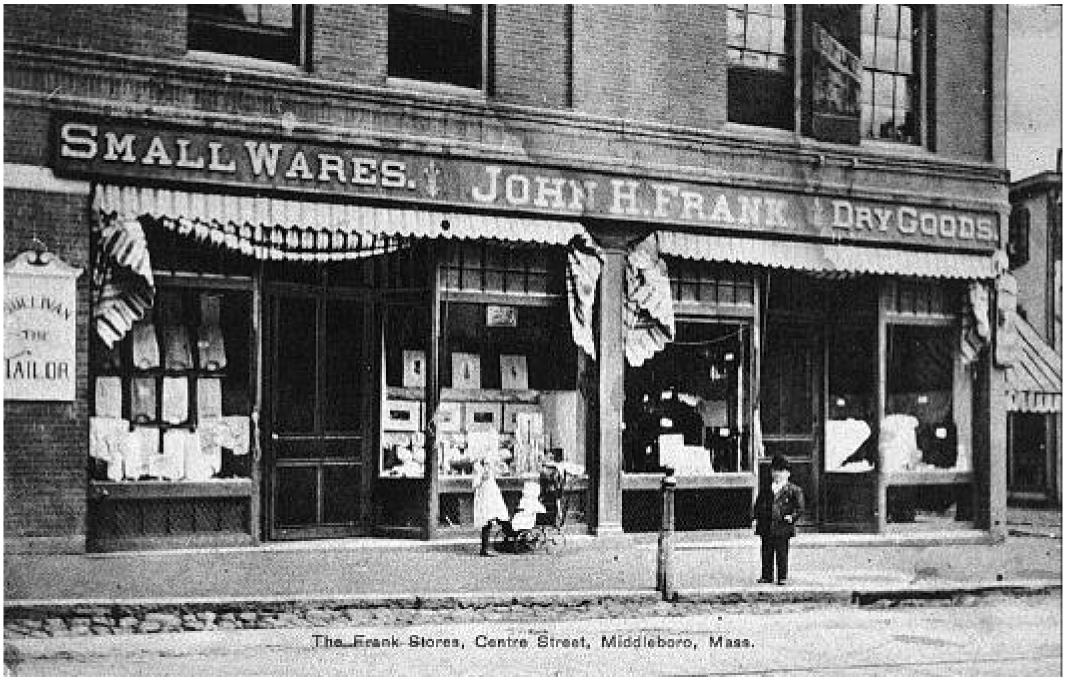
This fine photo captures the trolley line in the early years before the automobile, with a good view of the Glidden, Peirce and Whitman and Sparrow Buildings.



Centre Street, Middleboro, Mass.

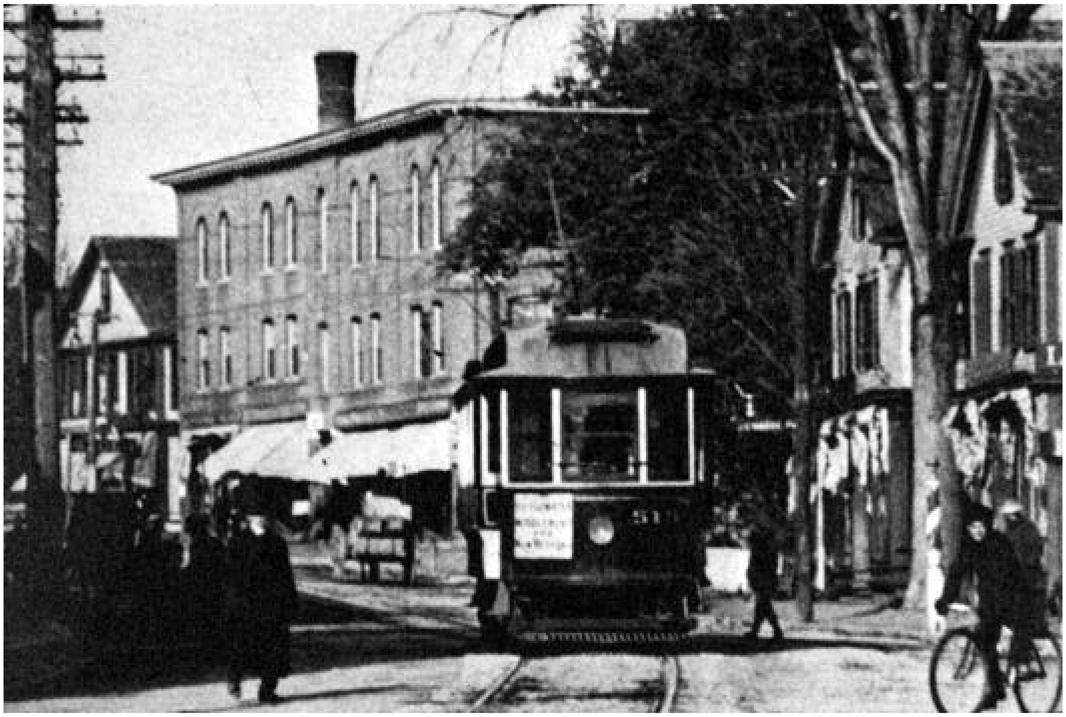
732. Sullivan Block

Looking Northwest this interesting photo captures a portion of the Peirce Academy as well as a good full view of what became best known as the Glidden Building.


SMALL WARES.
JOHN H. FRANK
DRY GOODS
THE
TAILOR
The Frank Stores, Centre Street, Middleboro, Mass.

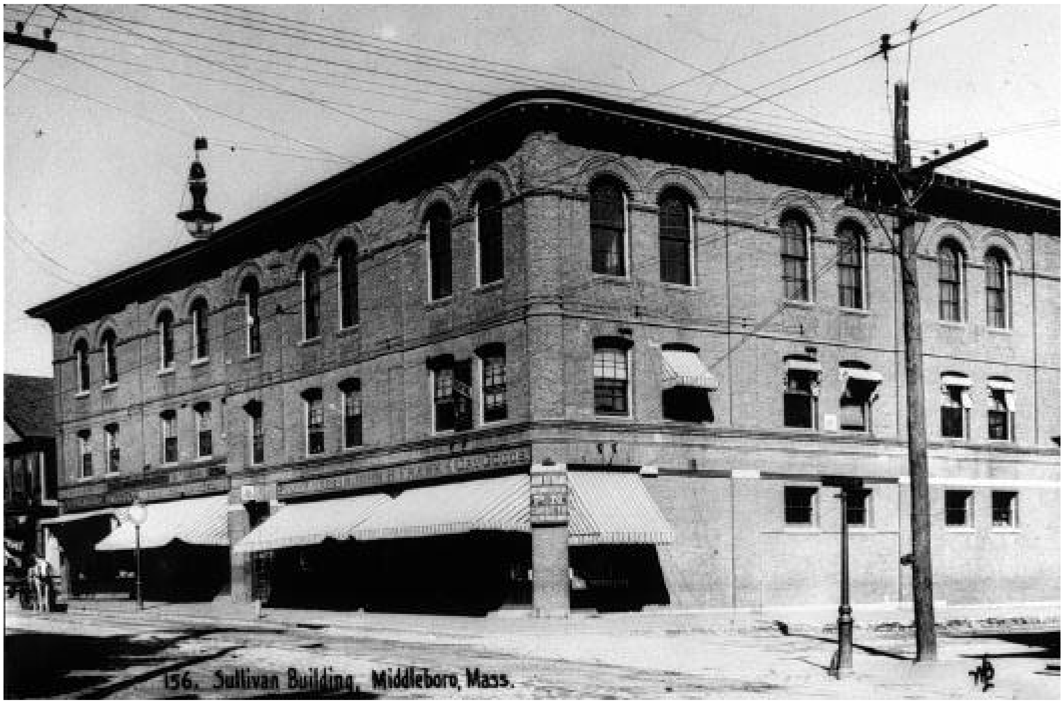
733. The Frank Stores

This fascinating picture we believe may show Count Magri, the second husband of Mrs. Tom Thumb, who spent his later years as a well-known Middleborough citizen. These stores were in the building that became the Glidden building.



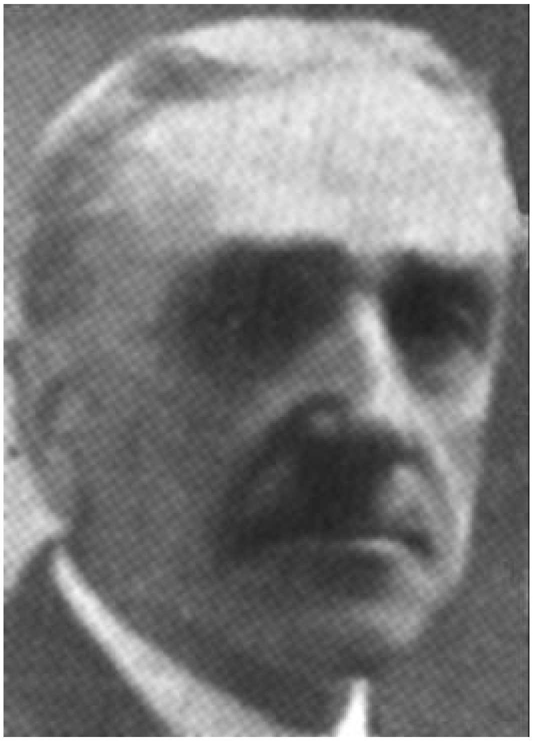
734. Trolley Car on Centre Street

Excellent “action” photo well before automobiles took over the main center of commerce in downtown Middleborough, showing the streetcar, the bicycle and the wagon.


156. Sullivan Building, Middleboro, Mass.

735. Sullivan Block

This view shows clearly the addition to the Copeland block that became the Sullivan Building, and later the Glidden. Note the horse and wagon, and the overhead incandescent light.



736. Amasa R. Glidden

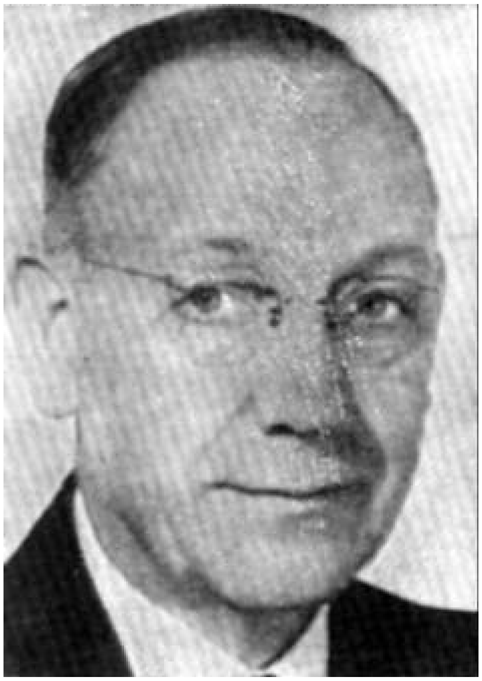
Amasa R. Glidden founder of A.R. Glidden and Son dry goods store in 1913. He maintained his business until his death in 1934.

Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine

737. James R. Glidden

James R. Glidden, son of Amasa Glidden worked in the dry goods field until going into partnership with his father. He continued until his retirement in 1955.

Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine



738. Benjamin K. Glidden

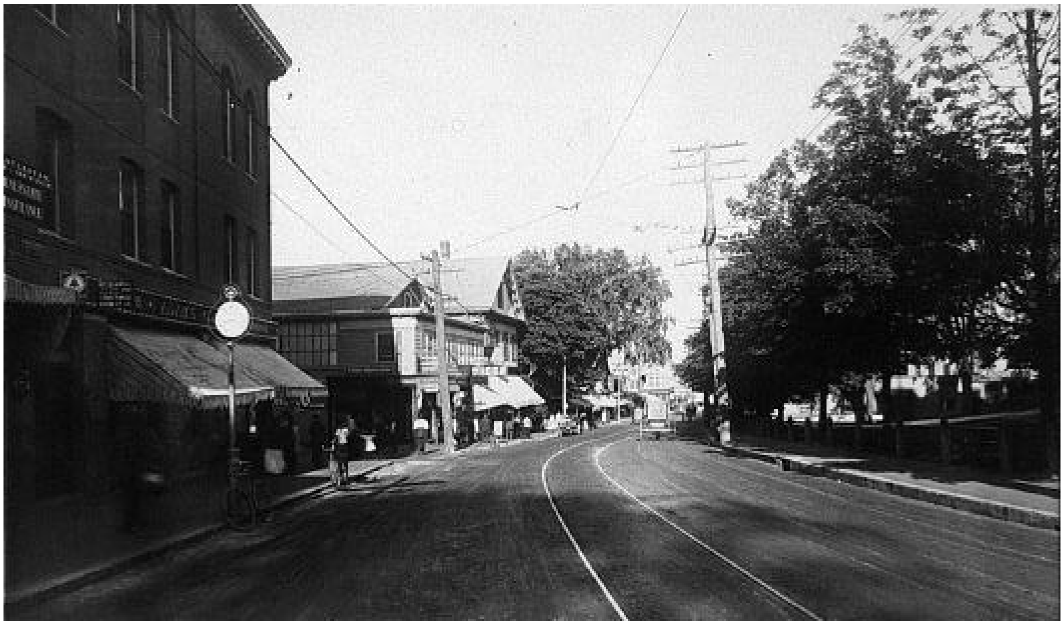
Benjamin K. Glidden, son of Amasa Glidden and brother to James, joined the family enterprise in 1919.

Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine

739. Richard L. Glidden

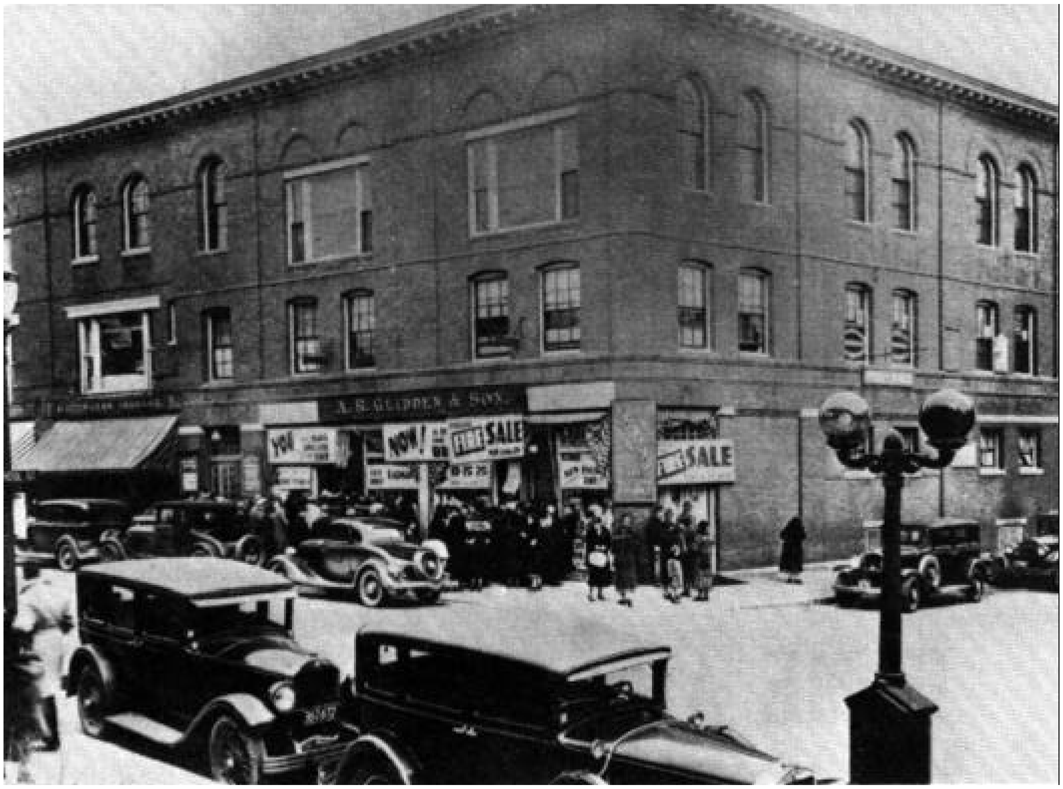
Richard L. Glidden, son of Benjamin, studied business at Bryant and Stratton Business School. He managed the store from 1962 when his father retired.

Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine



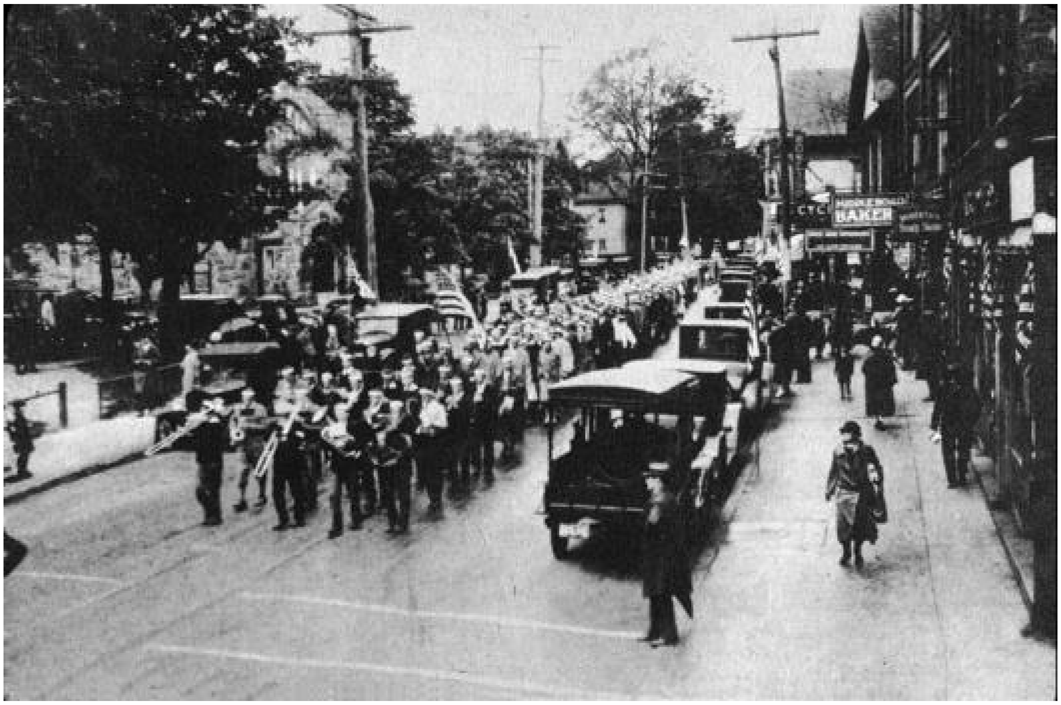
740. Centre Street

A grand view of the sweep looking east down the downtown center, with the Glidden Building on the left and the Peirce Academy on the right.


A. S. GLIDDEN & SON
YOU
NOW!
FIRE SALE
SALE

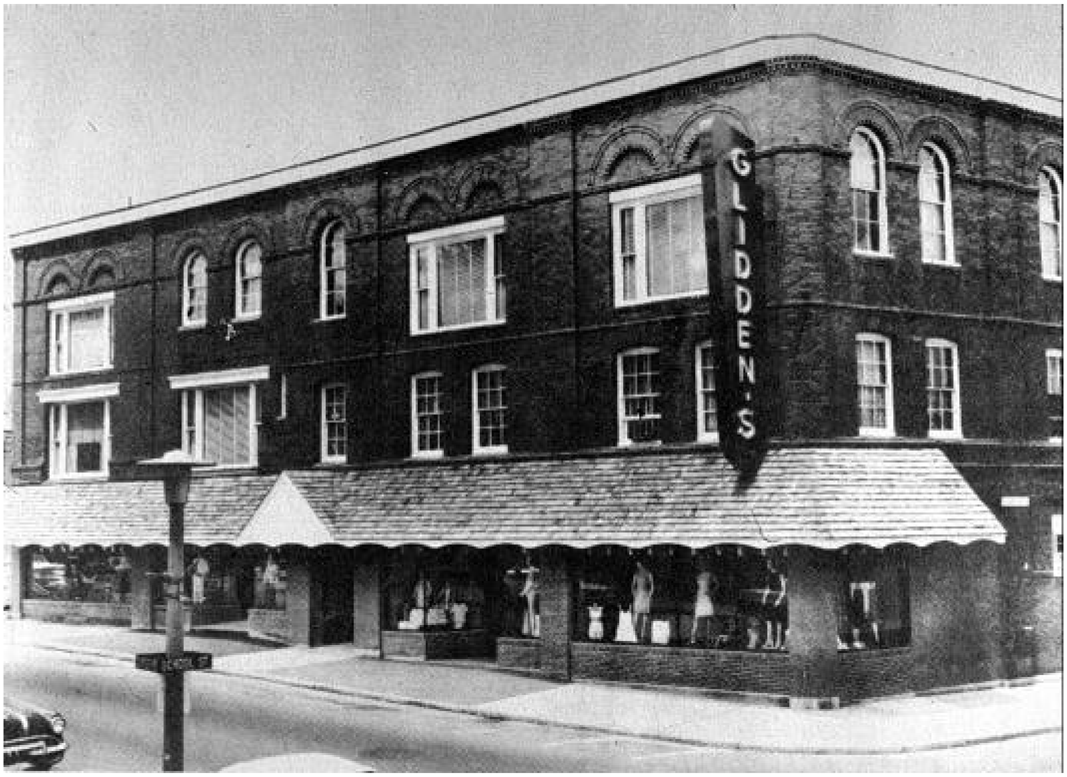
741. Glidden Building

During the height of the depression, Glidden’s Department store experienced a fire that was cause for a great fire sale. Many residents lined up to take advantage of the sale.



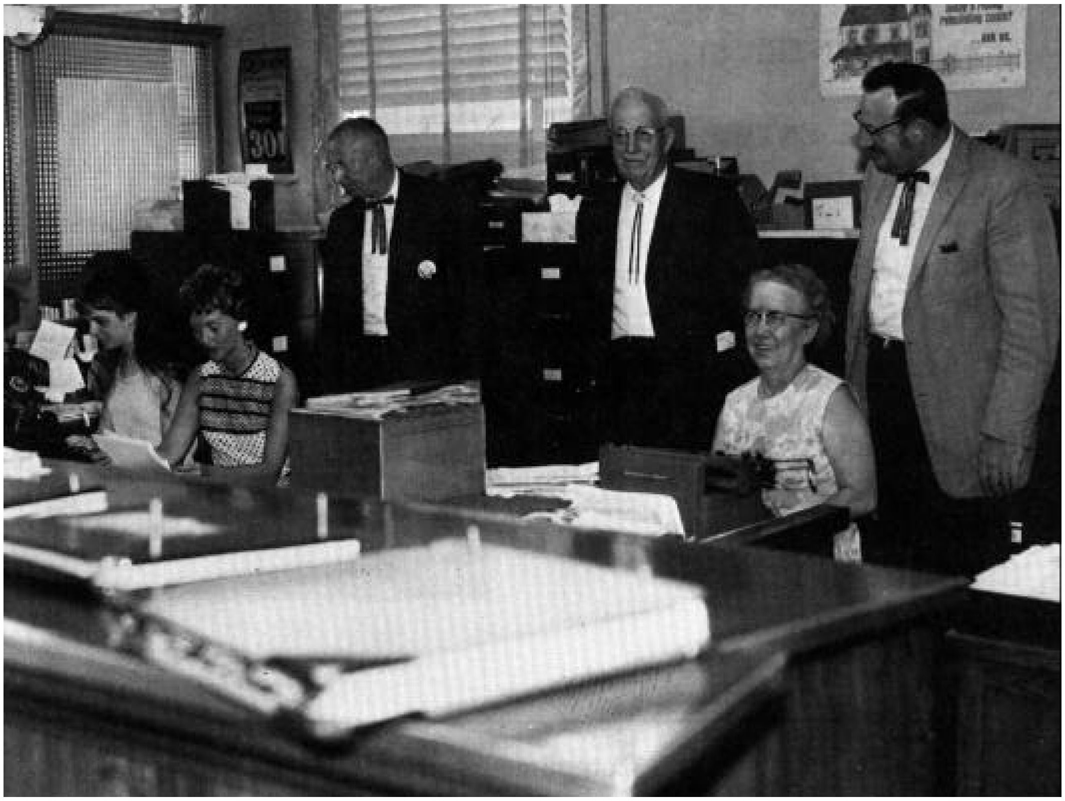
742. High School on Parade

A view up Centre Street by Glidden’s Department Store shows the High School band marching past the Church of our Saviour Episcopal.



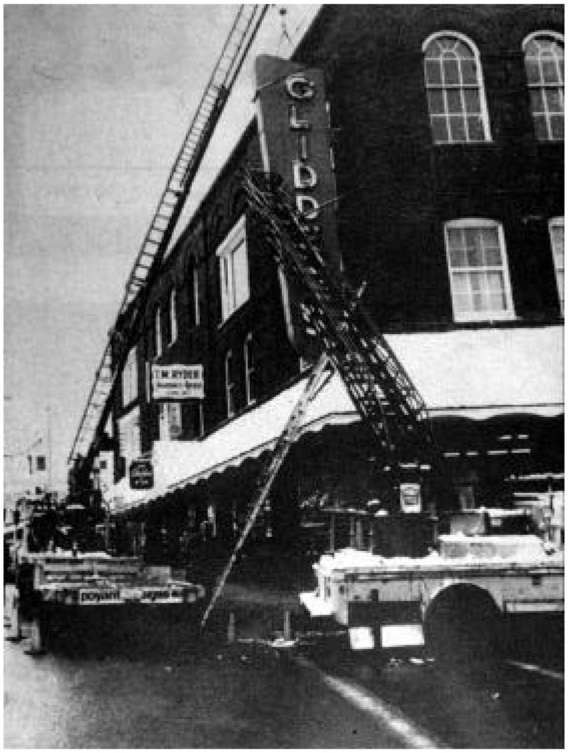
743. Glidden's

Glidden's was a 1940's style department store at the corner of School and Centre Streets for many years.



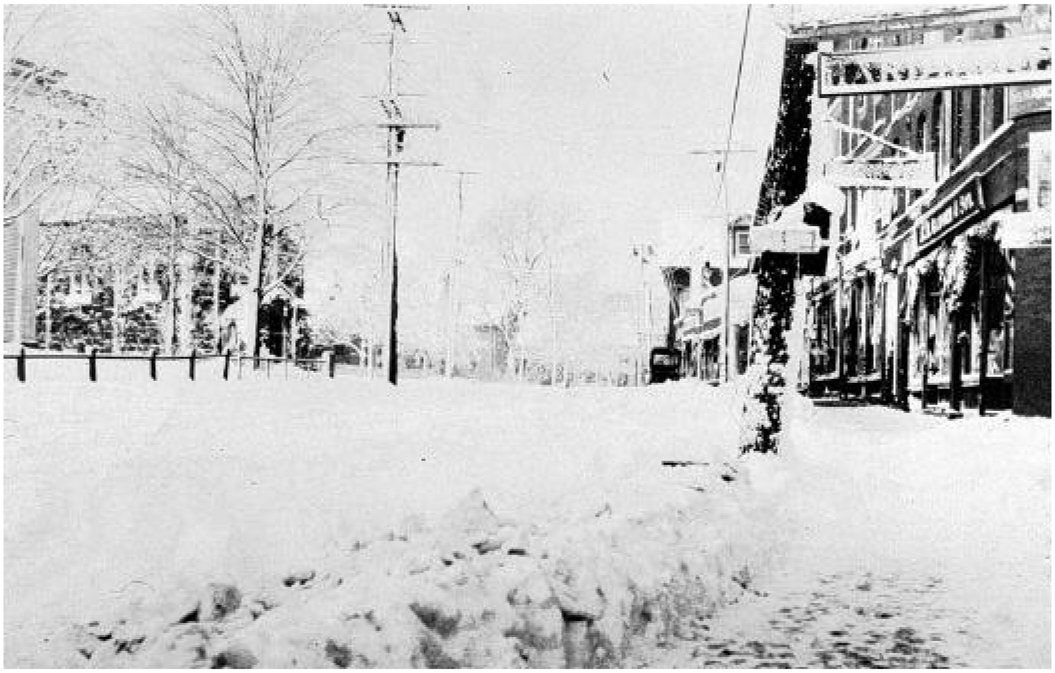
744. T.M. Ryder & Company

The T.M. Ryder Company was headed by Ralph W. Maddigan and Ralph W. Maddigan, Jr. and had their offices on the second floor of the Glidden building for many years.



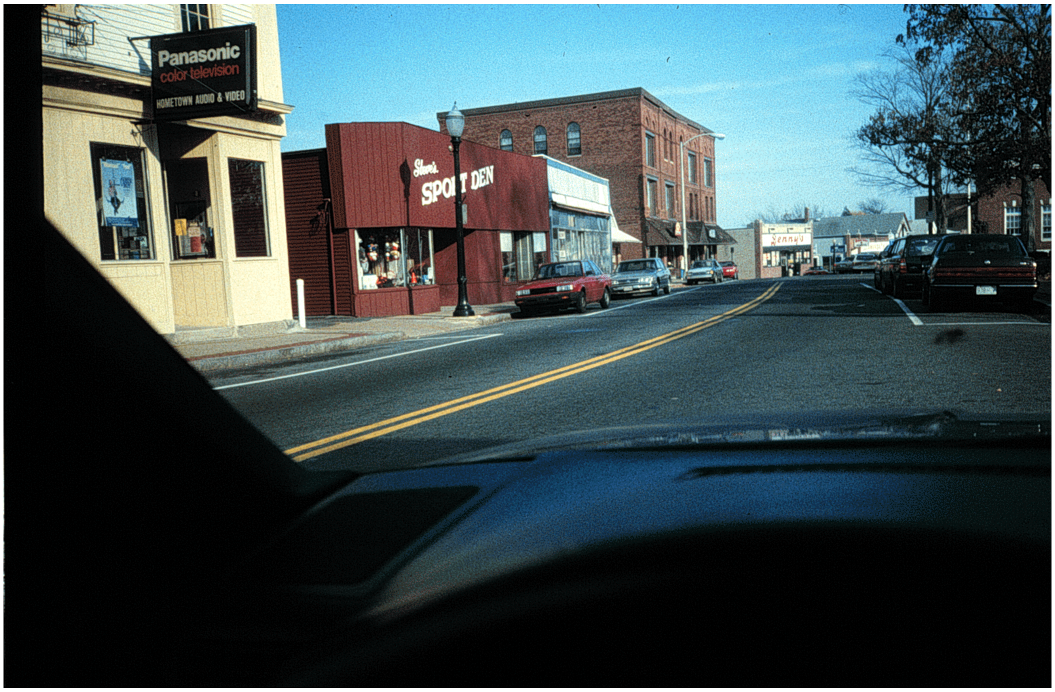
745. Glidden’s

“Biggest neon sign on Centre Street, was removed last week from one of the oldest stores in downtown Middleborough as Glidden’s Store prepared to relocate in a new Lakeville shopping plaza." Source: Clint Black



746. Looking Up Centre Street

A view up Centre Street during a heavy snowstorm shows Glidden's Department Store, Church of Our Saviour, and the fencing around the Peirce Academy.


Panasonic
color television
HOMETOWN AUDIO & VIDEO
Steve's
SPORT DEN

747. Looking Down Centre Street

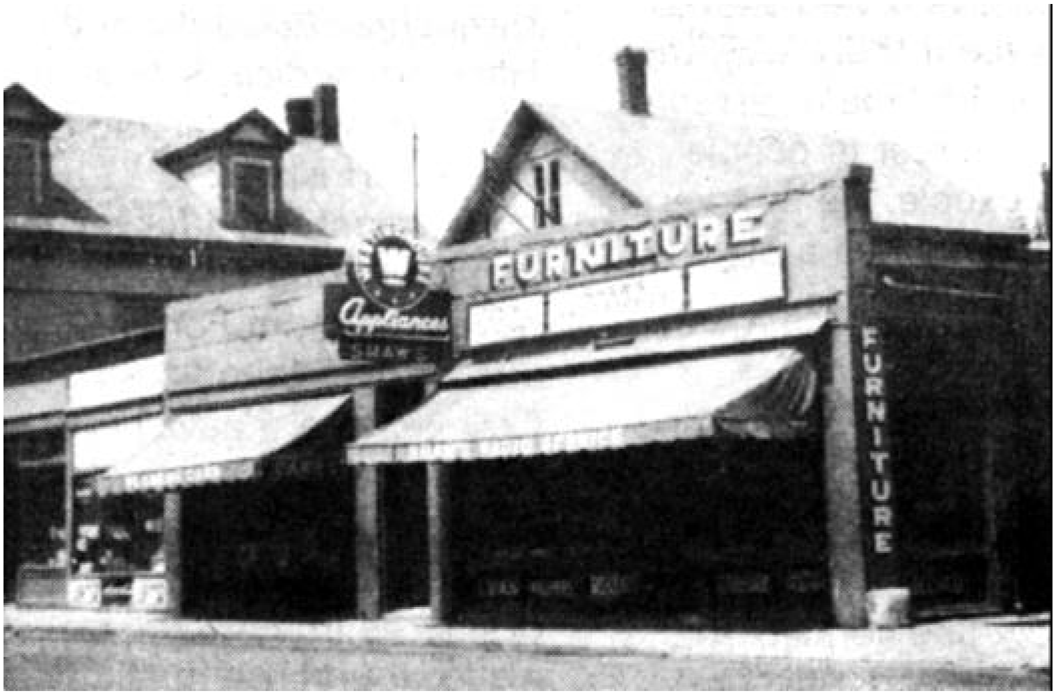
I shot this view of Centre Street from my Oldsmobile. It shows Middleborough's business district in 1997. The old School Street School, at left, now houses Hometown Video. Steve's Sport Den is adjacent to the video store. Benny's can be seen in the old First National Store at the corner of School and Centre Streets.

748. Kindergarten Students

“Voice was singing”

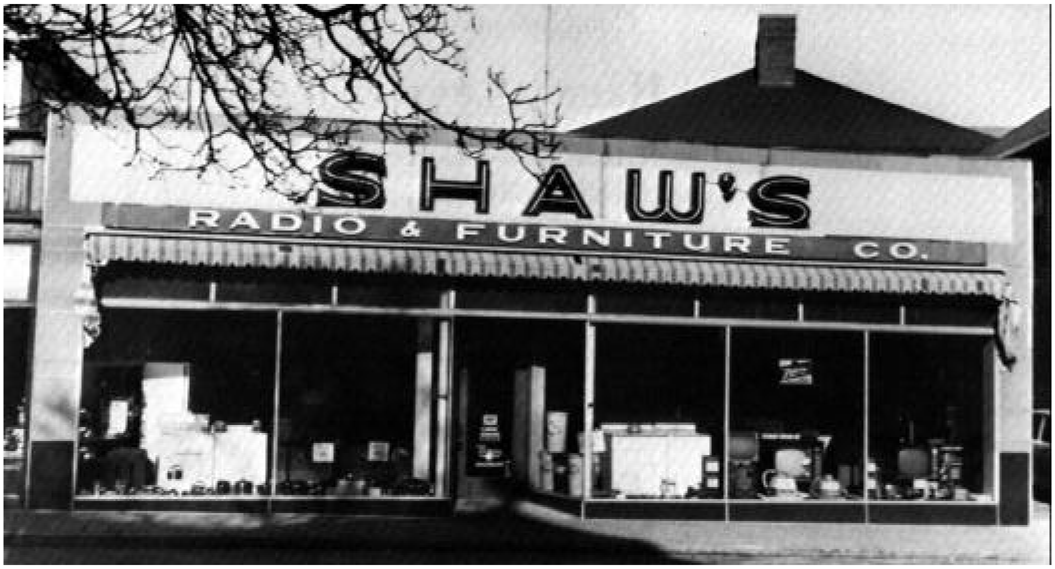
“Kindergarten Students at Union Street School sing “This Land Is Your Land” during their end of school production last week. The youngsters played to a full house of admiring relatives.”

Source: Jane Lopes Quote


FURNITURE
Appliances
SHAW'S
FURNITURE

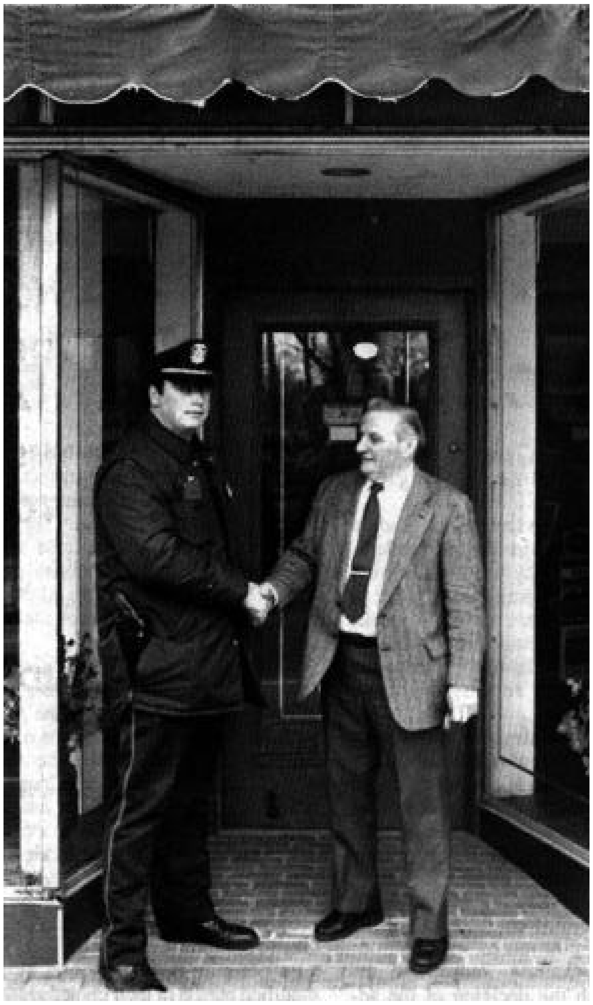
749. Shaw's Furniture Store

This old view of the building that replaced the "Epping House" for many years housed the Murphy's Bowling Lanes in the basement and Shaw's Furniture store was located in one half of the ground floor. In this photo can be seen the old pet shop, Larry's Lunch and the old School Street School.



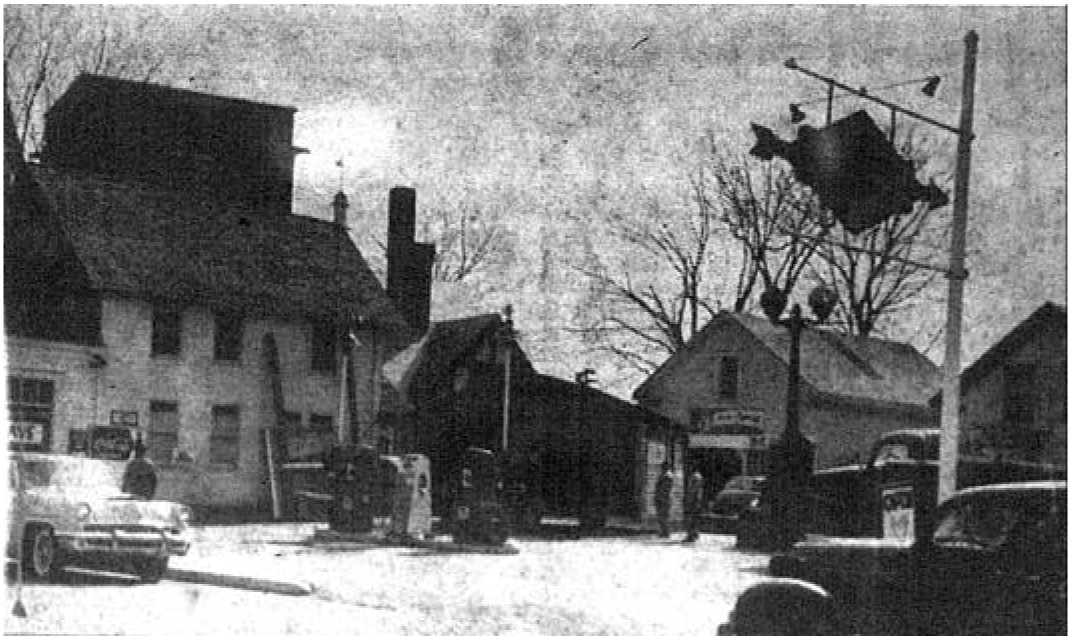
750. Shaw's Furniture Store

In the late 1940's, Art Shaw replaced his storefront with a new modern façade, which boggled the minds of the local townsfolk. The residents of the town often drove downtown just to view the wondrous site. The mechanical Christmas displays were looked for with much anticipation each holiday season.



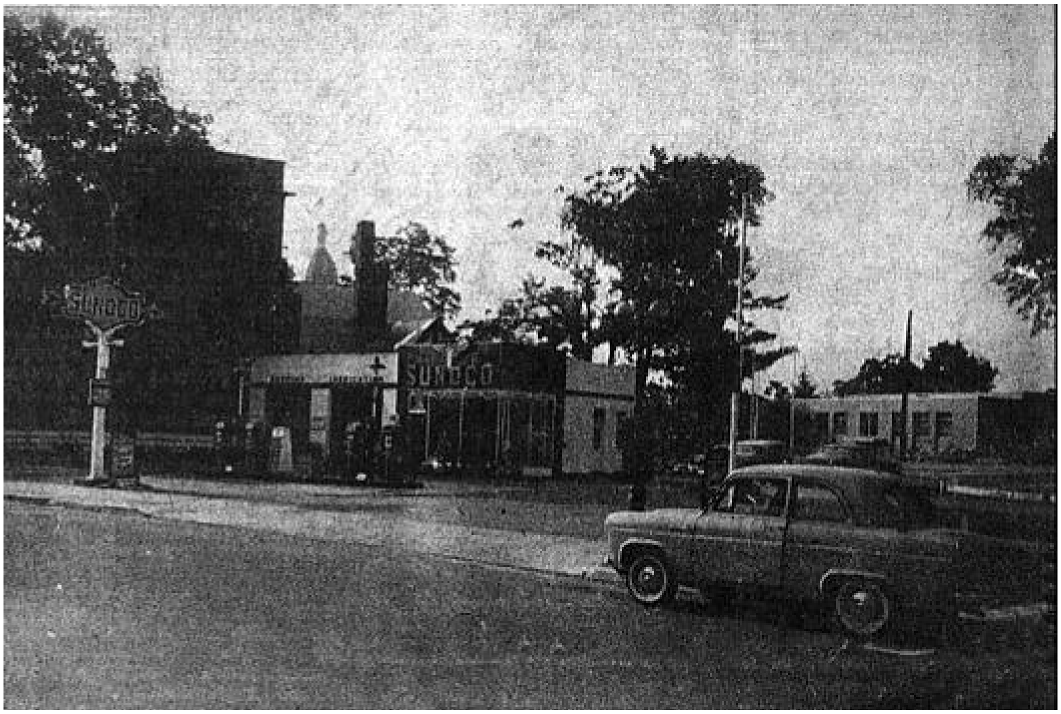
751. Shaw’s Furniture Store

Arthur Shaw II closed the doors on Shaw’s Furniture for the last time in 1988. He had been at this location for 46 years.



752. Earlier Smith's Sunoco

This photo depicts Smitty's early service station, which would have been located at the rear of the present Xtra Mart. The building at left once housed Parker's Florist Shop, Superior Cab and Sherman's Bike Shop.

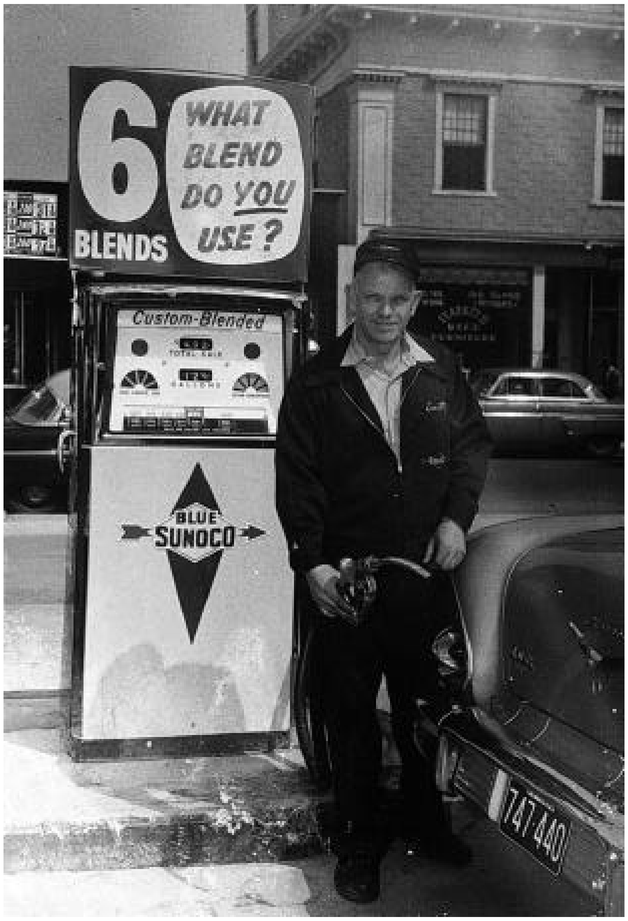


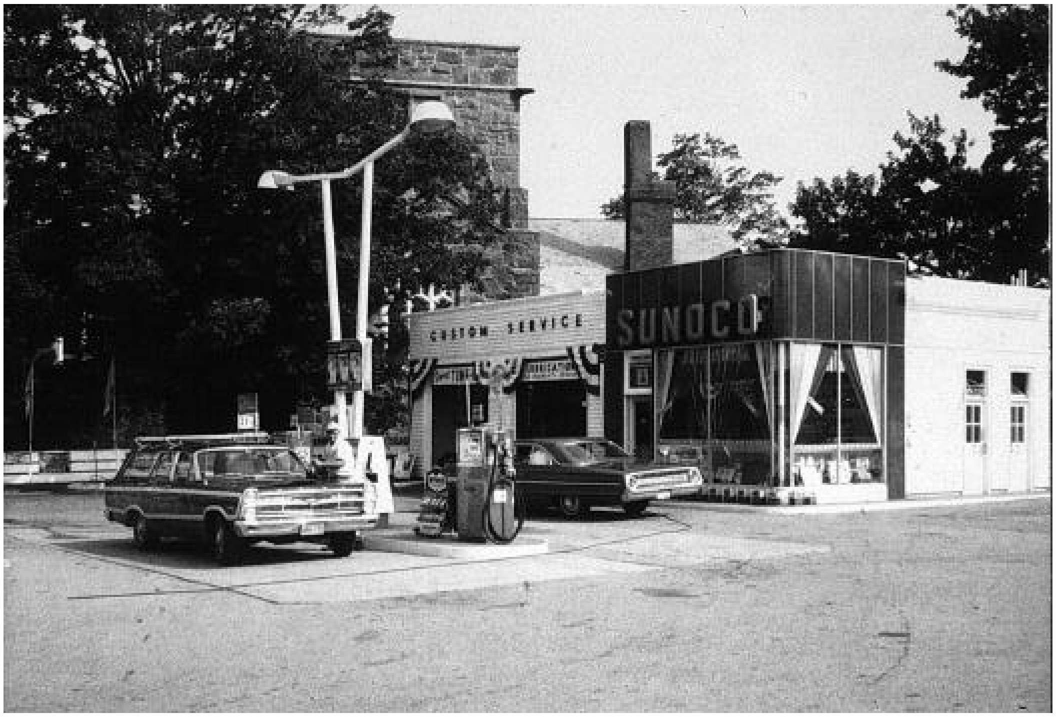
753. Smith's Sunoco

The grand opening of Smitty's Sunoco in 1957 shows this very modern service station. Union Street School is visible at the rear.

754. “Smitty” Pumping Gas

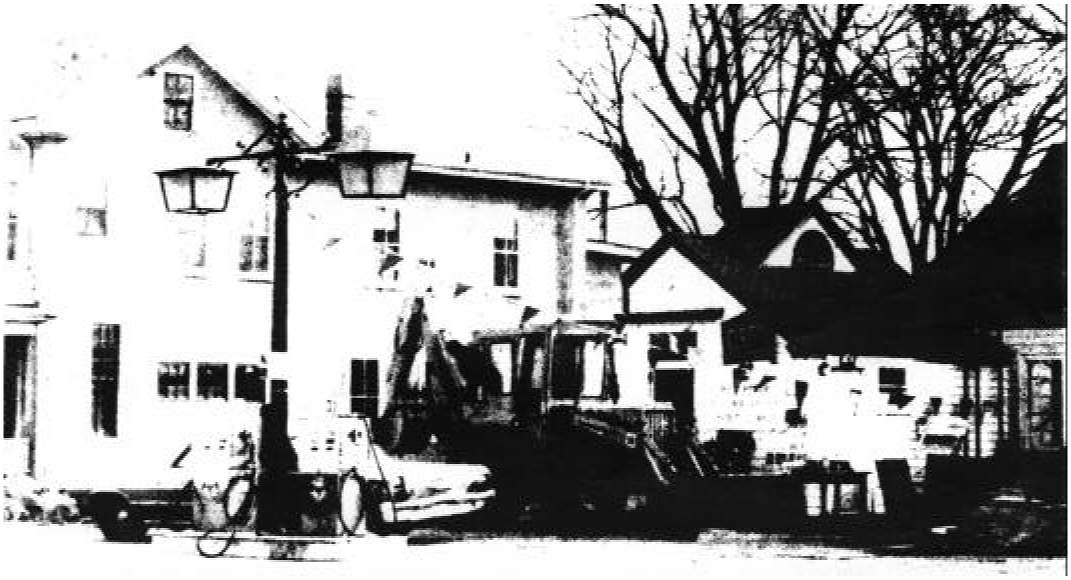
This picture shows "Smitty" at the pumps filling up another satisfied customer’s tank.


6 BLENDS
WHAT BLEND DO YOU USE ?
Custom-Blended
BLUE SUNOCO
747 440



755. Smith's Sunoco

This 1957 photo shows the decorated newly built garage during its grand opening. This garage sits on the site of past businesses such as Sherman's Bike Shop, Barden's Music Shop, superior Cab, Parker's Florist, etc. The sole house on Oak Street was formerly located on this lot.

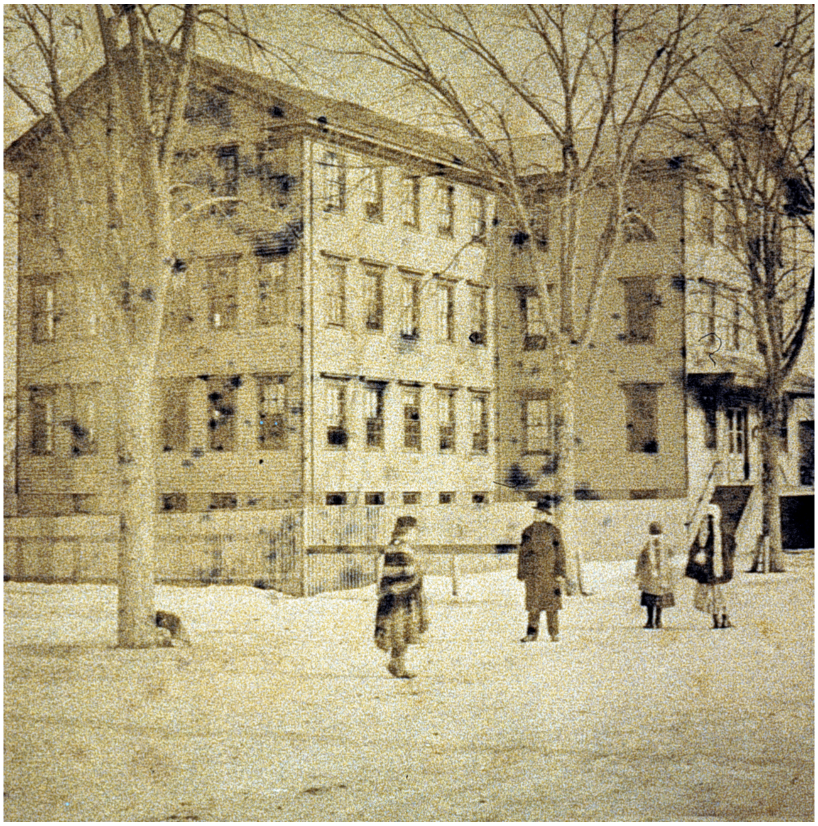


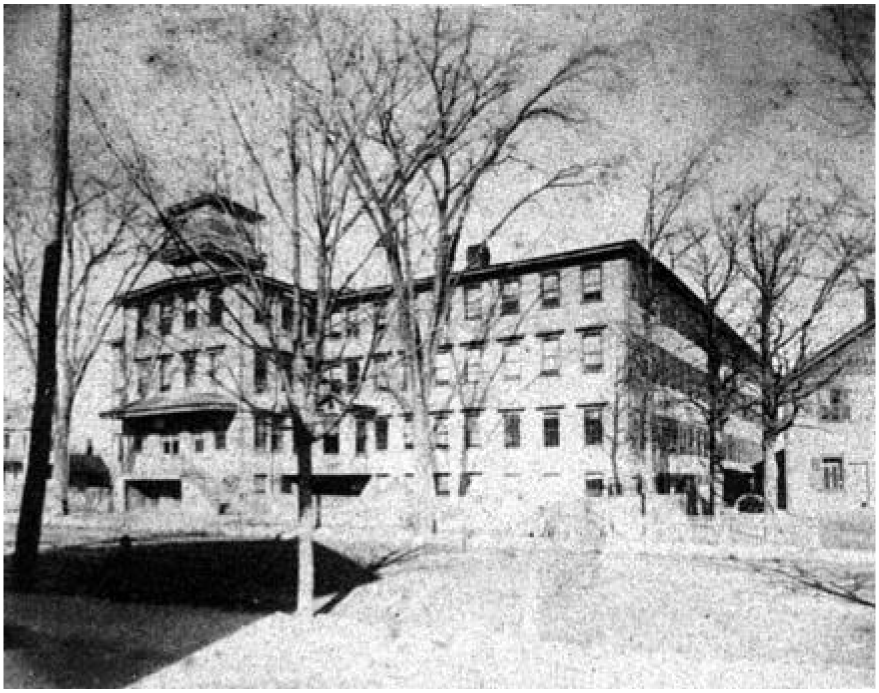
756. Former Rainbow Garage

This building had served as various businesses such as dry cleaning and a car wash. At one point it may have been a little lunchroom. At the time it was torn down it was The Rainbow Garage, A Cumberland Farm Store was built on this corner of Pearl and Centre Street.

757. Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory

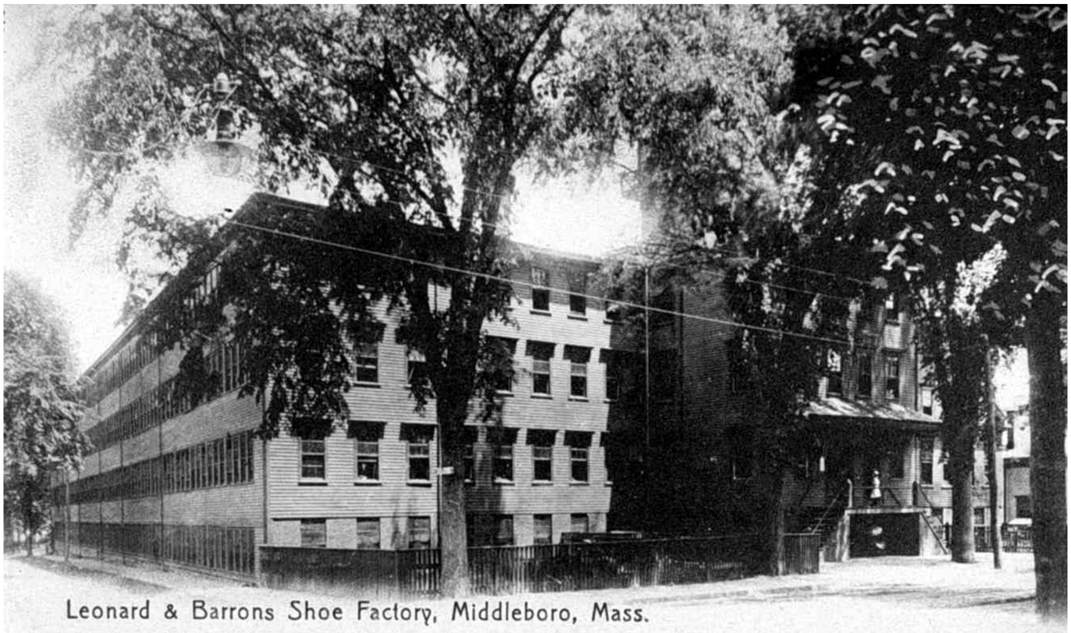
In 1816 Mr. Perkins sold his interest to Leonard and Barrows who then bought the Murdock Block (Jones) on North Main Street. Leonard and Barrows built their new factory at the corner of Pearl and Centre Streets in 1874. The building was 100 feet long and 35 feet wide. It burned in 1886. It is pictured here.





758. Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory

In 1853 Noah C. Perkins, Charles E. Leonard and Horatio Barrows founded the Perkins, Leonard and Barrows Shoe Shop and started in business on Centre Street where Benny’s is located today.


Leonard & Barrons Shoe Factory, Middleboro, Mass.

759. Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory

This new building replacing the original one was l35 feet long on Centre Street, 260 feet on Pearl Street, with an east wing of 105 feet and had four floors with an area of 100,000 square feet.

Source: Middleborough Antiquarian
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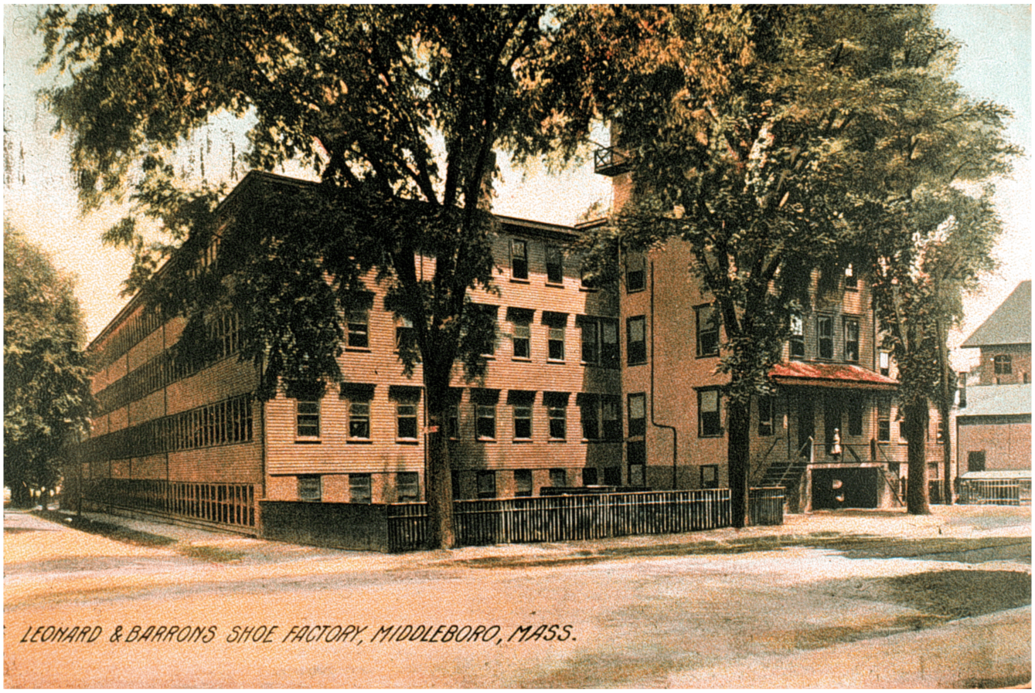
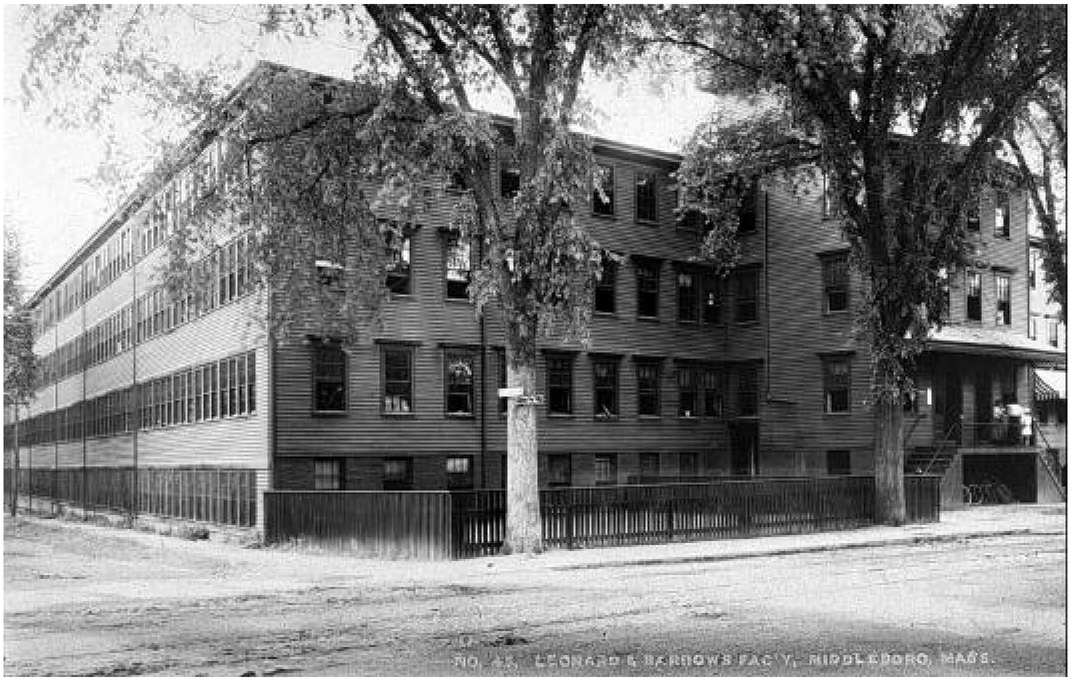

LEONARD & BARROWS SHOE FACTORY, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

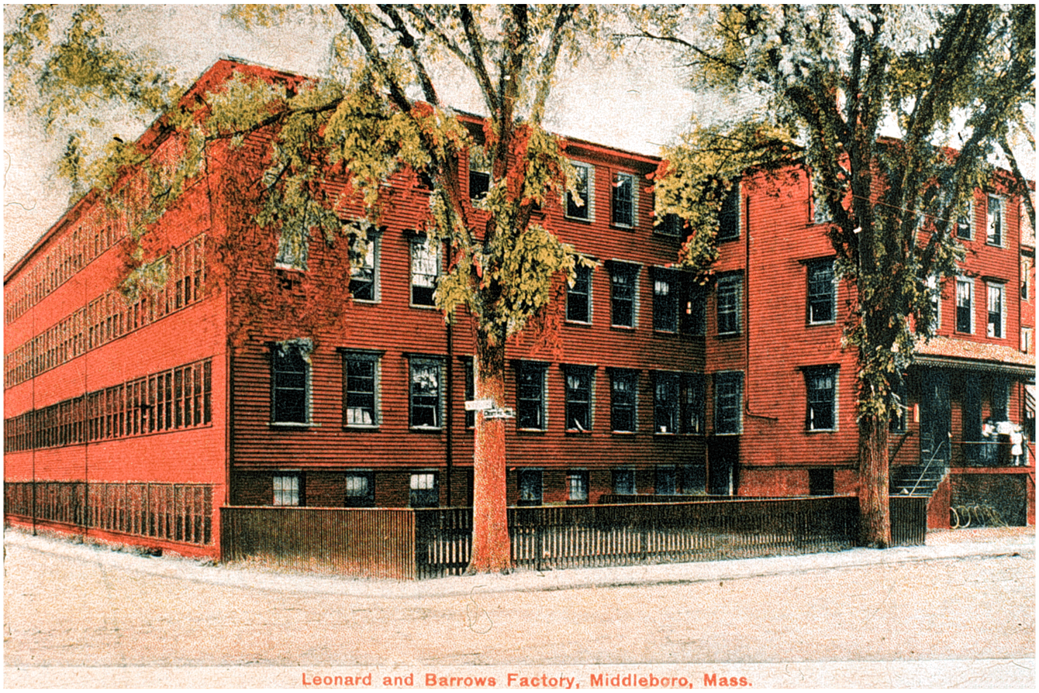
760. Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory

This new building had the finest lighting and heating for its time, and was well ventilated on every floor. It had all safety devices, elevators, fire escapes and automatic sprinklers.


NO. 43. LEONARD & BARROWS FAC'Y, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

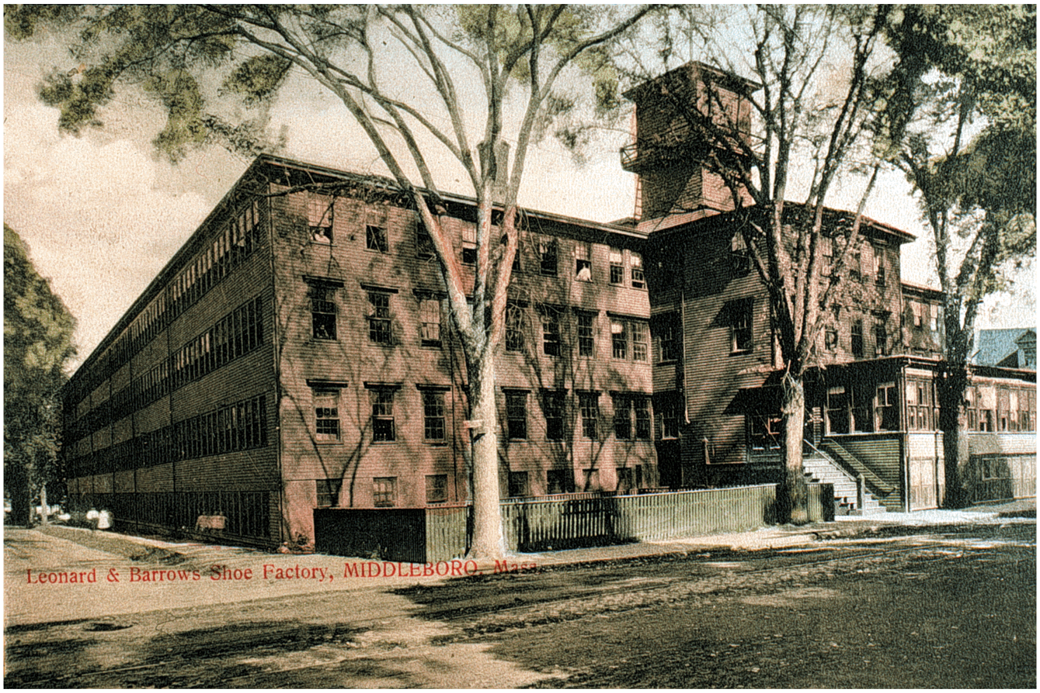
761. Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory

The machinery was powered by two boilers and a 200 h.p. engine.


Leonard and Barrows Factory, Middleboro, Mass.

762. Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory

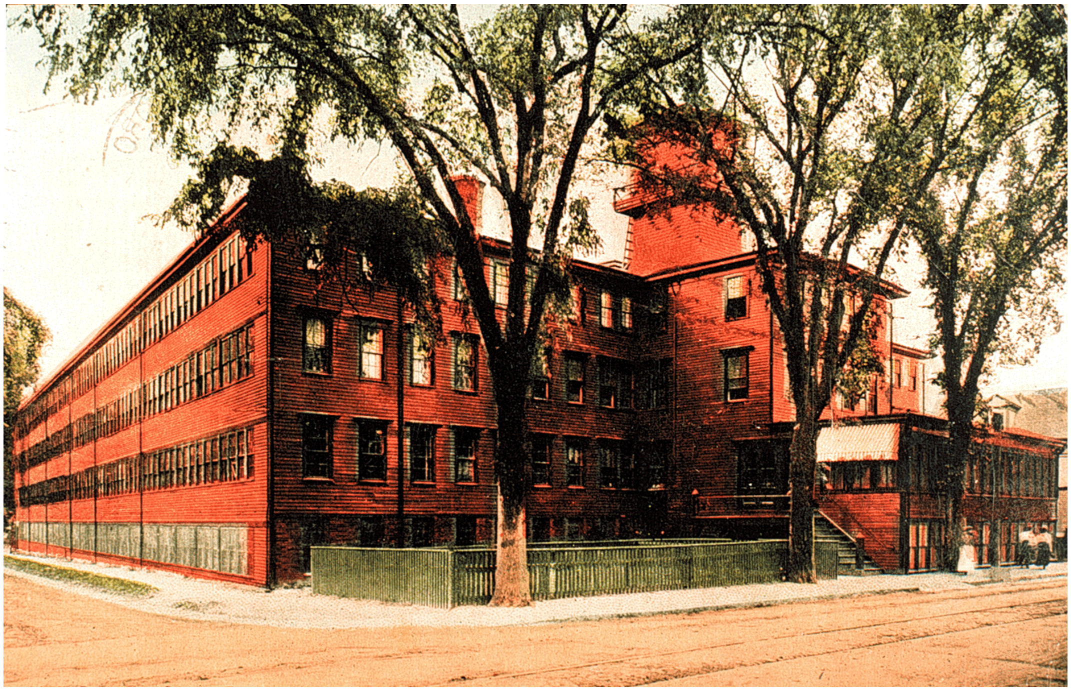
This factory had a very good restaurant for its employees. The factory had about 500 workers who put out about 1800 pairs of shoes a day. Annually the company paid more than a quarter million dollars in wages.



Leonard & Barrows Shoe Factory, MIDDLEBORO, Mass.

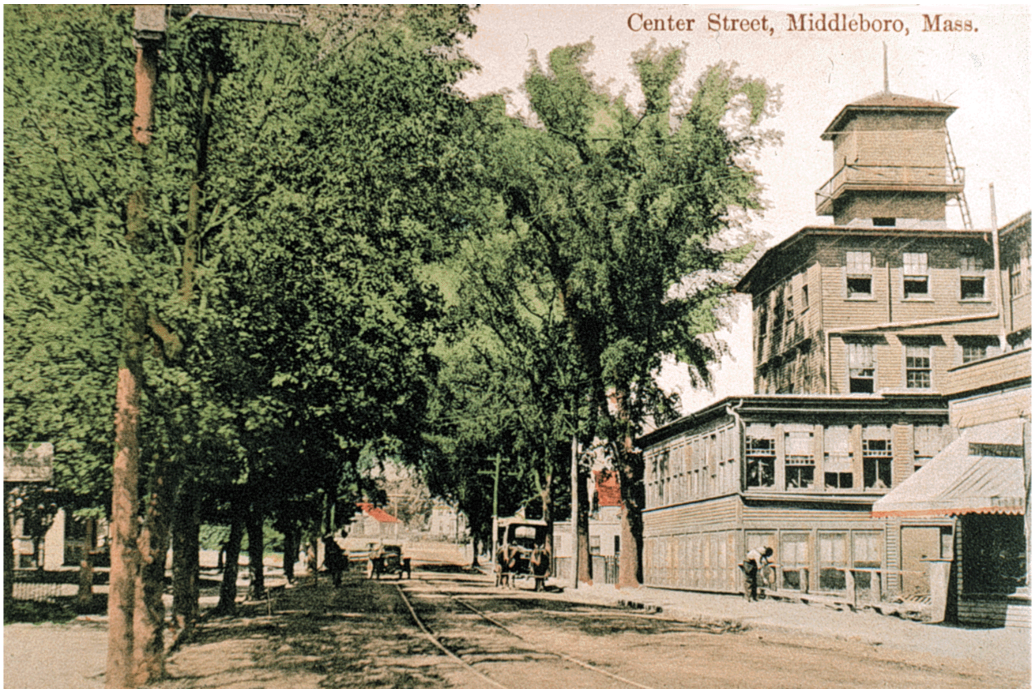
763. Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory

Horatio Barrows died in 1883 and Charles Leonard and his two sons carried on for 20 years. Horatio's son, Fletcher, came into the firm in 1903 and Charles Leonard died in 1904 leaving the factory in the hands of the younger generation.



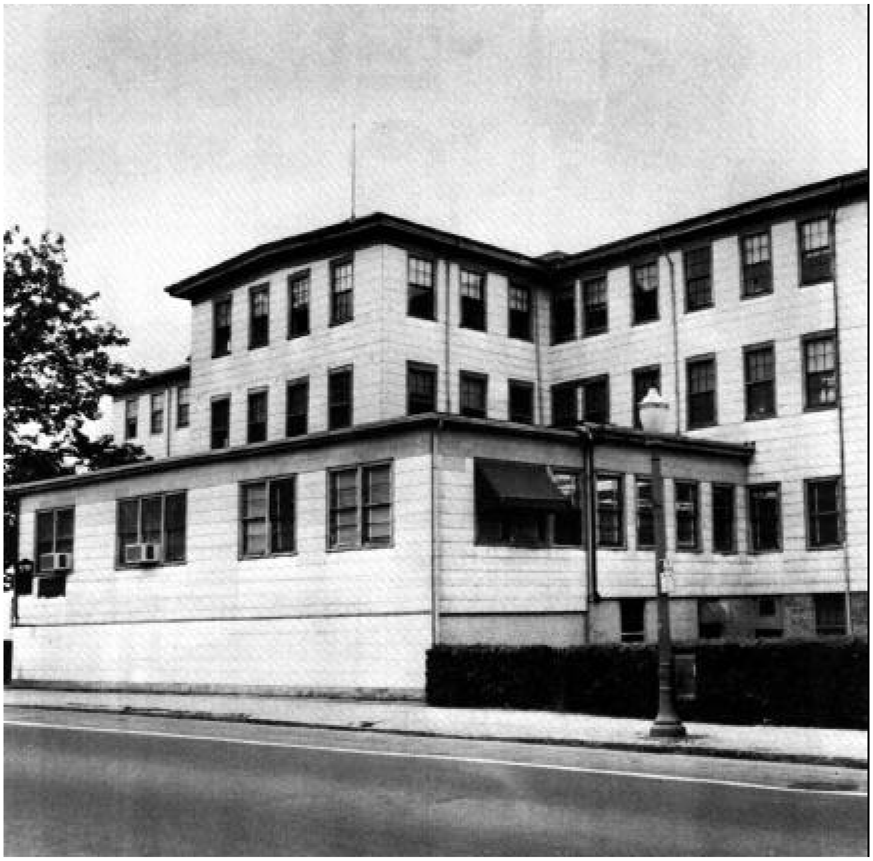
764. Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory

This factory was among the largest in New England with 4,000 pairs of shoes daily made by 1,000 workers daily.


Center Street, Middleboro, Mass.

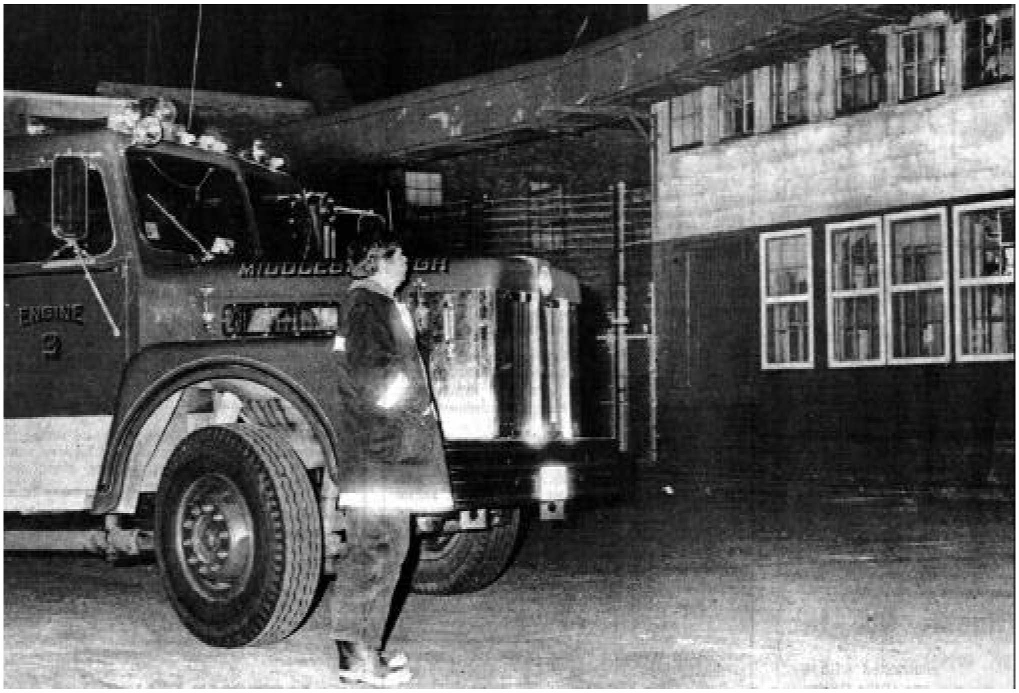
765. Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory

In 1936 Leonard and Barrows sold out to John Lucey. A few years later, Mr. Goldstein came in to the firm and Plymouth Shoe Company was organized



766. Plymouth Shoe Company

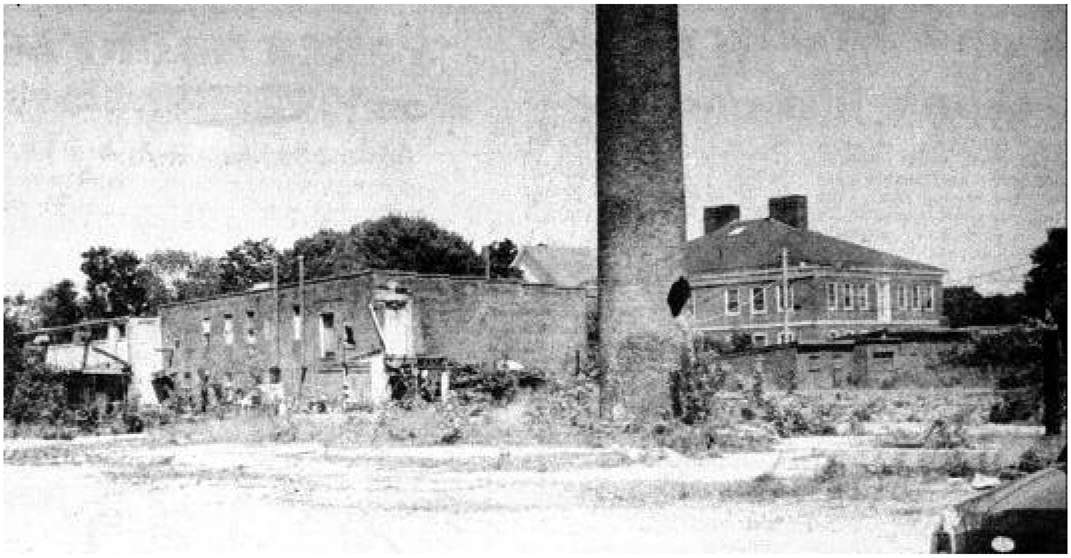
This photo of the Plymouth Shoe Co. gives no hint of its impending demise in the mid 60’s. Plymouth Shoe after serving the town for so many years closed its doors. The final company name before the end was called Earth Shoe.



767. Former Earth Shoe Building

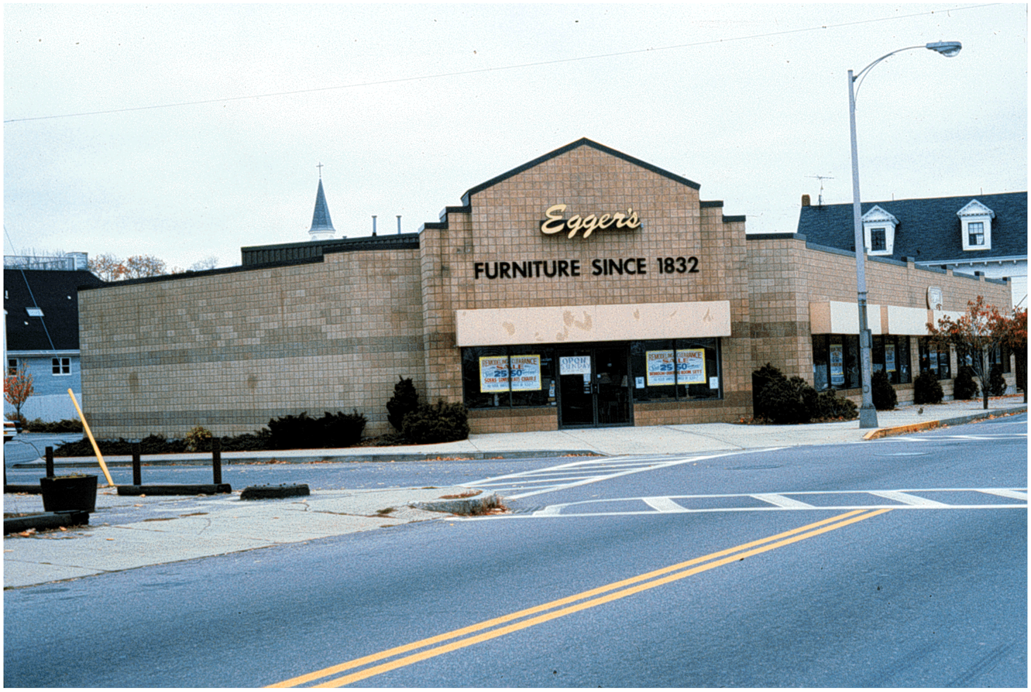
“Middleborough Firefighter, Anthony Pattee, checks out the exterior of the Earth Shoe building on Pearl Street during his nightly watch.” Chief Joseph Oliver ordered these nightly watches at the former Earth Shoe (Plymouth Shoe), circa 1985-1986, to protect the business center from fire.

Source: Charlie Perry Quote
Walter Thompson



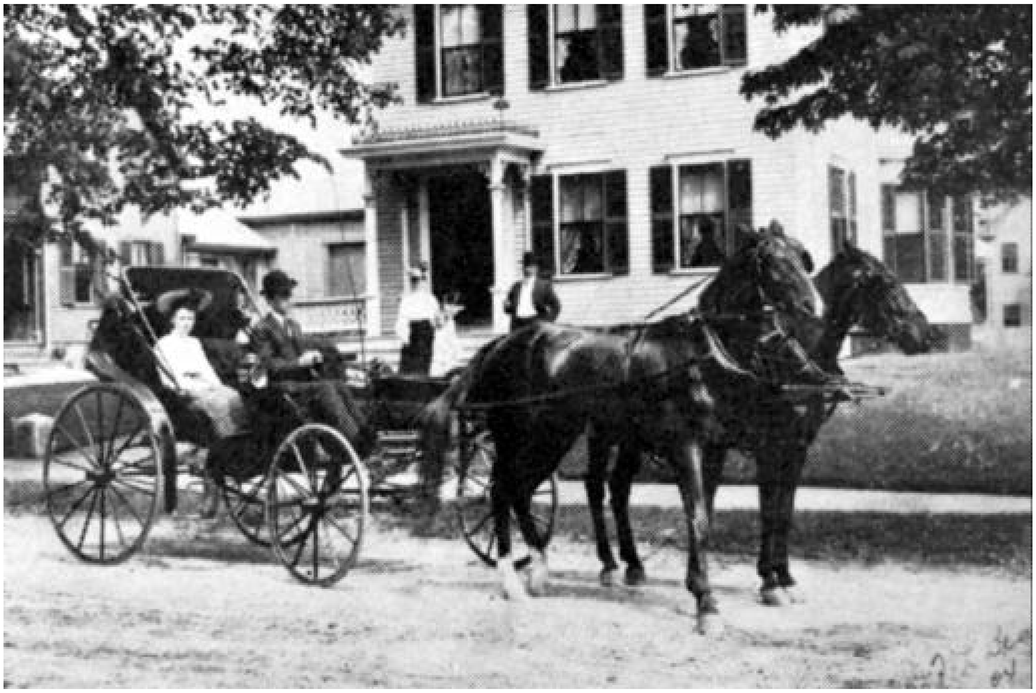
768. Former Leonard and Barrows Site

This great shoe company which had given so much to the people at Middleborough came to a sad end with foreign imports; the main structure was torn down and the rear portion was converted into an apartment complex.


Egger's
FURNITURE SINCE 1832
OPEN

769. Egger's Furniture

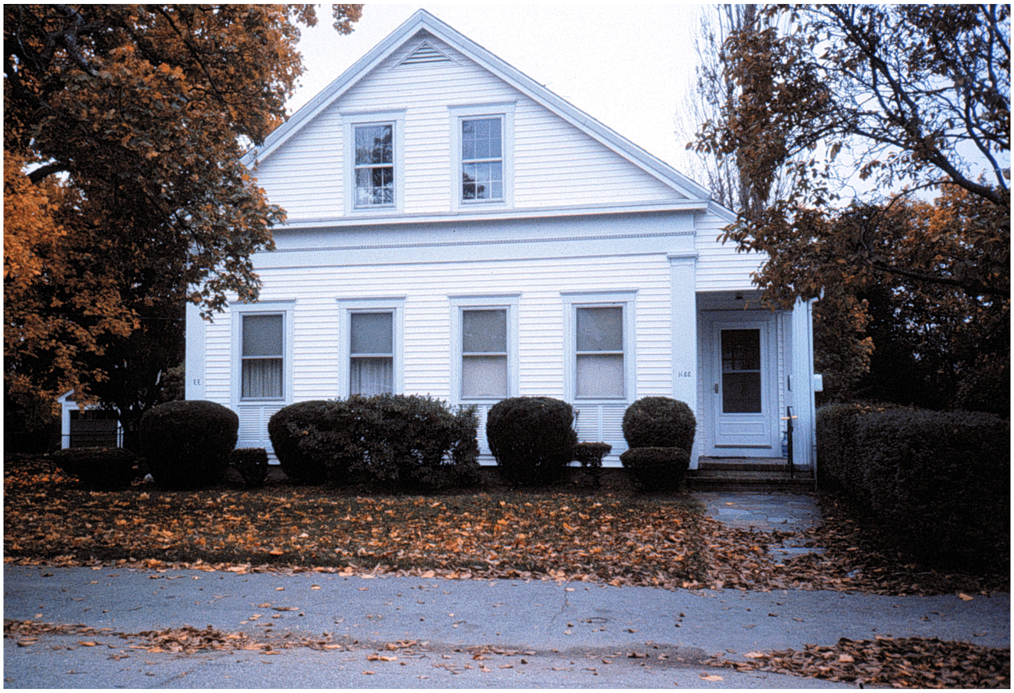
Bob Saquet relocated one of the oldest businesses in town from its location on South Main Street to its present location at Centre and Pearl Streets.



770. Dr. Silliker House

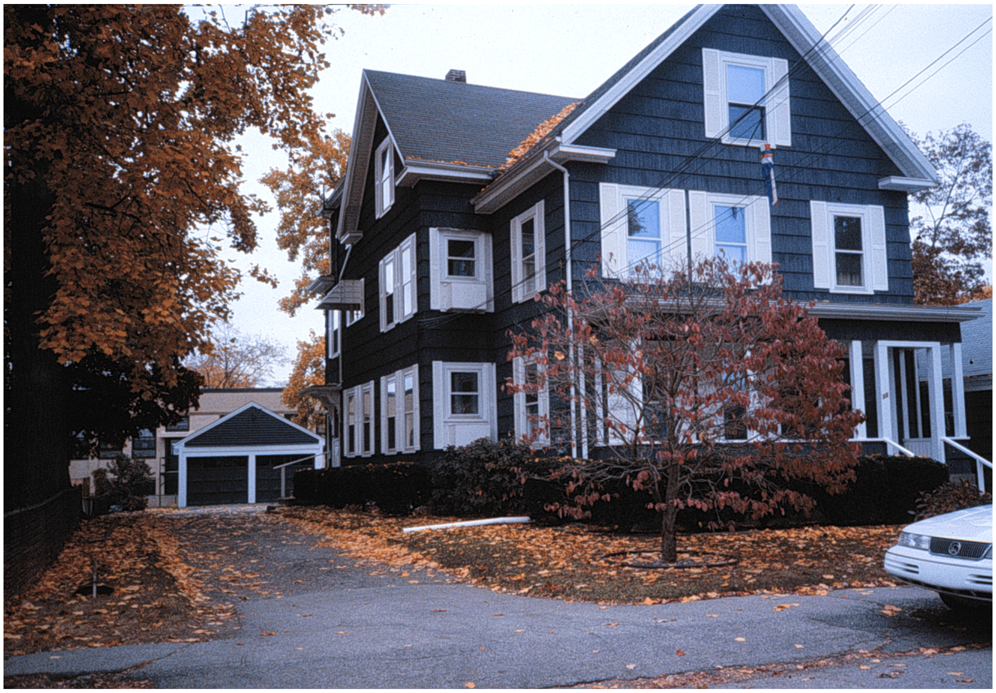
“At the time this picture was taken, about 1900, the house was owned by Dennis D. Sullivan, later Judge Sullivan of the Fourth District Court. In all probability, the persons shown were members of the Sullivan family.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XVI, February 1975, Number 2, pg. 5



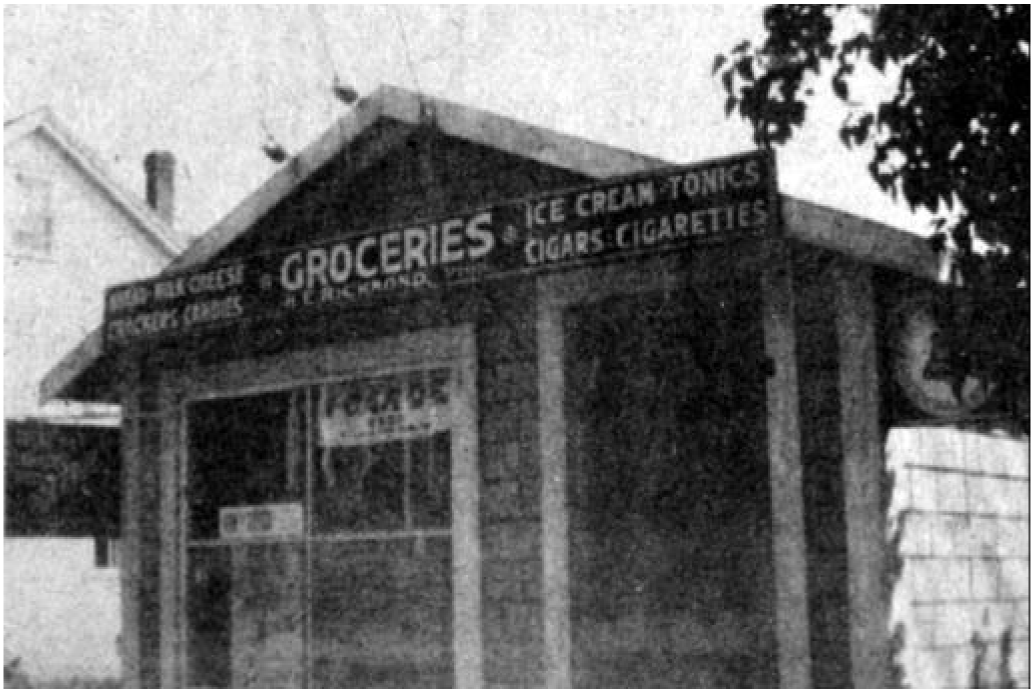
771. Pearl Street House

This small cottage, the original part of the house, was on South Main Street next to the Barrows Estate and was moved over to Pearl Street and enlarged into a private dwelling.



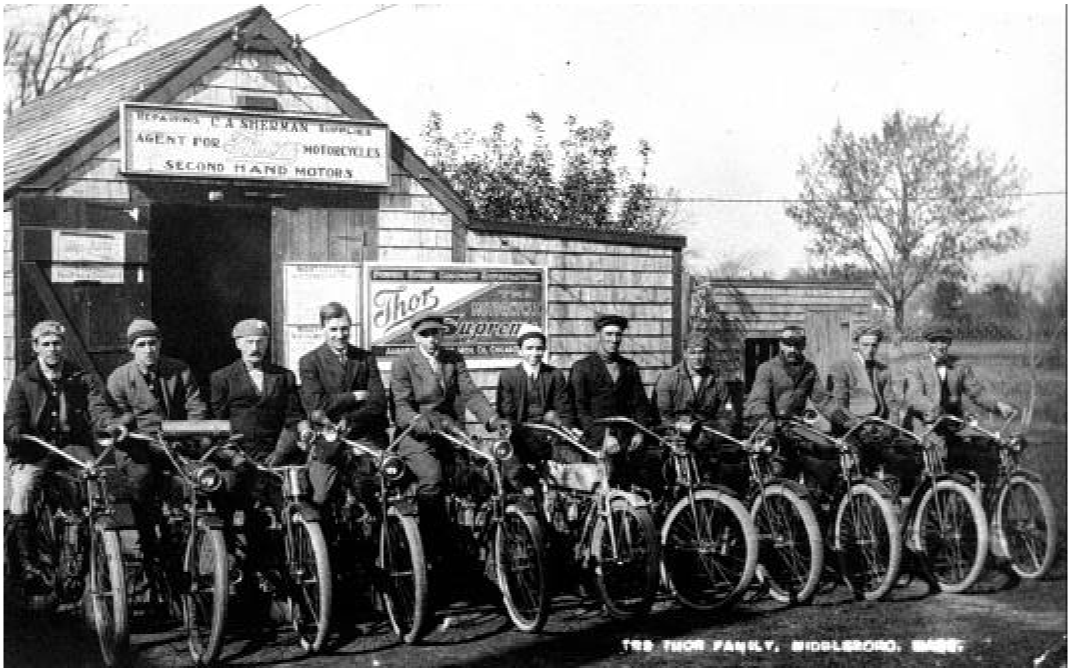
772. Dascoulias House

This house originally was on the site of the Union Street School (Lincoln D. Lynch School) and was moved to make way for the new school in 1937. Today the property is owned by the former Dascoulias twins and they operate their beauty shop called Twins Beauty Nook and Boutique, out of the front of their home today.


BREAD MILK CHEESE
CRACKERS CANDIES
GROCERIES
H. E. RICHMOND
ICE CREAM TONICS
CIGARS CIGARETTES

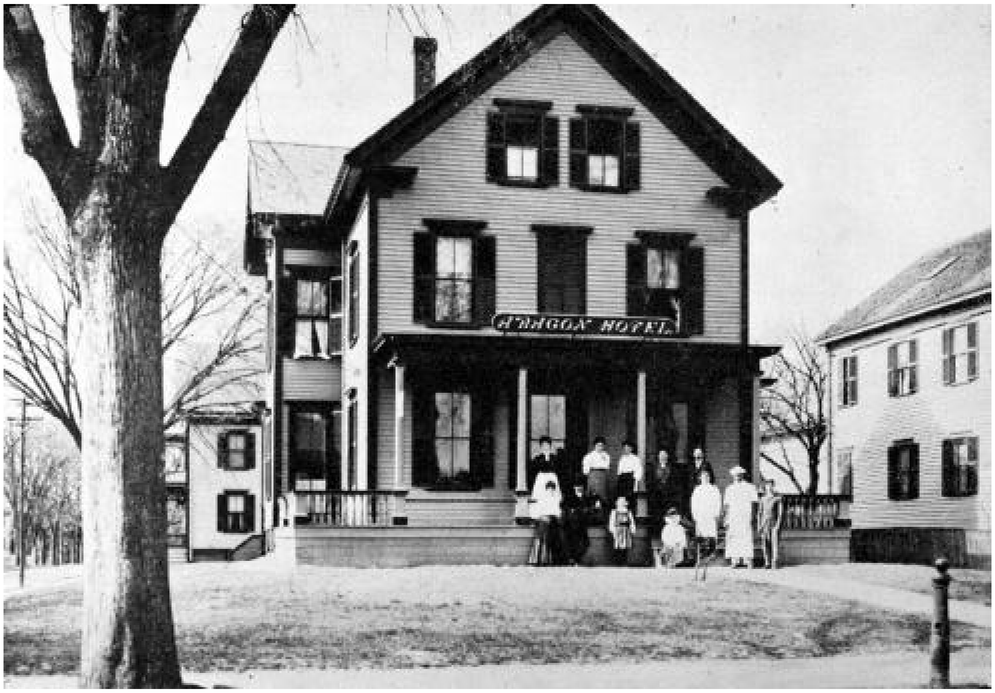
773. Richmond's Grocery

In the 20's, 30's and 40's each neighborhood practically had its own little grocery store. Richmond's Grocery, deep in the corner of Pearl Street, was a very popular store and lasted for some time before the owner sold the building and moved to California.


REPAIRING C.A. SHERMAN SUPPLIES
AGENT FOR MOTORCYCLES
SECOND HAND MOTORS
Thor
Supreme
THE THOR FAMILY, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

774. Sherman's Bicycle Shop

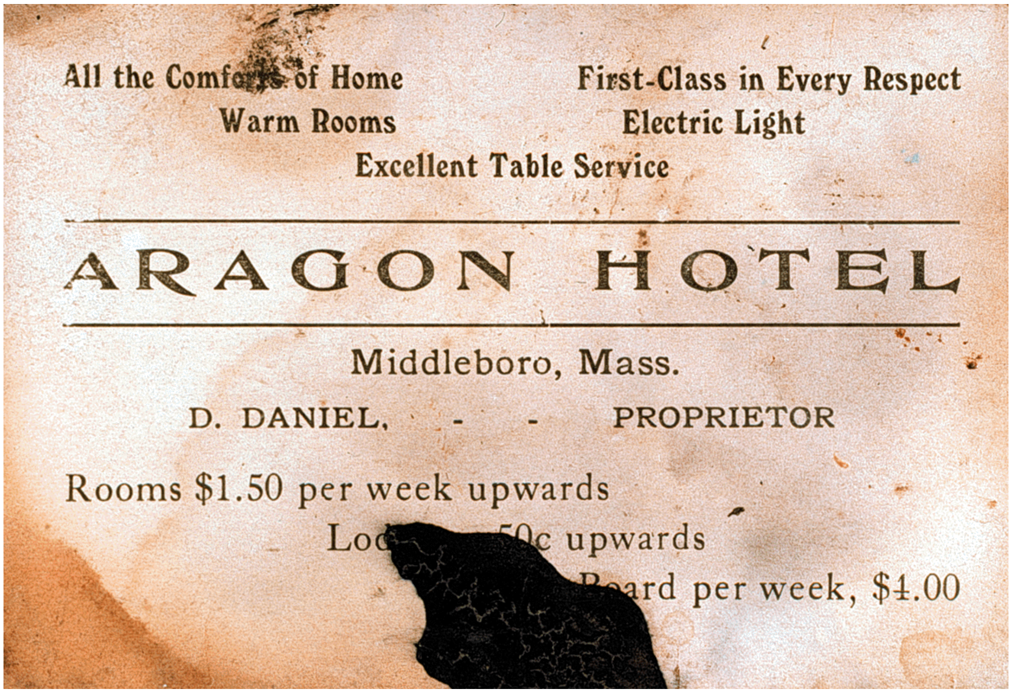
This shop was located at Sherman's home on Pearl Street. He later moved his shop to Centre Street.



775. Aragon Hotel

This was one of the early hotels in town and the beginnings were in 1884. Through the years it went through many owners and many names. But the name that will be remembered for the longest is Daniel F. Danielson, who also operated a bar room in the little building on the corner.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XV, November 1973, Number 1, pg. 9.



All the Comforts of Home
Warm Rooms

First-Class in Every Respect
Electric Light

Excellent Table Service

ARAGON HOTEL

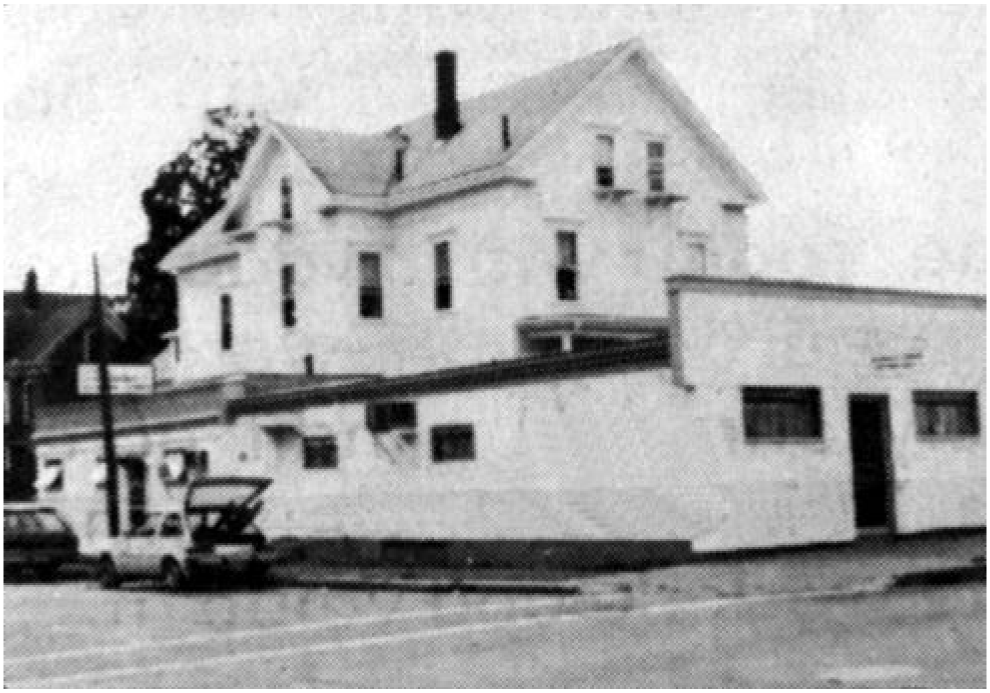
Middleboro, Mass.

D. DANIEL, - - PROPRIETOR

Rooms $1.50 per week upwards
Lod[illegible]50c upwards
[illegible] Board per week, $4.00

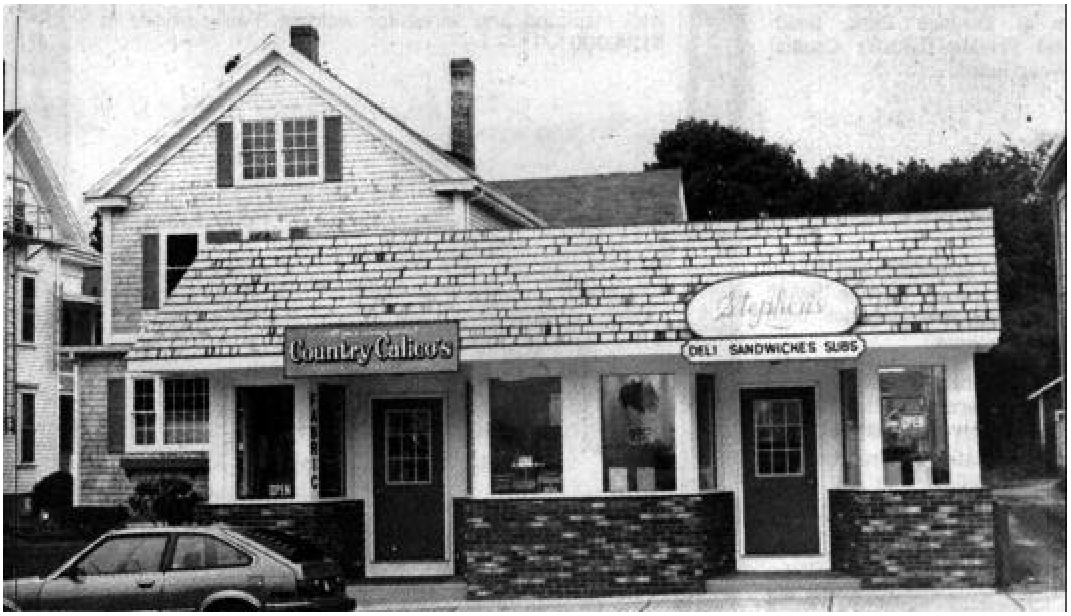
776. Aragon Hotel Card

This is an early type of advertising for the Aragon Hotel by Danielson in the early part of this century. Note that they had electricity and weekly rooms started at $1.50.



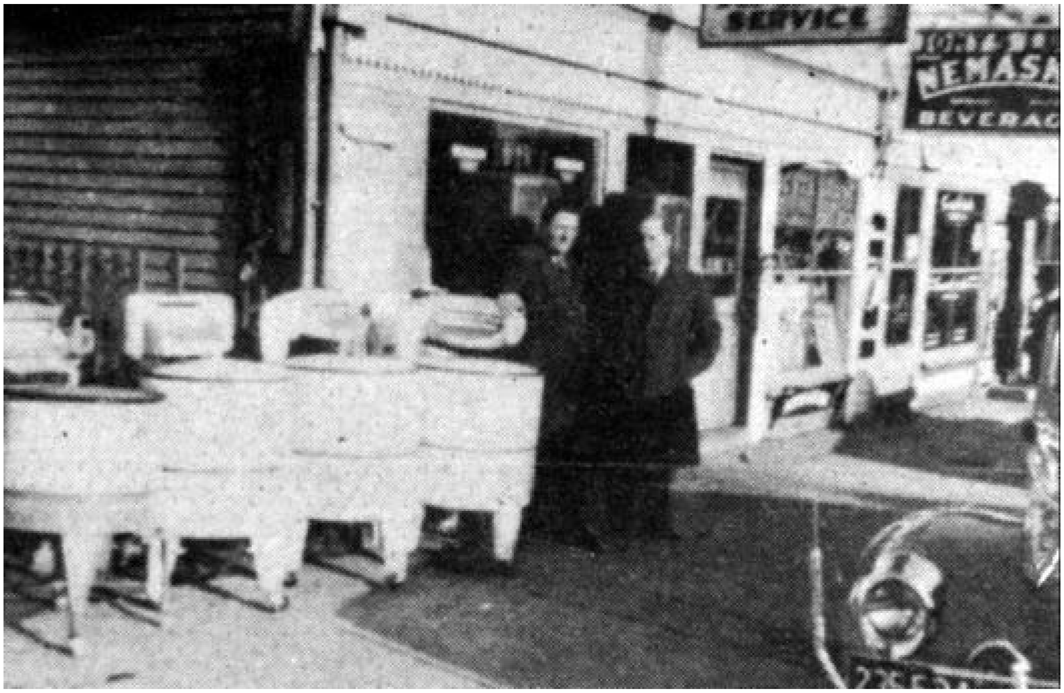
777. Aragon Hotel

The old Aragon is no more. Since 1964 it has become an apartment house, and the bar room on the corner has become office space.


Country Calico's
FABRIC
OPEN
Stephen's
DELI SANDWICHES SUBS
OPEN

778. Centre Street Stores

The modern new front on this building hides the fact that the building for many years housed Harry Promades Grocery Store in which, as a school boy, I would stop for my penny candy. Processed meats would be hanging from the ceiling.

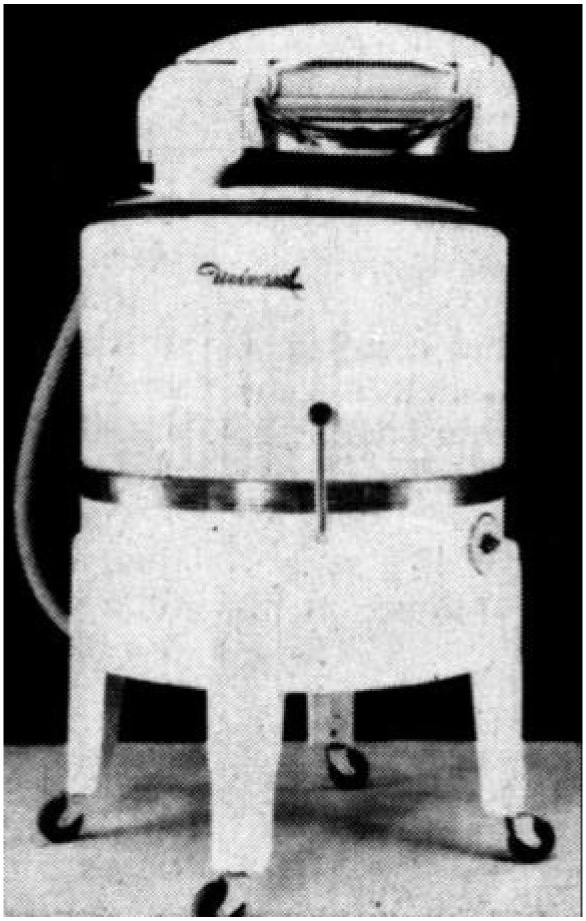


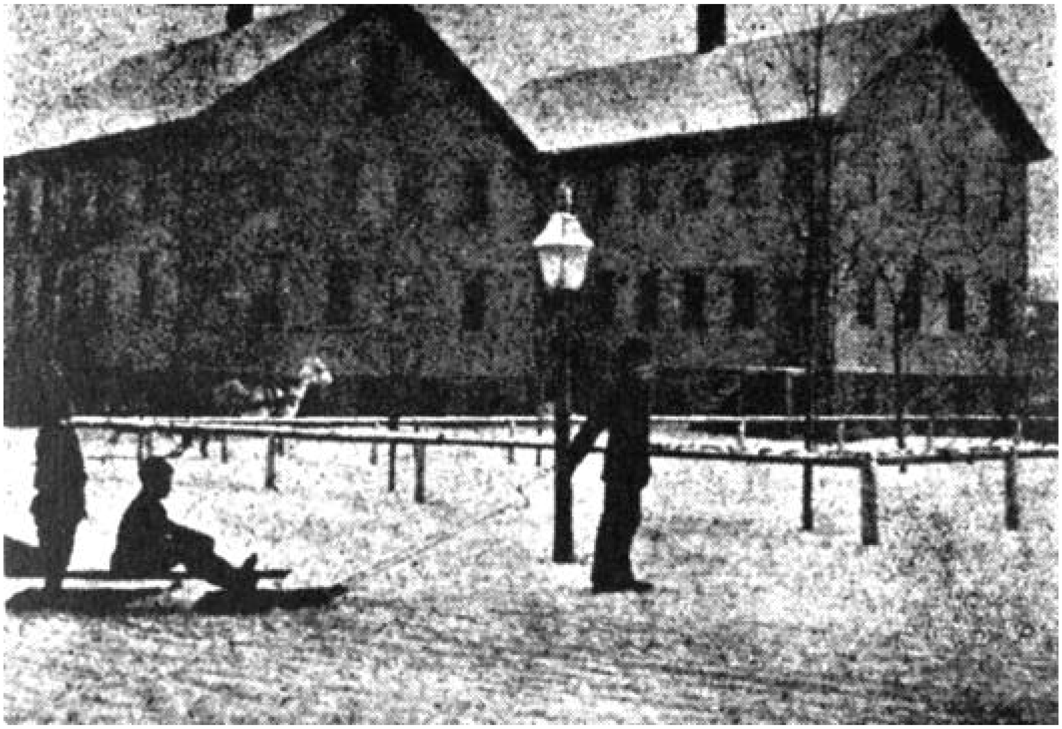
779. Shaw's Furniture Store

This row of stores on Centre Street housed many enterprises through the years. On the right you might notice a sign that is advertising for Tony's lunch, and on the left, Arthur Shaw Sr. stands with a salesman in front of his first furniture store, which he opened in 1936. In 1964 the house on the corner and the row of stores were torn down to make way for the first of many gas stations.

780. Washing Machine

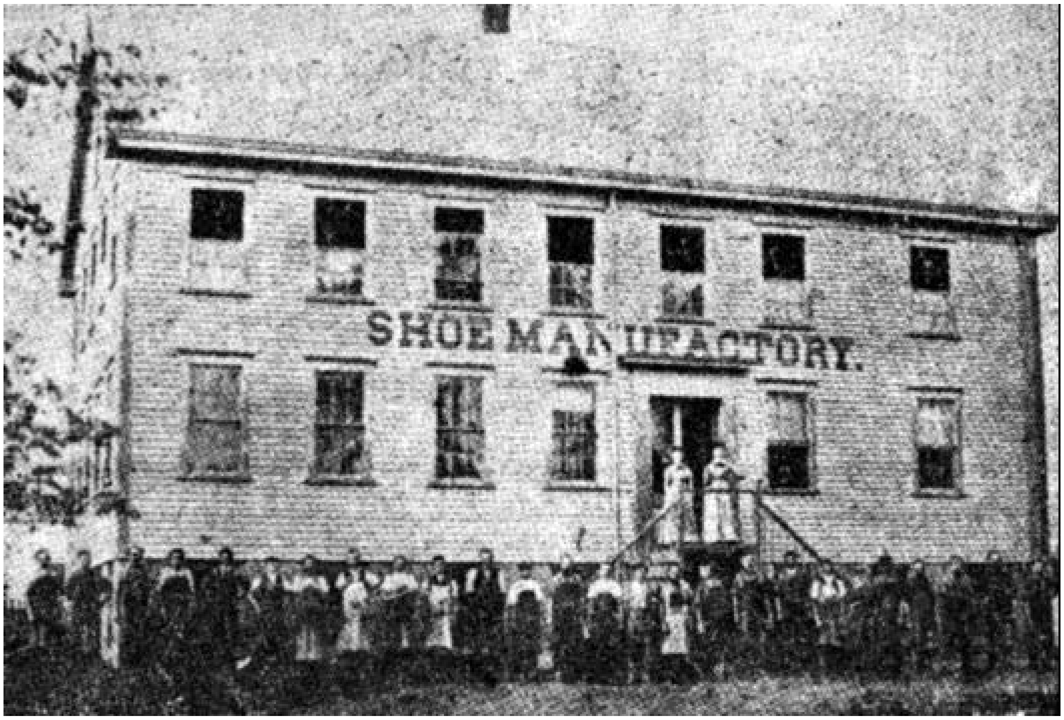
As this statement goes, washing clothes in these machines was a little better than beating clothes against the rocks, but they were energy savers for many a housewife through the years.





781. A Centre Street View

In the very center of this picture we notice one of Middleborough's early kerosene streetlights, note the boys with their wooden sled. The building on the right was the original Washburn barn from across the street, which was moved to this site to become the C.D. Kingman Shoe Factory, and later the Central Café. The building on the left was the original Peirce Academy, was a part of the Kingman Shoe Factory, became a businessmen's club, and then burnt to the ground.



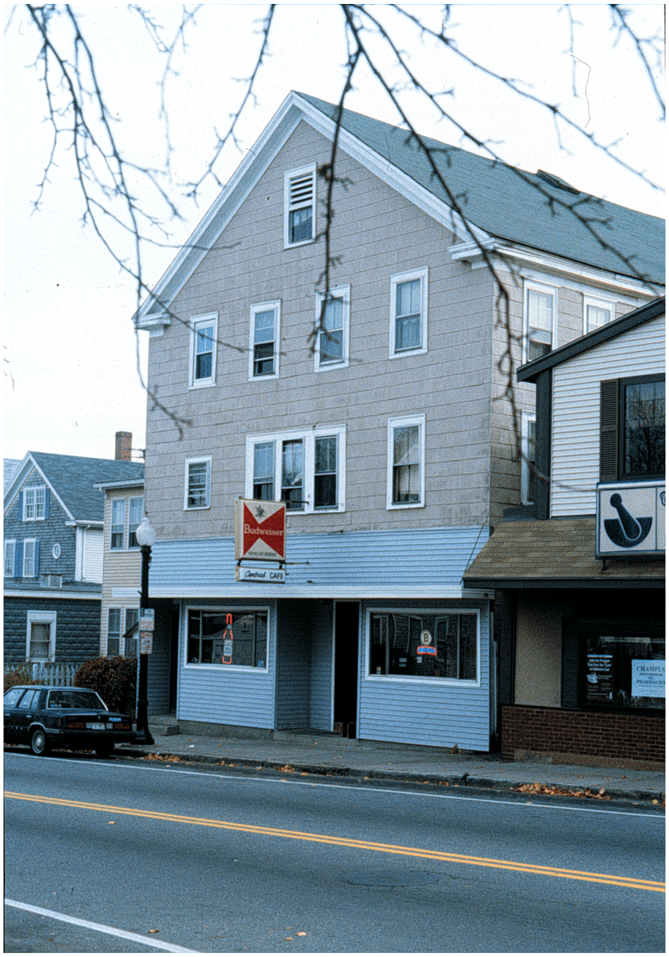
782. Kingman Shoe Factory

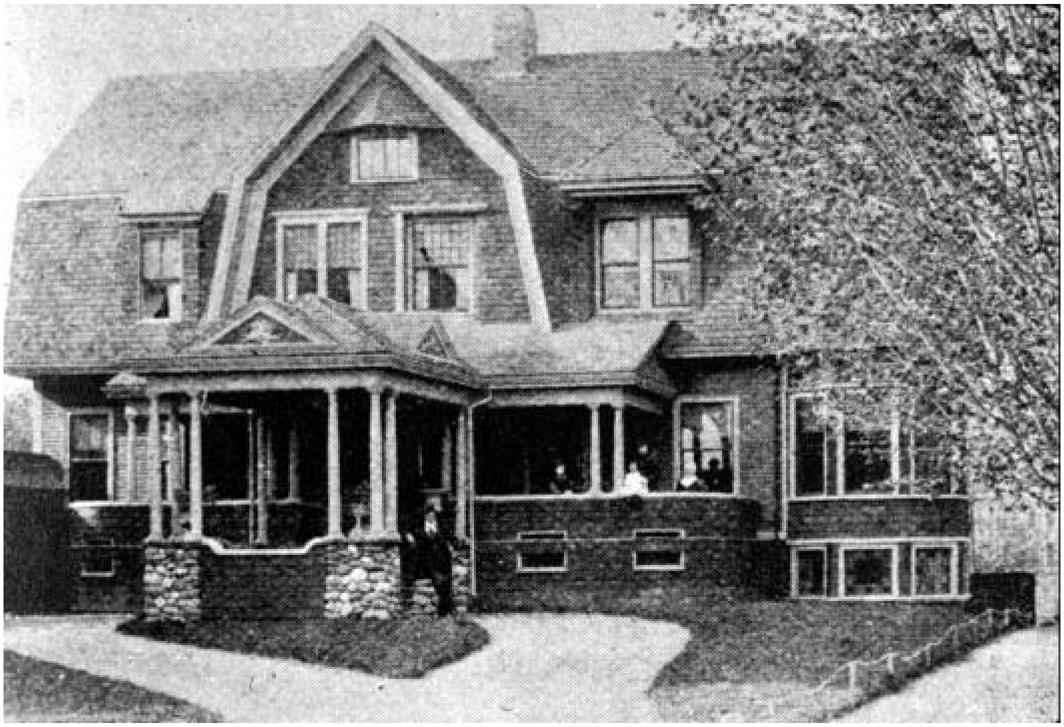
C.D. Kingman had his shoe factory between these two buildings. This one, still in existence, is the Central Café and the other one was destroyed by fire.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XVII, April 1976, Number 4, pg. 2.

783. Central Café

This is how the Central Café looked in 1997 before having its facelift in 1998. It was owned for many years through the 1940's up until recently by the Dascoulias family.

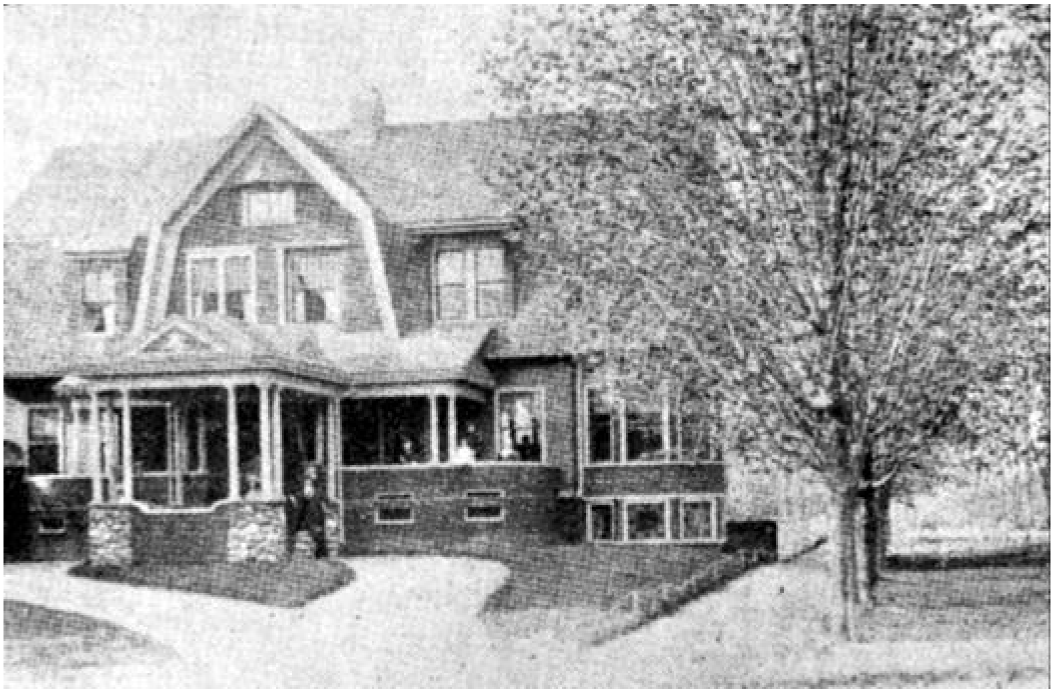

Budweiser
Central CAFE



784. “The Maples”

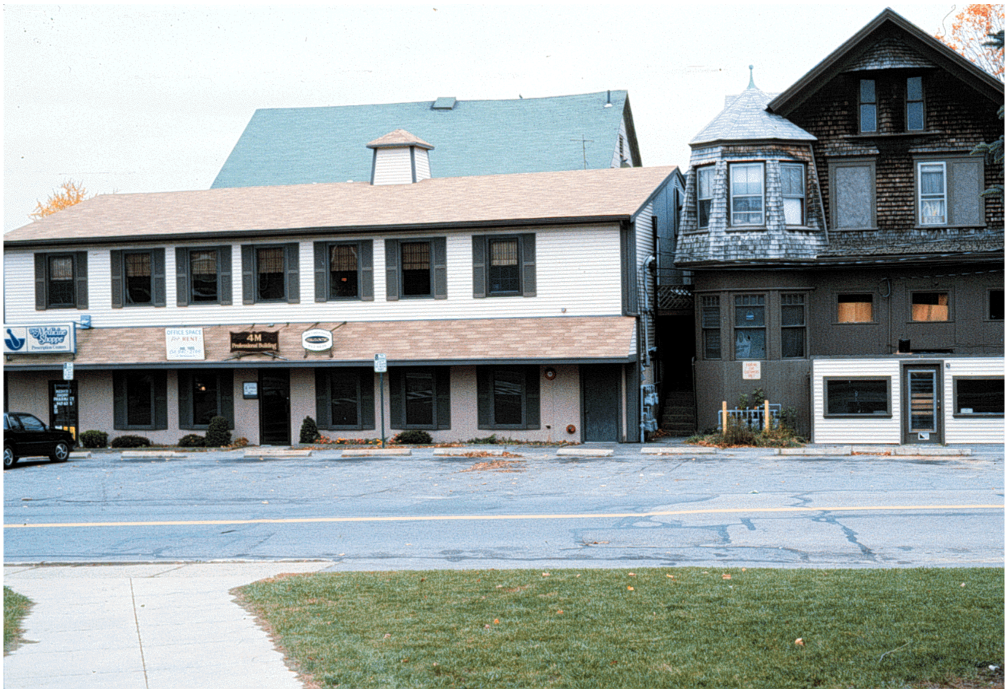
This was the residence of Herbert Cushing who operated the Christian fish market under the American block. He moved his fish market to the basement of his a mansion at the corner of Oak and Centre Street.

Source: The Antiquarian, Vol. XVII, November 1976, Number 4, pg.2



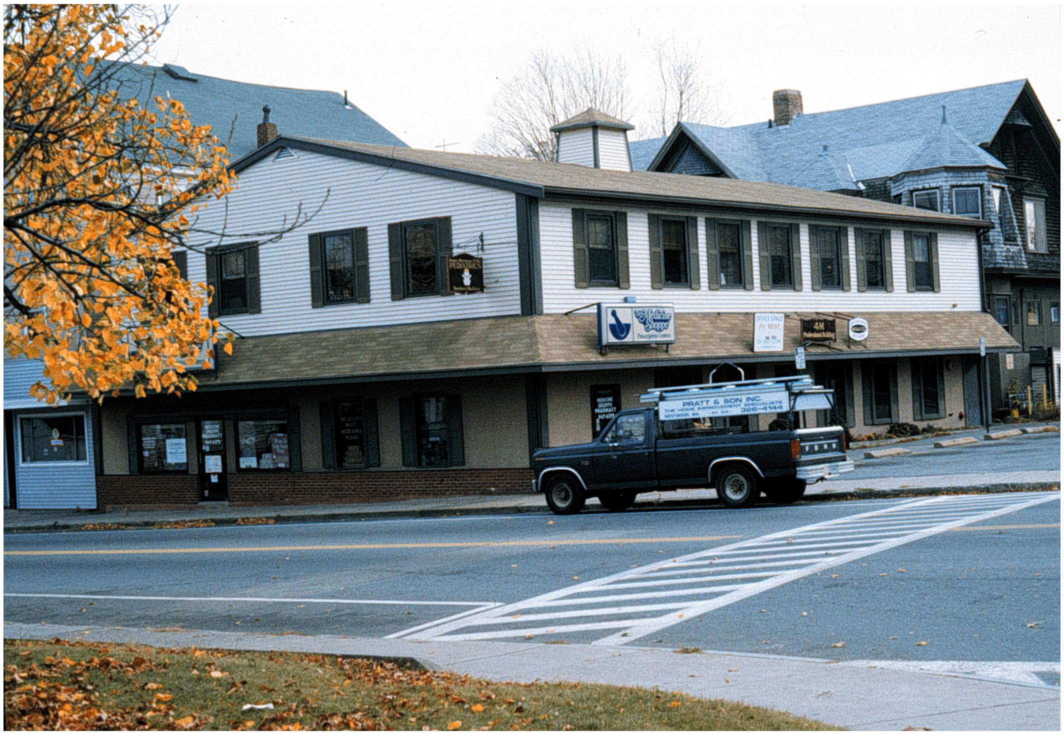
785. “The Maples”

This is the home in which J. Stearns Cushing, superintendent of the Middleborough school system, grew up and is today used for apartments.



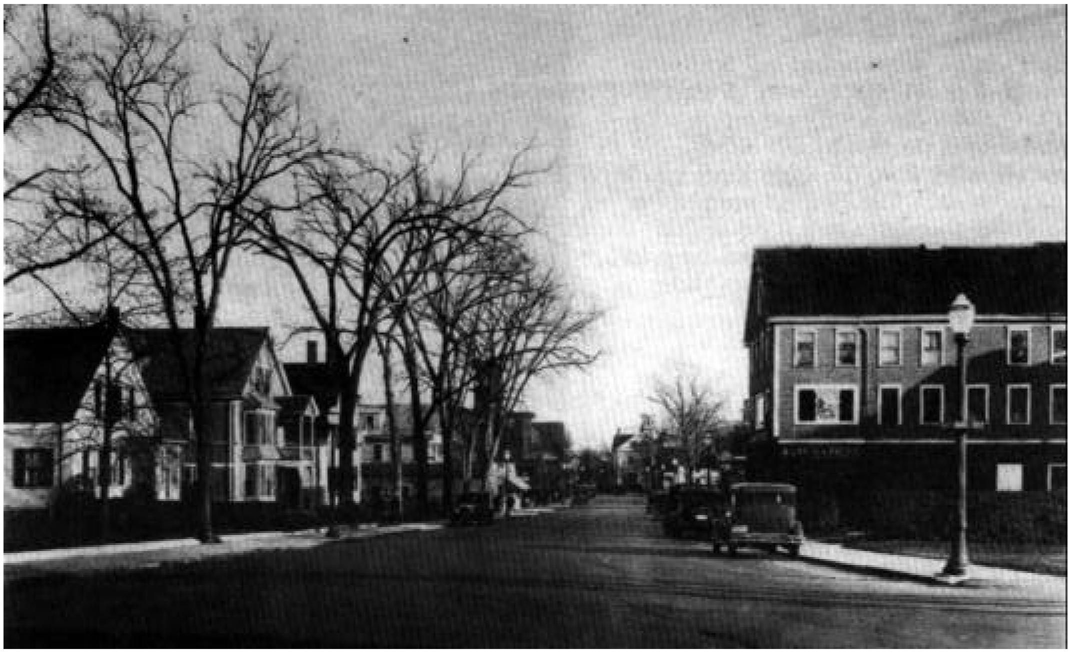
786. “Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy

In comparing the picture of the original Maples, the apartments look rather sad with a business block on the front.



787. Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy

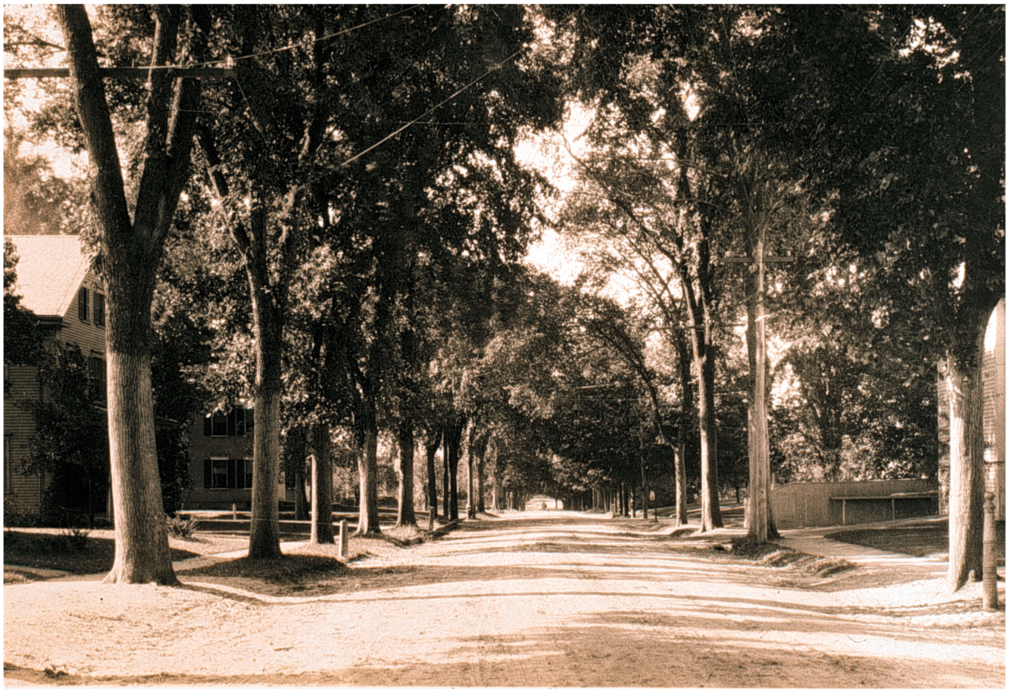
Anders Martenson (former town manager) built his clothing store in front of the former Cushing home. His father was a tailor and sold clothes on the first floor of the Cushing home, which was used for various businesses. The Holy Name Society had a hall on the Second floor, Clark's florist on the first floor, etc. In recent years, Marty added a second floor for office space and the Medicine Shoppe occupies the first floor at this time.



788. Centre Street View

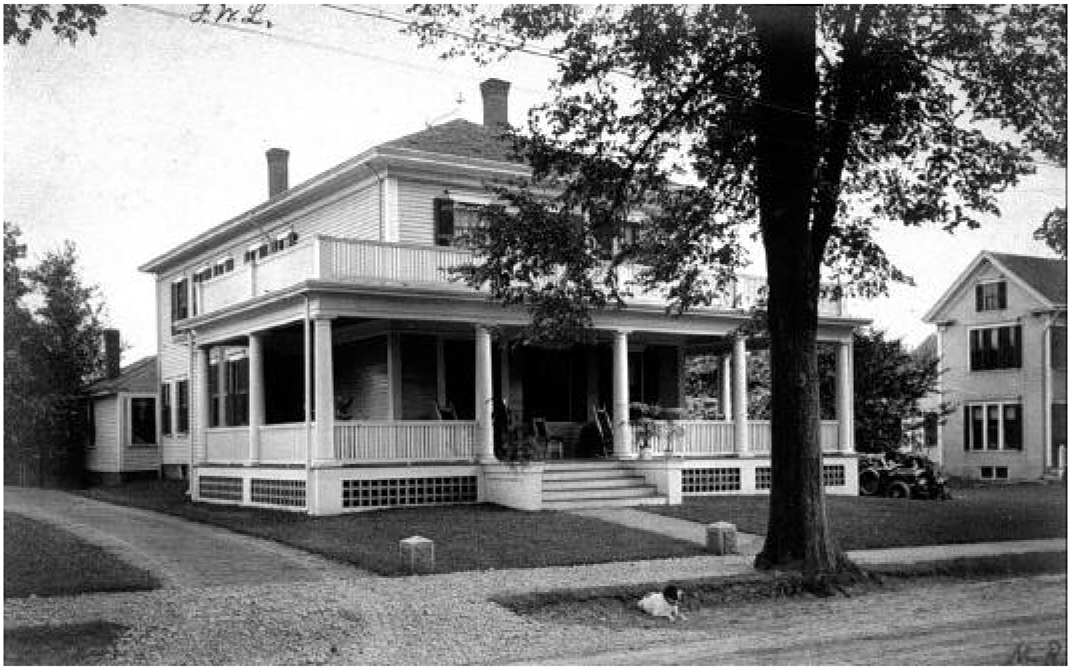
“This view of Centre Street, looking down from Oak Street around 1930, shows the Peirce Academy (white building in center of picture) that was demolished in the 1930’s and replaced by the Post Office building.

Source: Quote from the Reflections



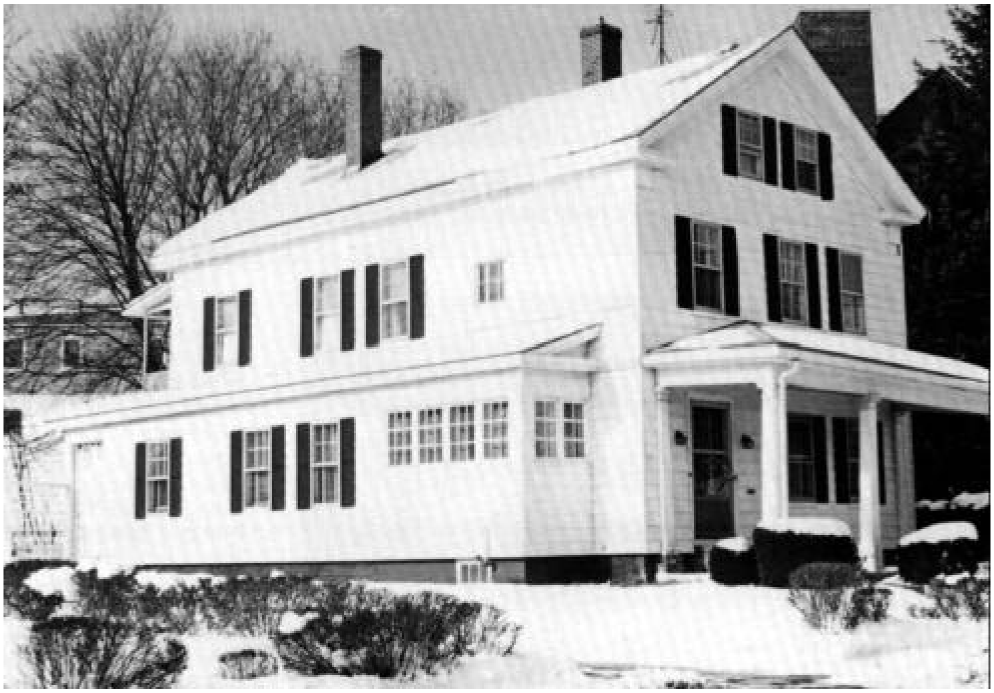
789. Oak Street

Although I have no way of proving it, I think that engine house #3 was on the right. Note the dirt road and all of the beautiful trees.



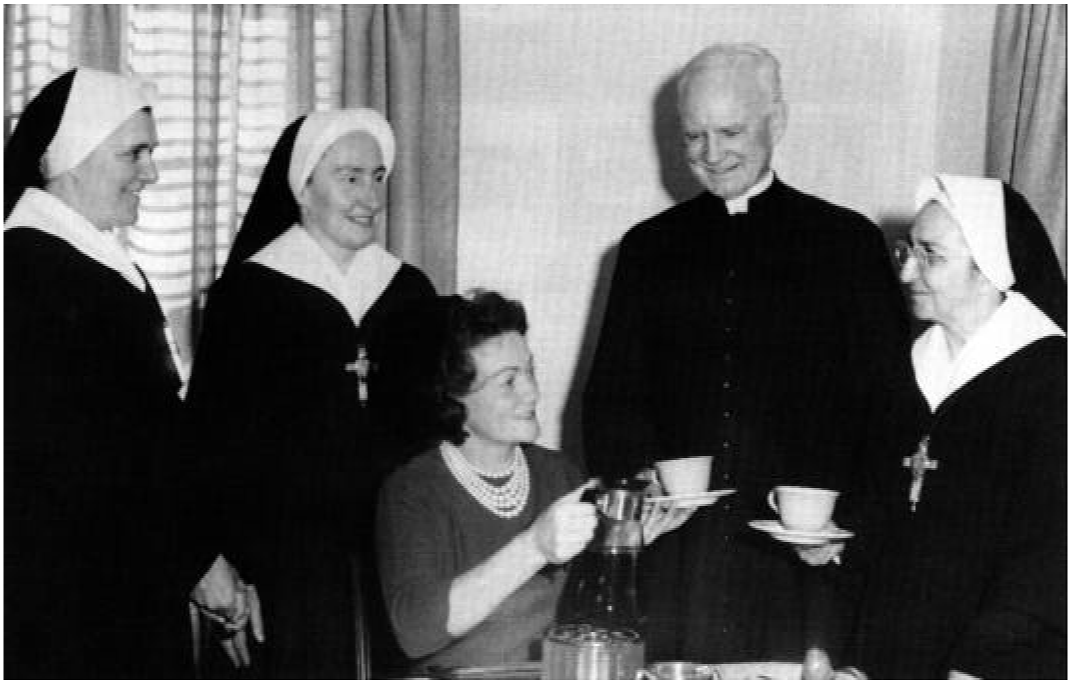
790. William M. Haskins Home

This shows one of the gracious homes of the Middleborough that some of our businessmen have built.



791. Sacred Heart Convent

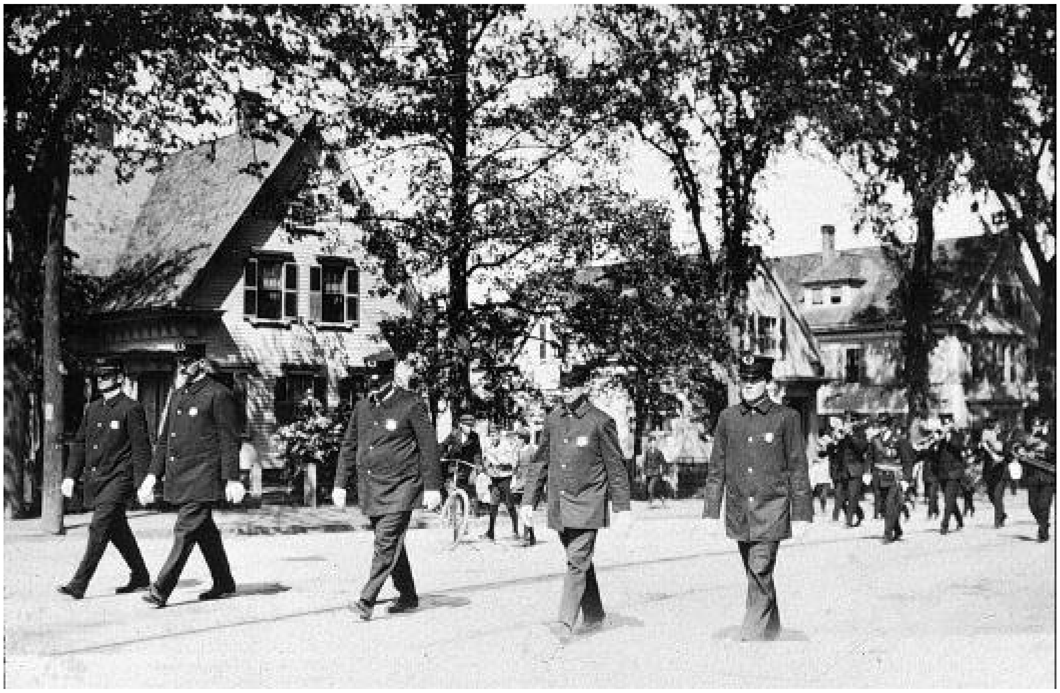
The Sacred Heart Convent was once a private home and during Father Shea’s tenure as Pastor, was converted into the first convent.



792. First Sisters Arrive

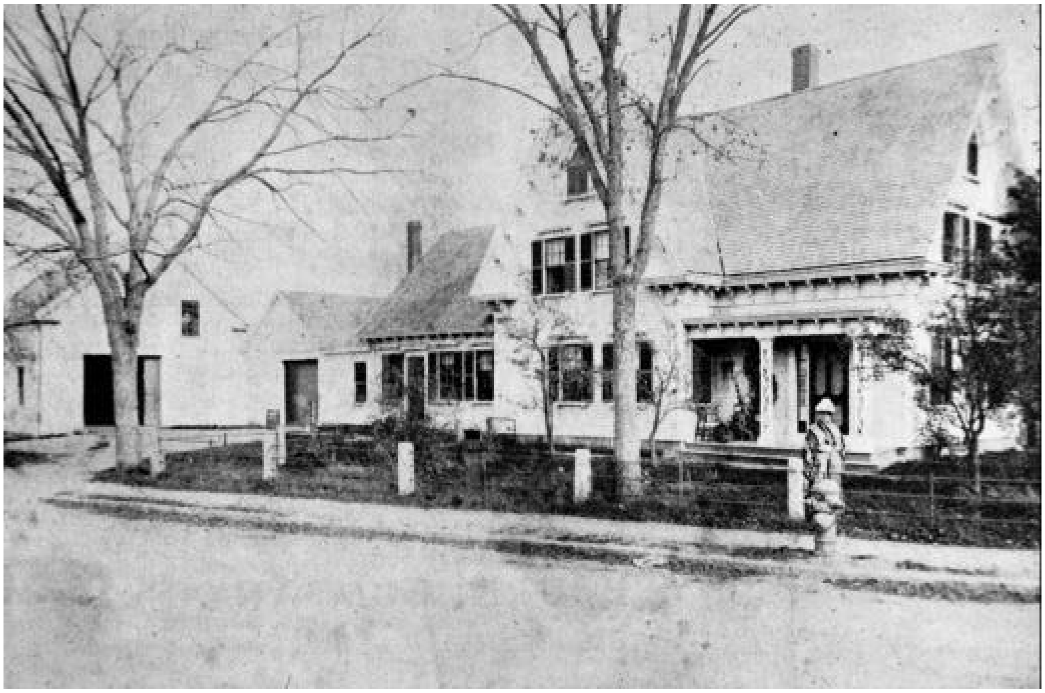
“First sisters arrive in Middleborough, October 1964; left to right: Sr. Mary, Sr. Anne, Ellen Grant, Father Joseph Shea and Sr. Rita.

Source: Centennial Book Quote



793. Centre Street Parade

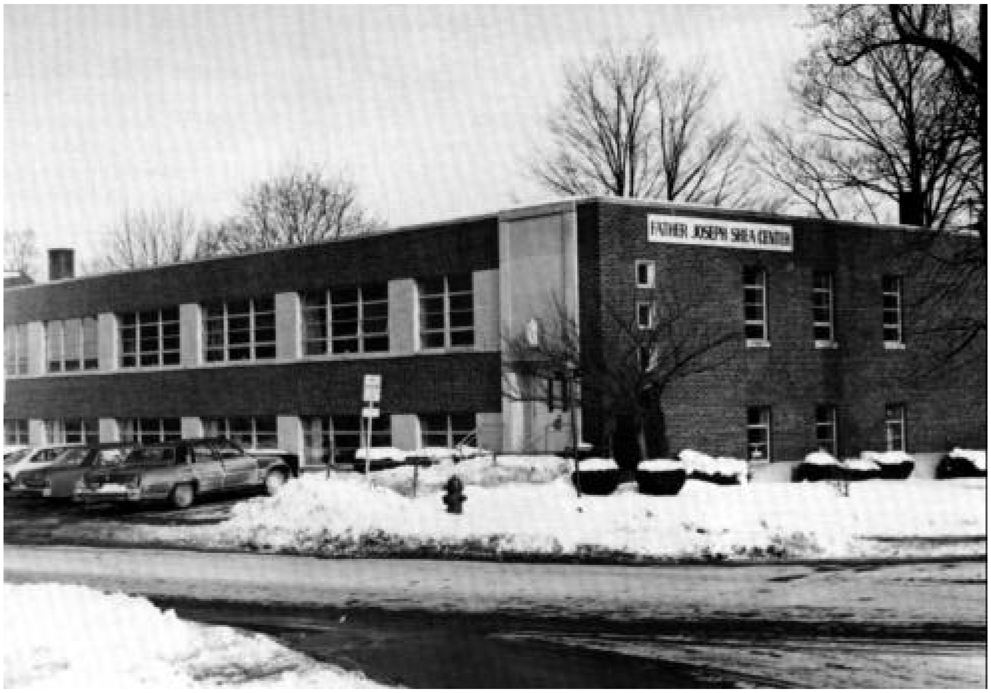
The Middleborough town constables (policemen) proudly lead the band in front of the Washburn home.



794. Washburn Bassett Home

This is the home that Charles Washburn (grainmill) grew up. In later years, the Bassett family lived here, then Sacred Heart Church became the next owner, using it as rental property. The house had a fire and was replaced by the Father Shea Center.

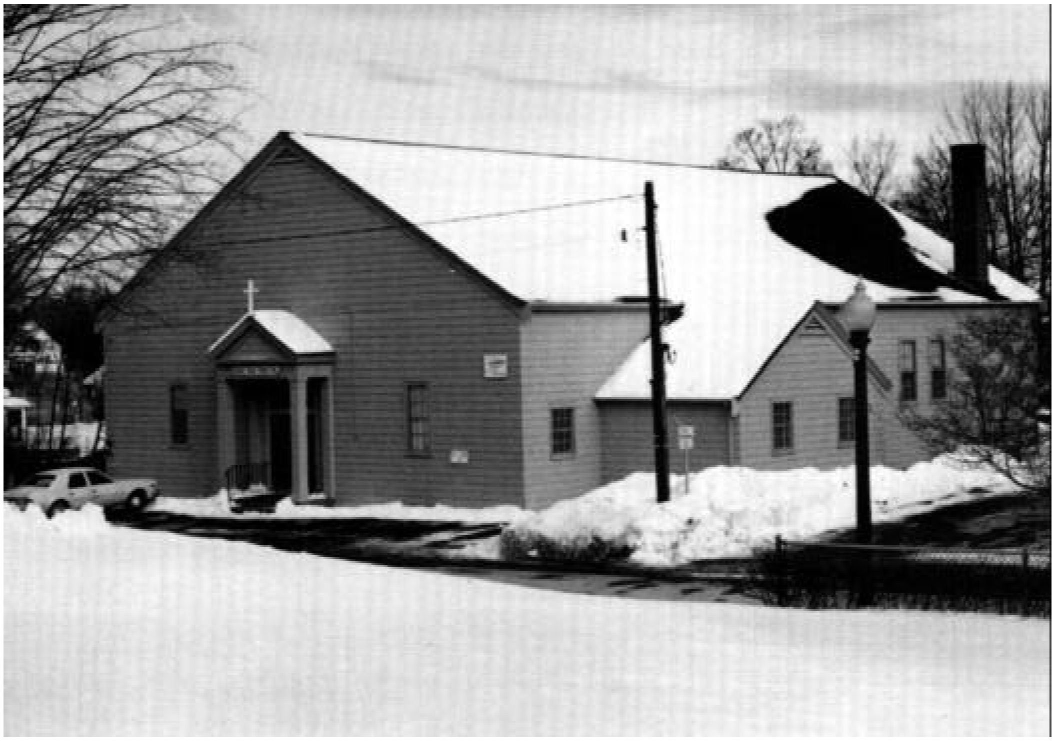
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Vol. XVII, April 1976, Number 2, pg.1



795. Father Joseph Shea Center

The Bassett House, which Sacred Heart Church bought in 1957, was very badly burned in 1964, so was torn down. The following year, in 1965, the Father Shea Center was built. As a result of the Burkland School fire on august 8, 1988, the building was leased by the town of Middleborough for classroom space.

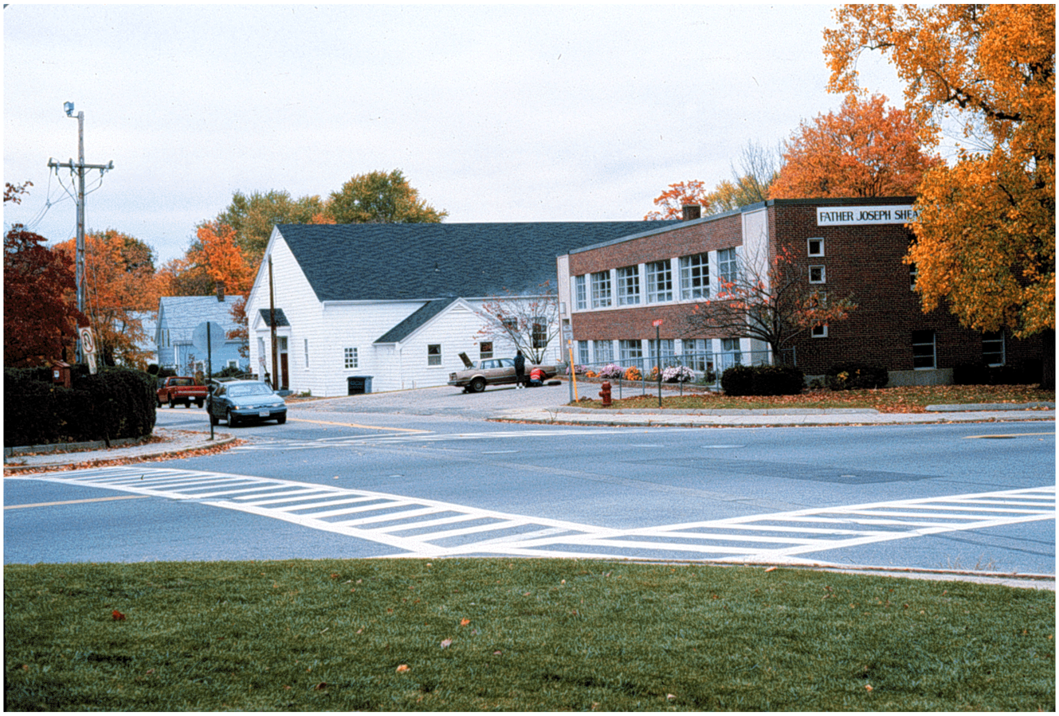
Source: Walter Thompson



796. Sacred Heart Parish Hall

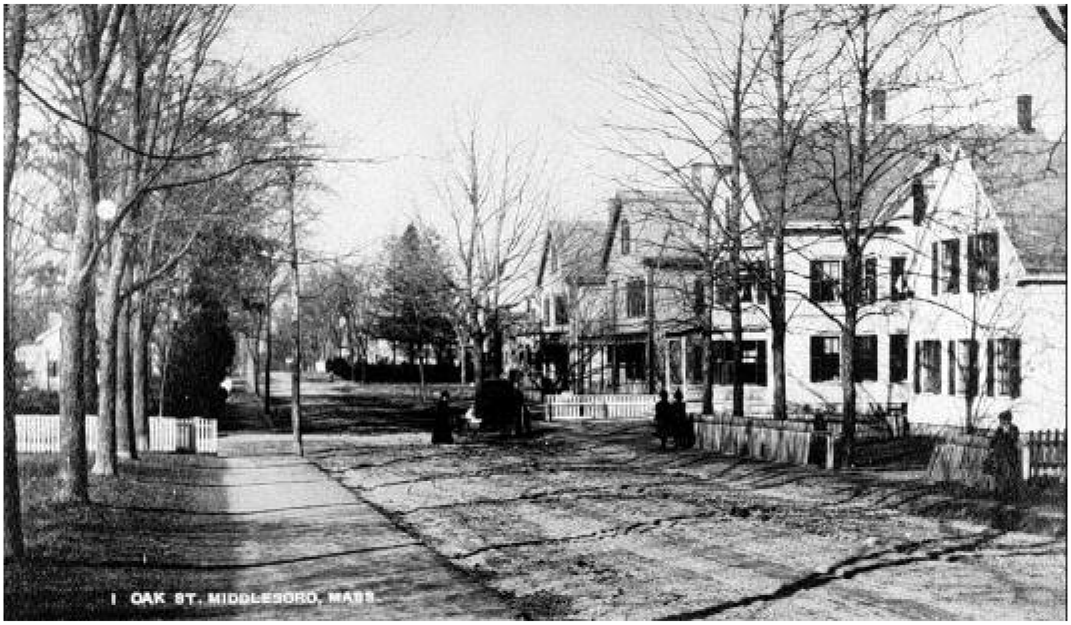
“The Parish Hall on Oak Street was built during the administration of Father Welsh. This well designed structure, with a seating capacity of approximately 1000 persons, provides an excellent and convenient location for conducting parish activities.” Reverand John F. Welsh became pastor on March 23, 1949 and transferred on September 19, 1956. After the disastrous Burkland School fire, the hall was leased and remodeled into classroom space and a cafeteria in the basement by the Town of Middleborough.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XI, September 1969, Number I, pg. 7.



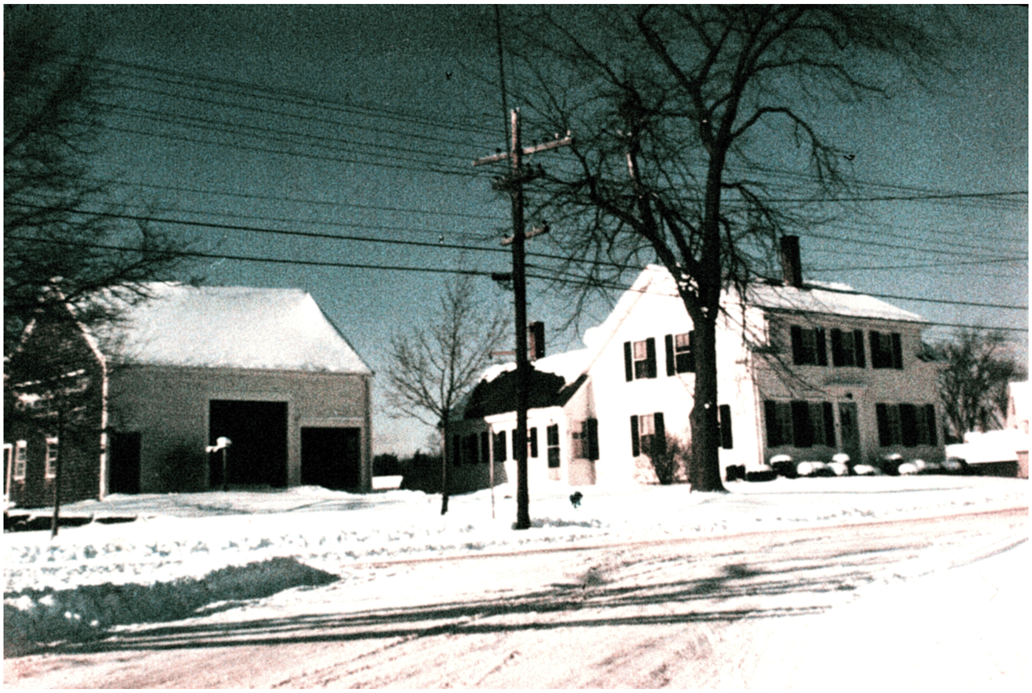
797. Father Shea Center

The Father Shea Center was originally built to become a Catholic School, but due to the high cost, ended up as a religious education center. After the Burkland School fire, the town rented and refurbished the building for public school use. Next door may be seen the Church Hall.


1 OAK ST. MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

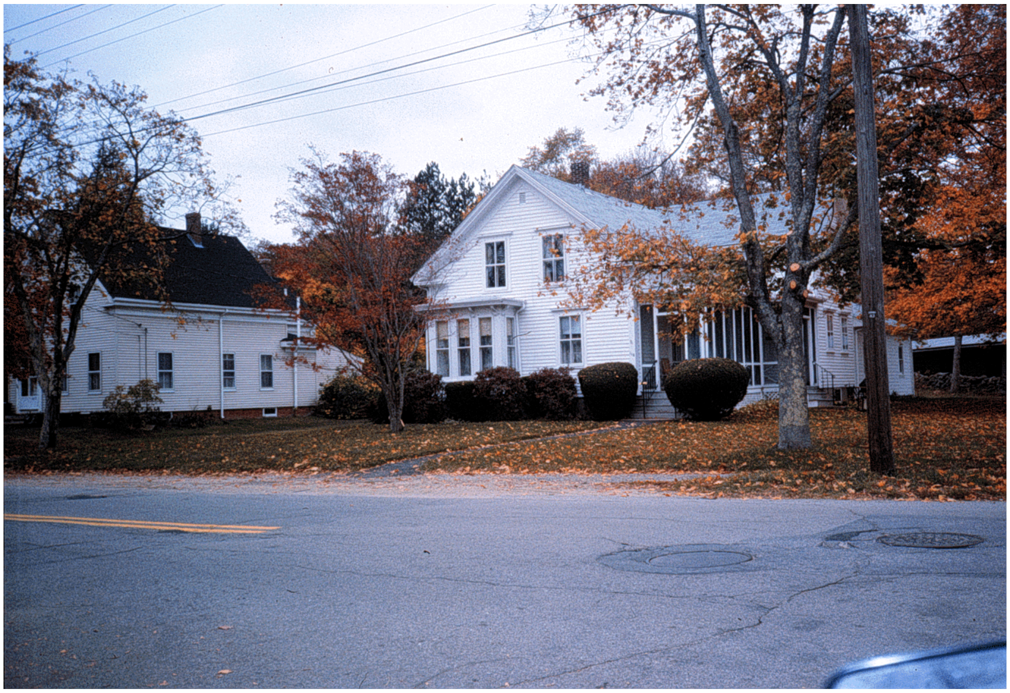
798. Oak Street

The second house in from the right was Faye Deane’s (Bate’s school teacher) father’s house. He sharpened tools, knives and such.



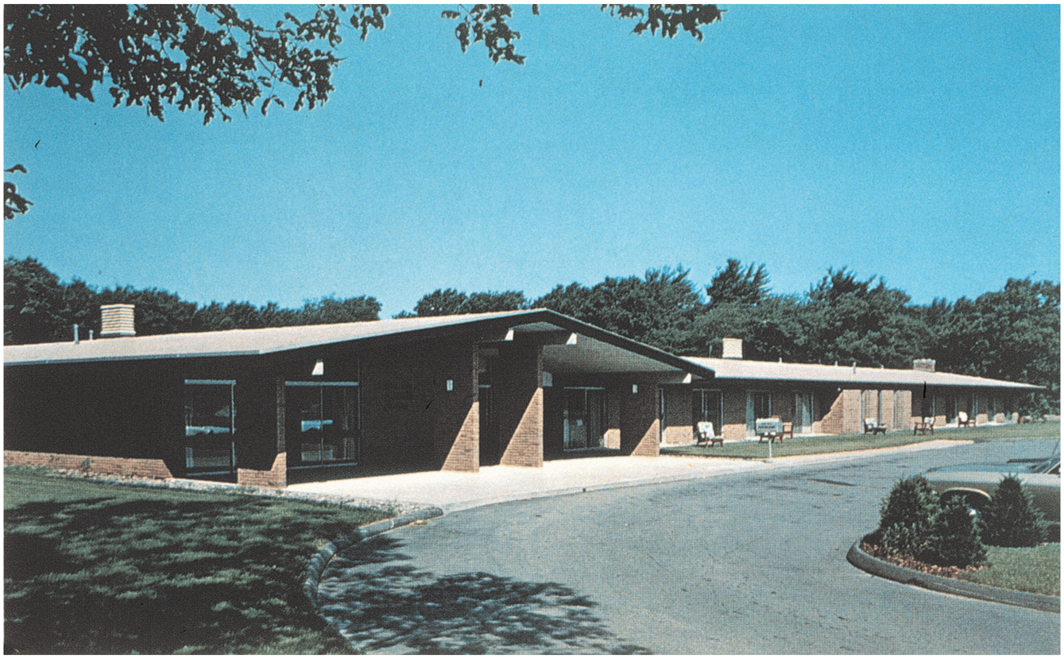
799. Albert Soule Home

This house was built with timbers from the first town hall on the corner of West Grove and South Main Streets. The Albert Soule family lived here for many years before selling the property that became the Oak Hill Nursing Home.



800. Albert Soule Home

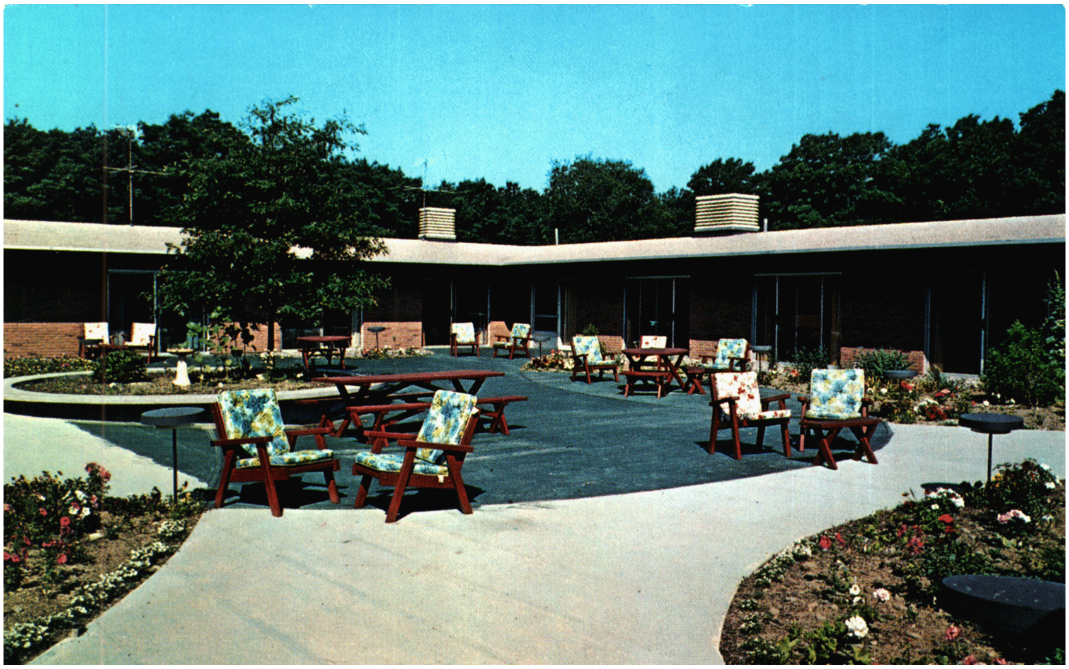
Albert Soule sold his farmhouse on the corner to the Oak Hill Nursing Home Corporation. He moved his present home from the Centre Street lot where Albert Smith built his Sunoco service station.



801. Oak Hill Nursing Home

This country club style nursing home was built by a group of local doctors, possibly headed by Dr. Silliker. The Beverly Nursing Home Corp now owns it.

Source: Walter Thompson



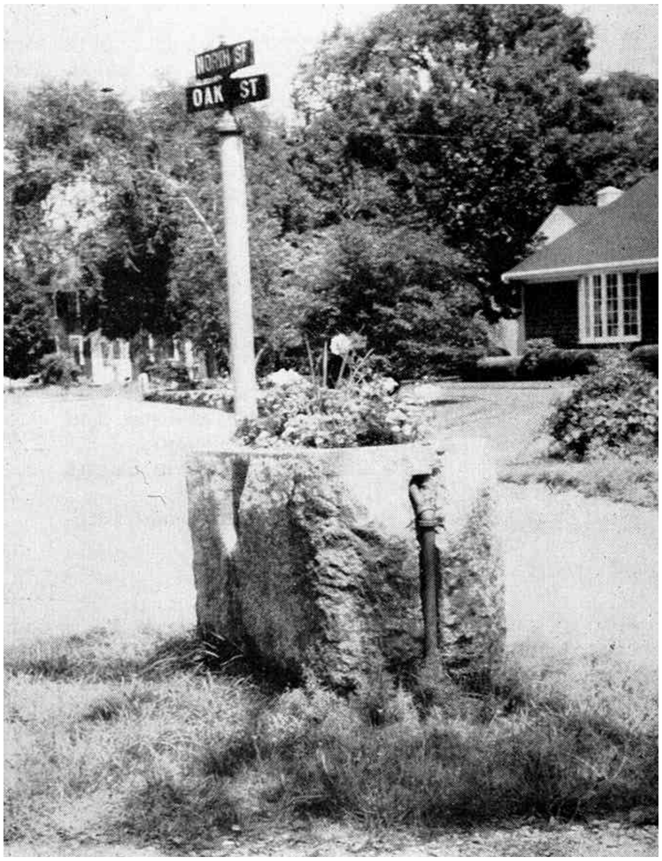
802. Oak Hill Nursing Home

This is the center courtyard of the nursing home much enjoyed by the residents.

Source: Walter Thompson

803. Watering Trough

This watering trough at the corner of Oak and North Streets is only one of three that are left in town. The most notable one is in front of the Town Hall on South Main Street and the other one is on the corner of East Main Street and Montello Street. The ladies of the garden clubs keep them in summer flowers.



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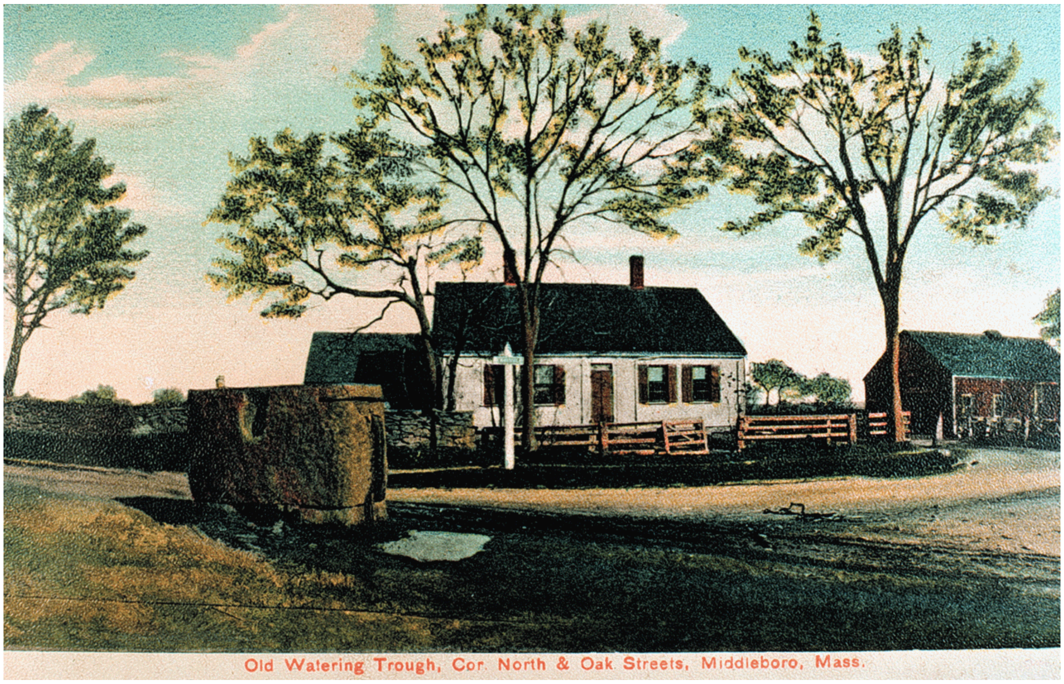
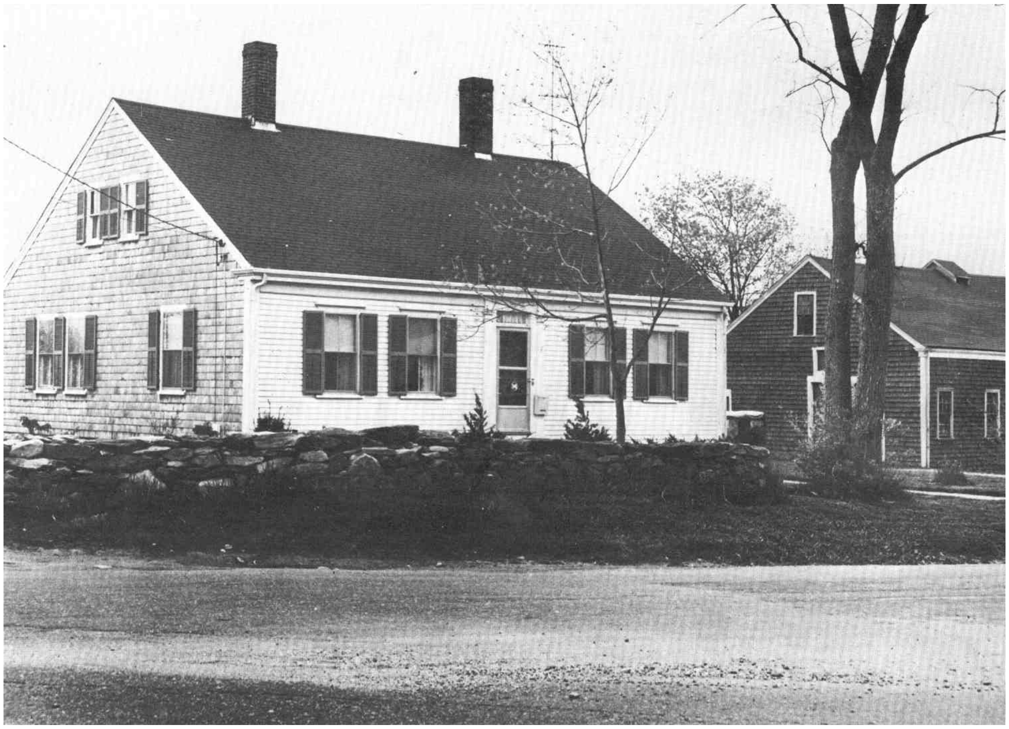

Old Watering Trough, Cor. North & Oak Streets, Middleboro, Mass.

804. Isaac Thompson Homestead

The Isaac Thompson homestead can be traced back to 1804.

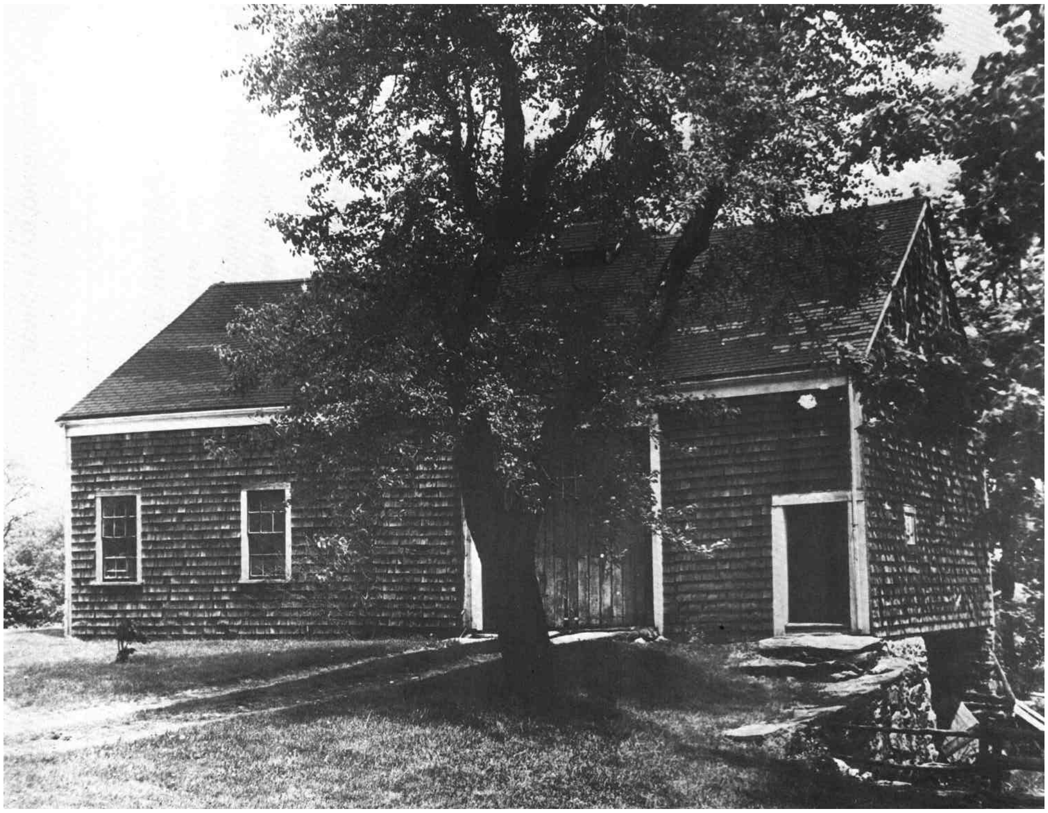
Source: Walter Thompson



805. Isaac Thompson Homestead

Isaac Thompson died in 1900. Edgar A. Paun moved into their old family home and a year after Mr. Paun's death in 1945, his daughter and her husband, the Maleski's, moved in.

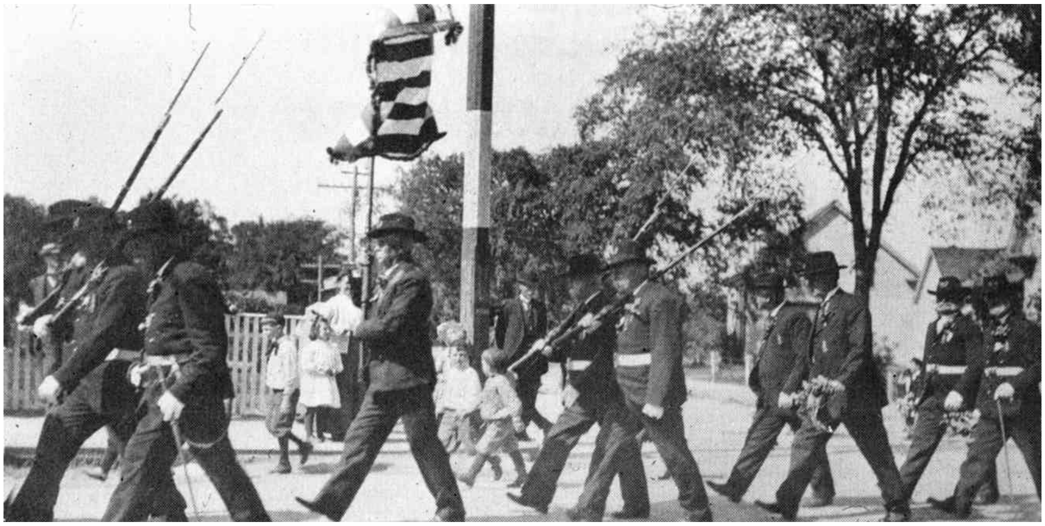
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXI, July 1981, Number 2, pg. 1 (cover)



806. Isaac Thompson Barn

Joseph Maleski and his wife Ruth Paun lost their 200-year-old barn on the night of February 10, 1981. In this fire, they lost their car, a tool shop and many antiques.

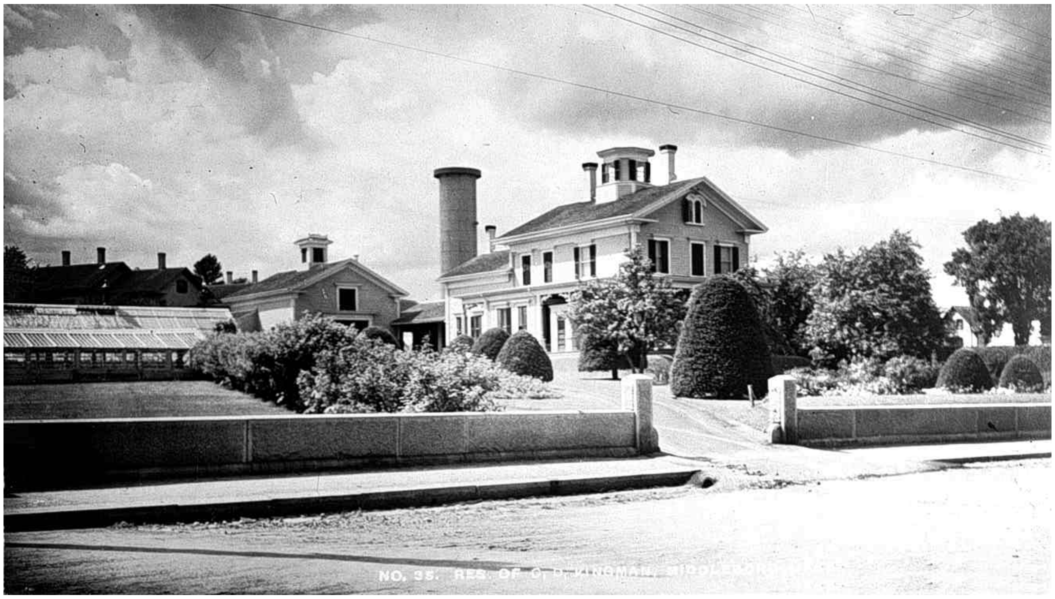
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXI, July 1981, Number 2, pg. 14



807. Civil War Soldiers on Parade

Members of Grand Army of the Republic E.W. Peirce Post 8, Middleborough. March 13, 1867 – December 19, 1955

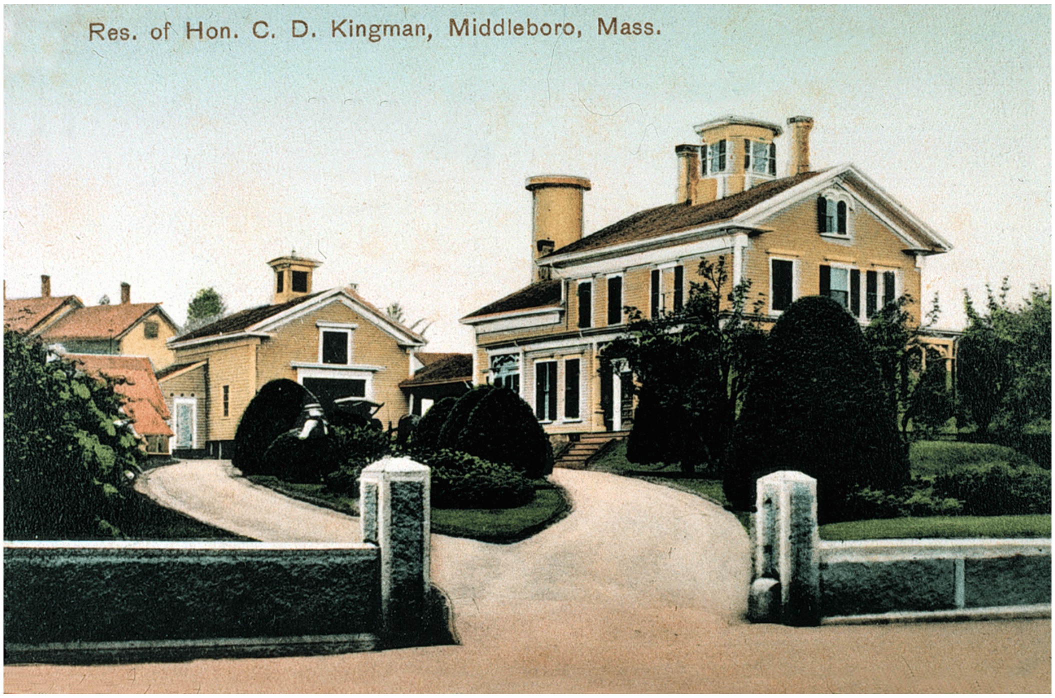
Source: Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXIV, March 1986, Number 4, pg. 6



808. C.D. Kingman Residence

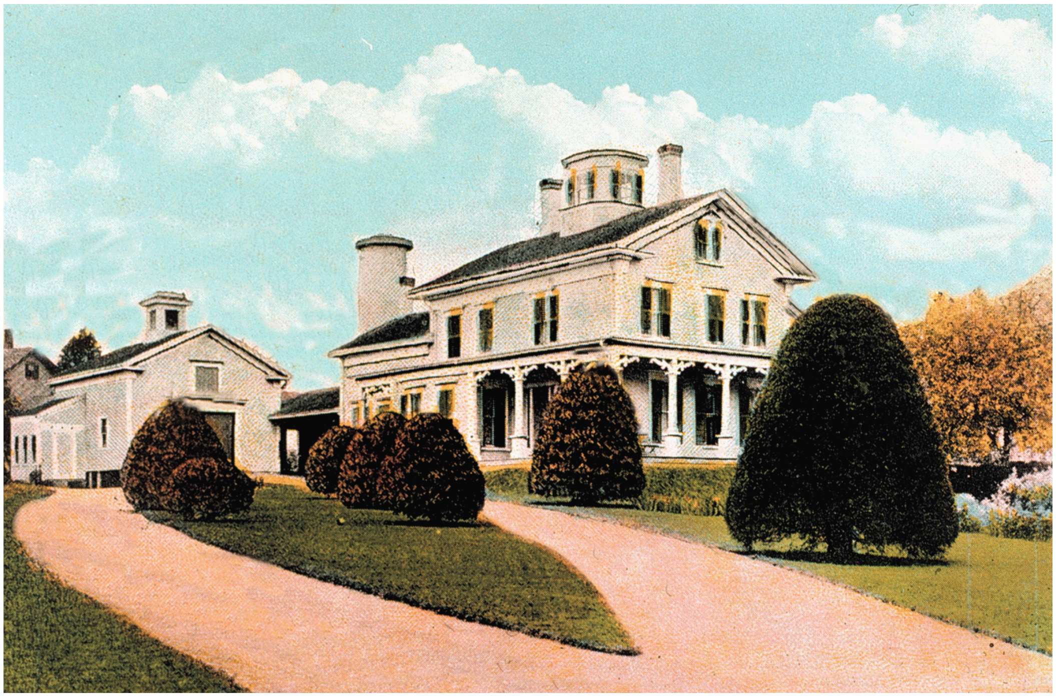
The grand estate was owned by Calvin D. Kingman who was in the shoe business and owned The Kingman Shoe Factory which is now the Central Café. His foreman, Cecil Gibbs, who moved the greenhouses to the rear of his home further down on Oak Street, supervised the greenhouses. He also had a florist shop in the downtown area.

Source: Walter Thompson


Res. of Hon. C. D. Kingman, Middleboro, Mass.

809. C.D. Kingman Residence

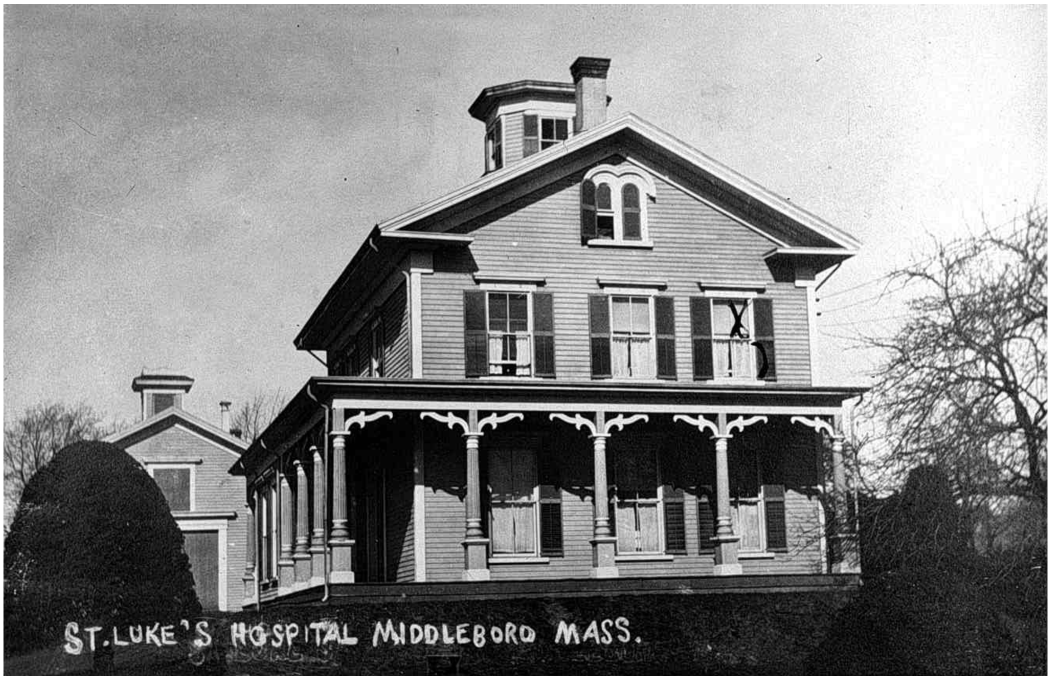
This beautiful home with its “widows walk” and barns was completely surrounded by lush shrubbery and gardens.



810. St. Luke's Hospital

St. Luke's Hospital was the remodeled Calvin D. Kingman estate and received its first patient on July 26, 1920.

Source: Walter Thompson


ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL MIDDLEBORO MASS.
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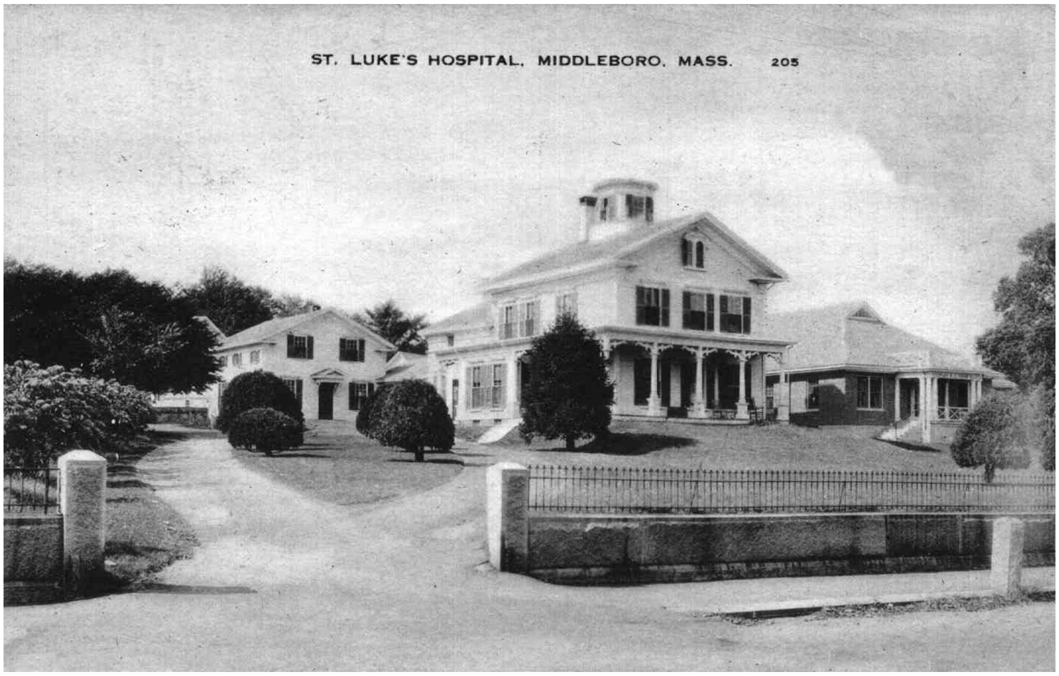
811. St. Luke's Hospital

An interesting note on this picture is the X on the upper right hand window. This was the room where Mary and here new baby resided.

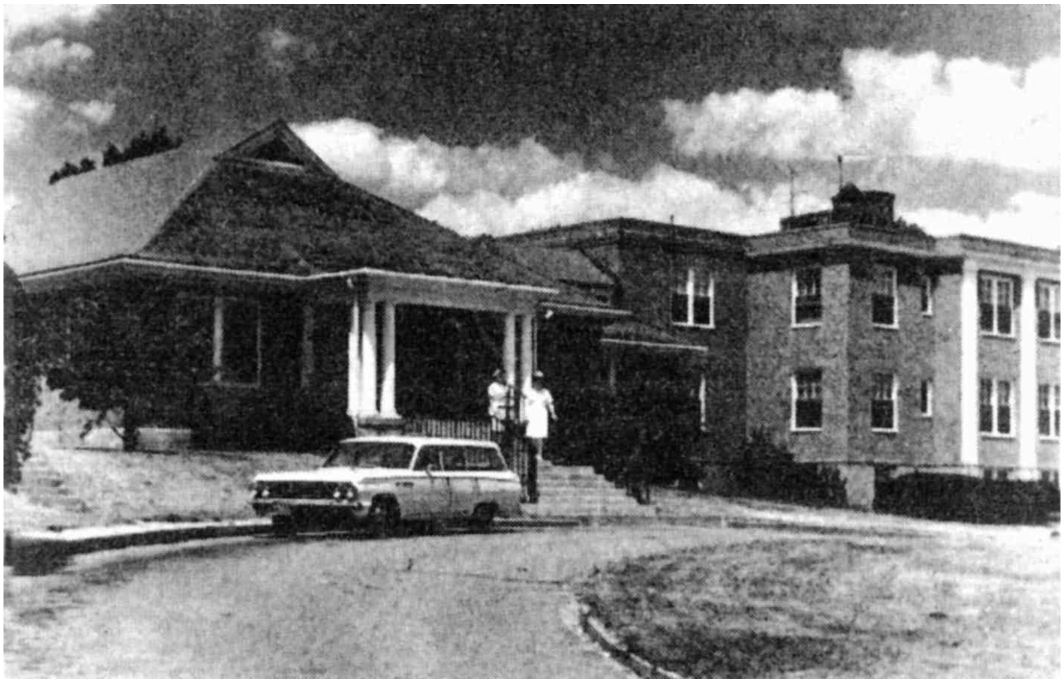
Source: Walter Thompson


ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, MIDDLEBORO, MASS. 205

812. St. Luke's Hospital

This view shows the original barn and hospital along with its first addition, the Hannah B.G. Shaw (1929), torn down in the sixties.

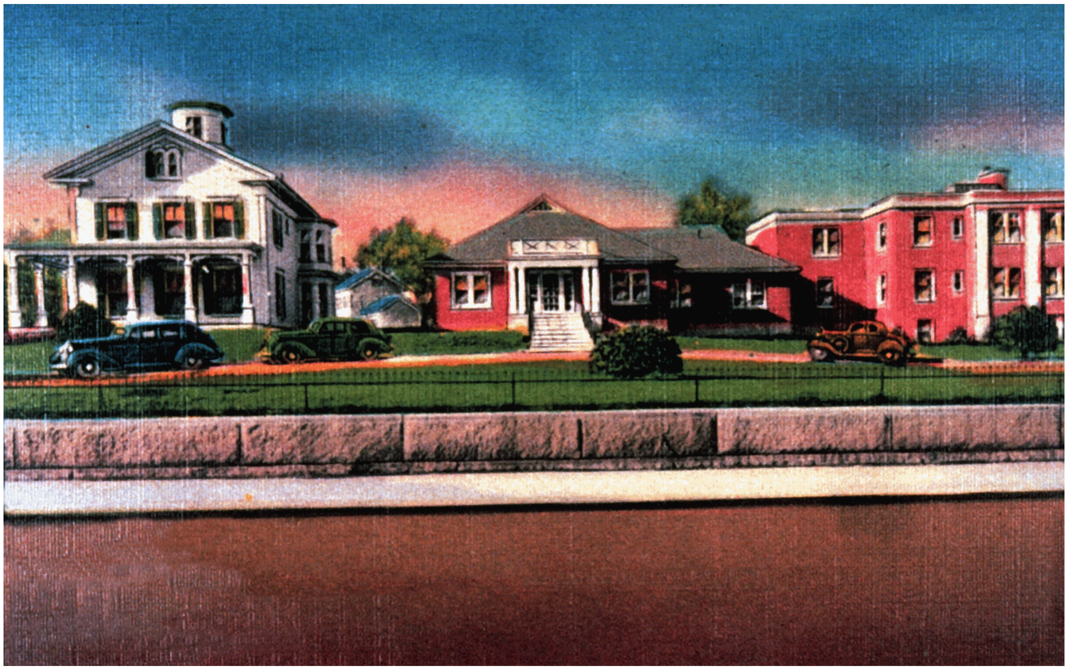
Source: Walter Thompson



813. St. Luke’s Hospital

By the time the hospital was eight years old, it had outgrown the Kingman Estate. The Hannah B. G. Shaw Building left, opened in 1929, the Pratt Building in 1938. The Shaw Building was torn down in the late 1960’s.

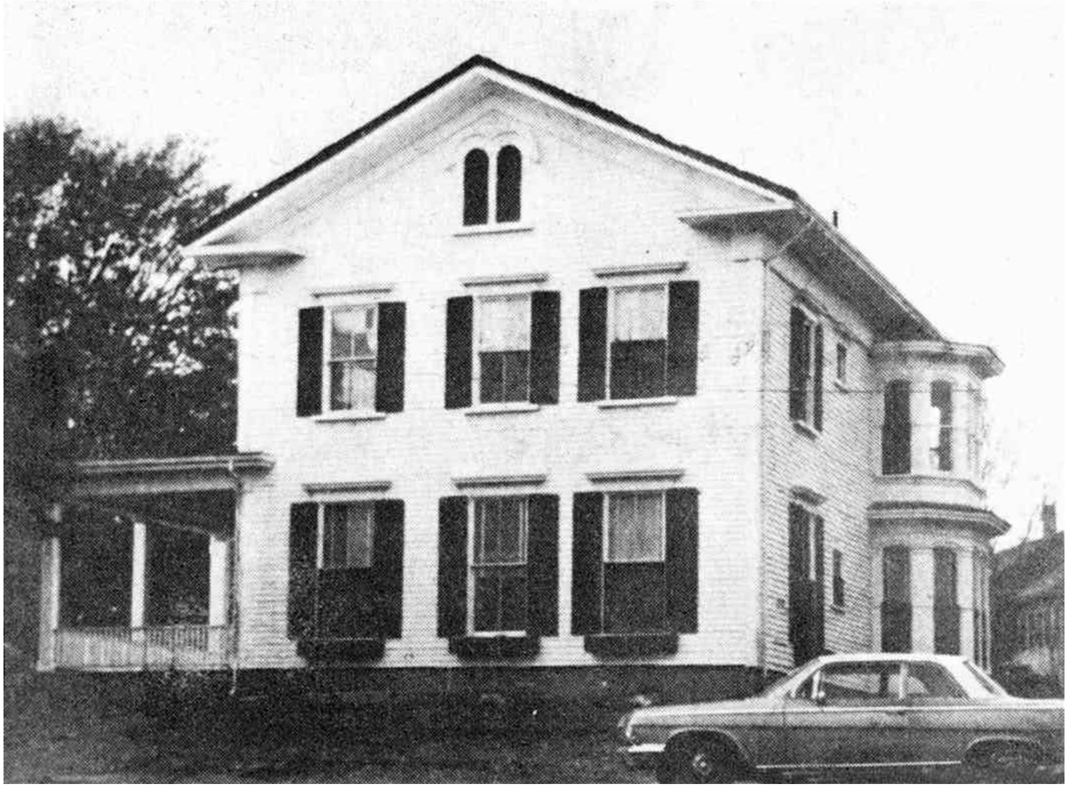
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, 1981



814. St. Luke’s Hospital

The hospital came into being when Mrs. Maria Peirce left a bequest of $100,000 to be used for a hospital and she stipulated that it be named St. Luke’s. The estate was divided into 8 rooms to hold 18 patients with an operating room, delivery rooms, nursery and office. Mrs. Benjamin W. Shaw, in 1928, gave $20,000 for the central Shaw Building, Mrs. David G. Pratt, in 1936, left $150,000 with the stipulation that $50,000 would be used for the large Pratt wing on the right.

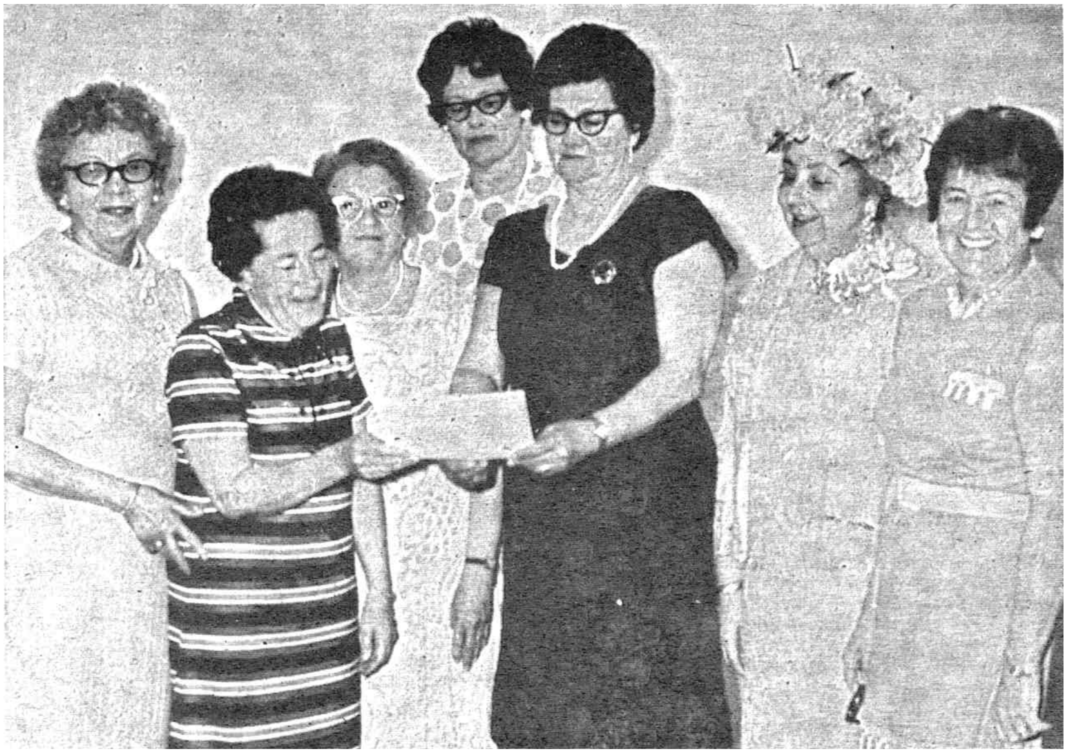
Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine



815. Original St. Luke's Hospital

Clint Clark took this picture of the original St. Luke's hospital shortly before it was torn down. It served the town of Middleborough well since 1920.

Source: Walter Thompson



816. St. Luke's Club Service Awards

"Hospital Club Hears Mother of the Year"

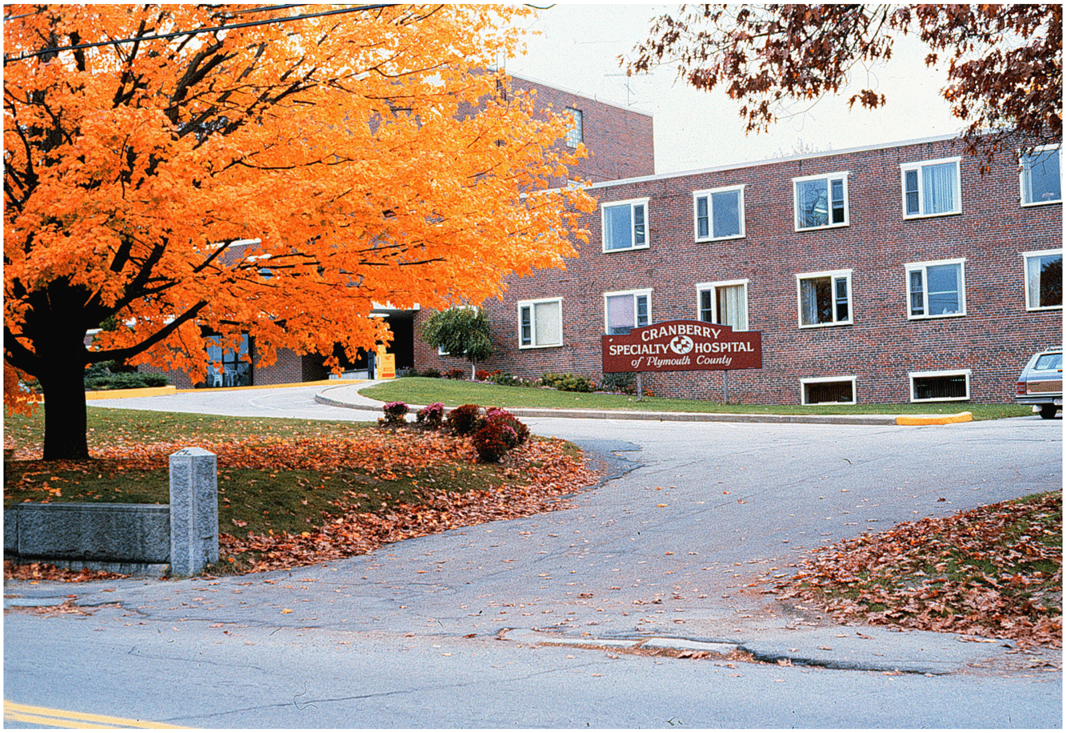
"Service awards and the 'Mother of the Year' were highlights of the Hospital Club's Tuesday meeting this week. Left-right, Charlotte McDonald, gift shop chairman at St. Luke's Hospital, Mrs. Caroline Hollis, honored for 391 hours of volunteer service. Mrs. Mabel Johnson, gift and coffee shop treasurer, Myrtis Jacinto, chairman of coffee shop, Dorothy Thompson, director of volunteers, Mrs. Victor Ragonetti, guest speaker from Plymouth, (Mass. Mother of the Year) and Mrs. Alfhild Beauthner, club president."

A direct Clint Clark quote.

817. St. Luke’s Hospital Club

“Hospital Trustees’ president, Roger W. Tillson, accepted a $1200.00 check from the Hospital Club, presented above by Mrs. Bernard Beuthner. The amount of the check was in excess of the club’s pledge. Hundreds of guests inspected the new and major improvements at St. Luke’s Hospital Sunday.”

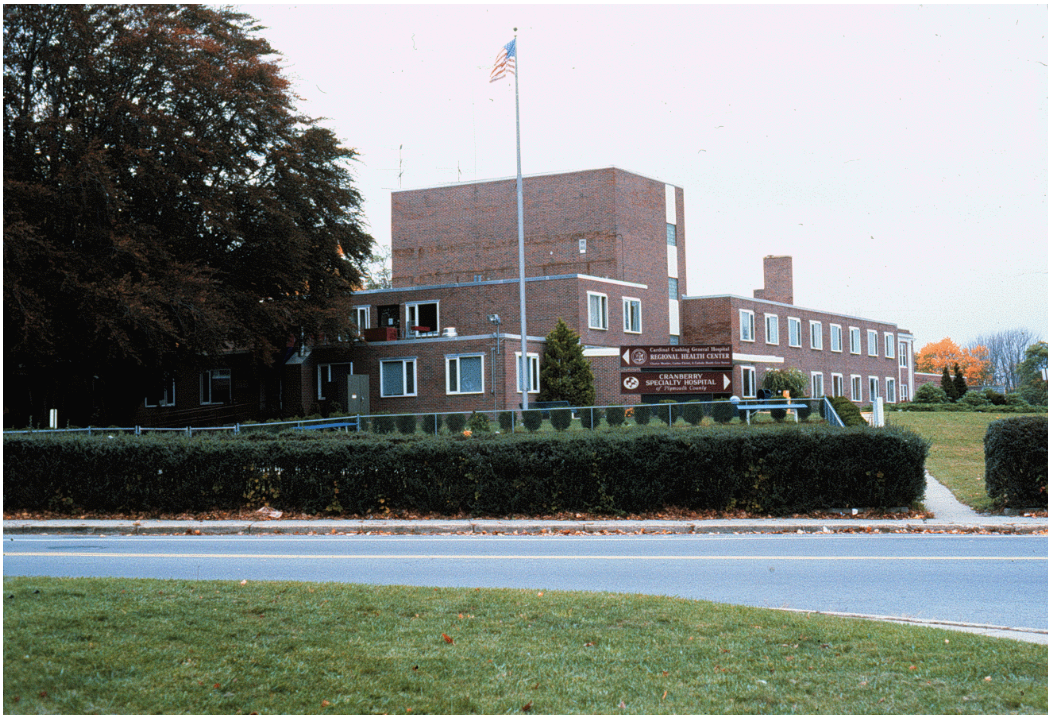
Source: A Middleboro Gazaette Quote, Thursday, April 8, 1971


CRANBERRY
SPECIALTY HOSPITAL
of Plymouth County

818. Cranberry Specialty Hospital

St. Luke’s Hospital closed its doors in 1990 and after the wards had been vacant for some time the county hospital in Hanson opted to buy it and renamed it the Cranberry Specialty Hospital.

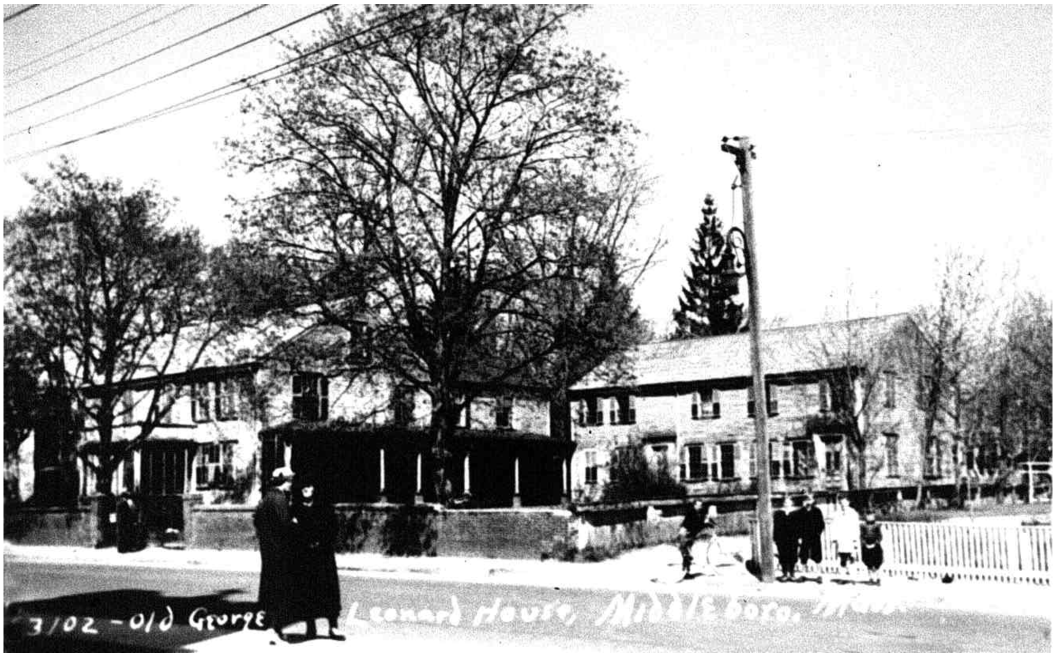
Source: Walter Thompson


Cardinal Cushing General Hospital
REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER
CRANBERRY
SPECIALTY HOSPITAL
of Plymouth County

819. Cranberry Specialty Hospital

Since the county took over the hospital they had financial difficulties but seem now to be secure.

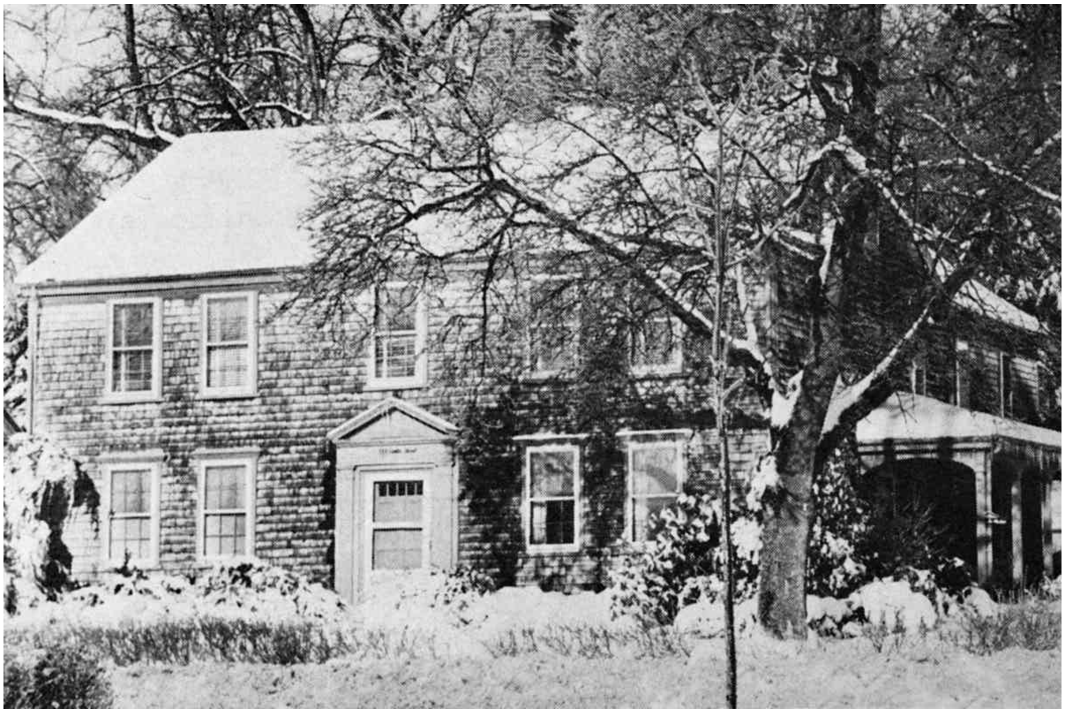
Source: Walter Thompson


3102 - Old George Leonard House, Middleboro, Mass.

820. “Old George Leonard House”

This house was lived in by a Doctor Ellis, who, as he grew older, became a little senile. He used to enjoy hiding behind the brick wall on the property and jumping out yelling “boo” to scare the passerby’s.

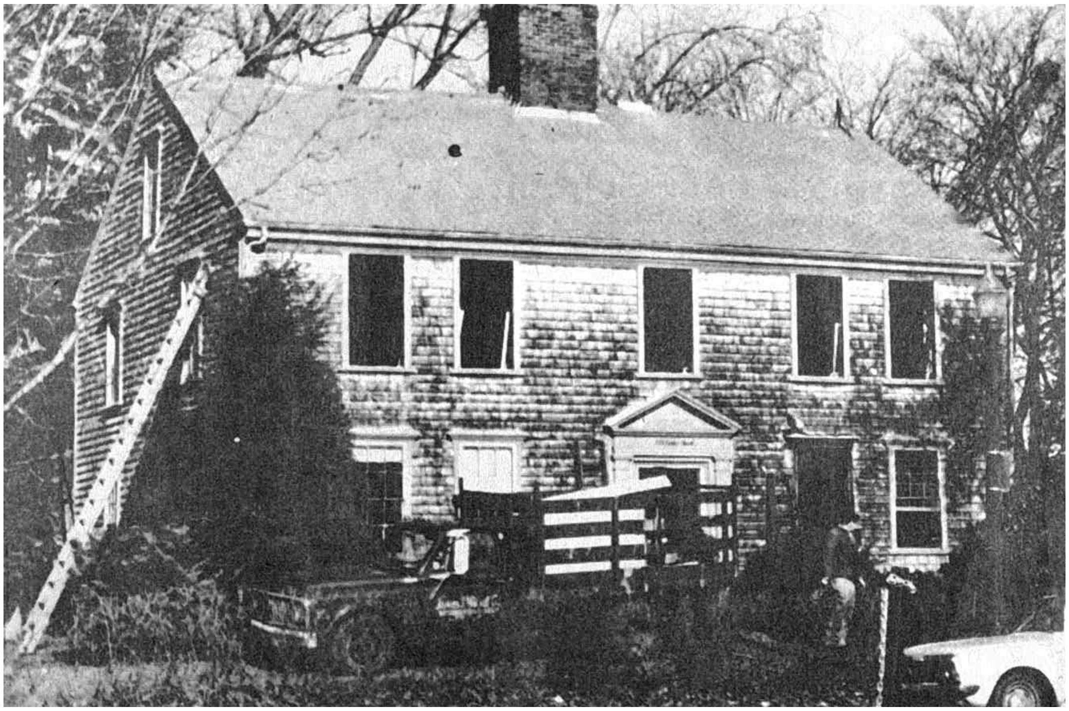
Source: Walter Thompson



821. The Dr. Ellis House

At this period, Sheriff George Wheeler and his family, after residing here for a number of years, decided to sell out to a group of investors who tore down three houses and a large barn to make way for a professional building.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XVI, February 1975, Number 2, pg. 1 (Cover)

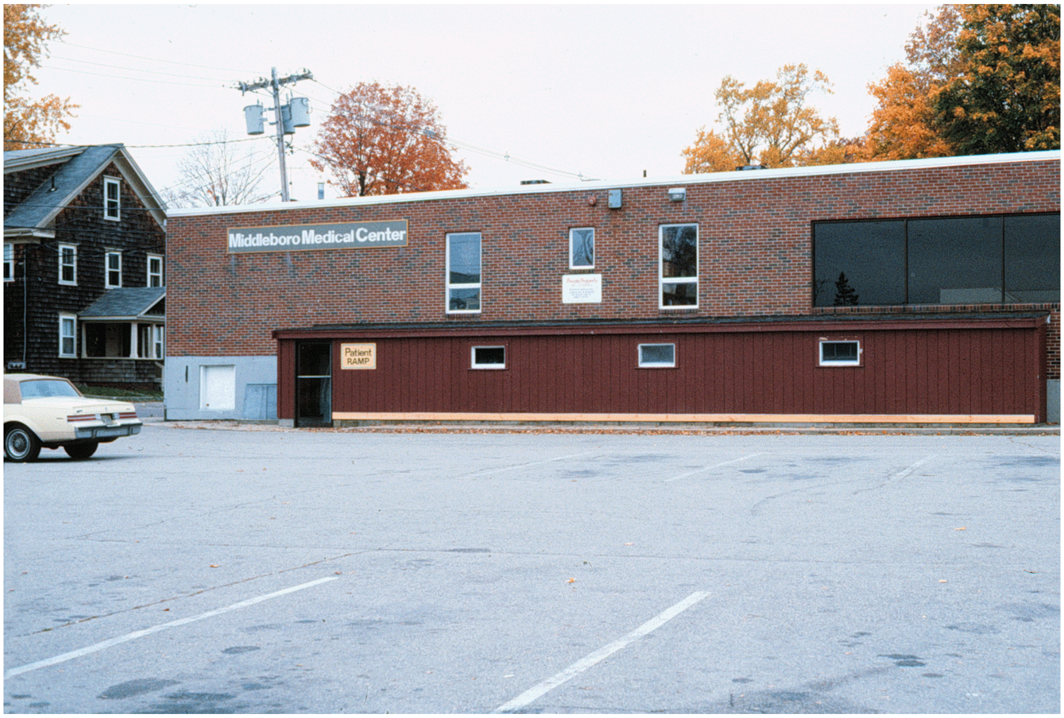


822. Former Sheriff Wheeler Home

This gracious old colonial is being torn down to make way for the professional building. “Demolished last week was this colonial home at the corner of Centre and Forest Streets, remembered by residents as one time dwelling place of a physician and lately the home of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Wheeler."

A Clint Clark Quote

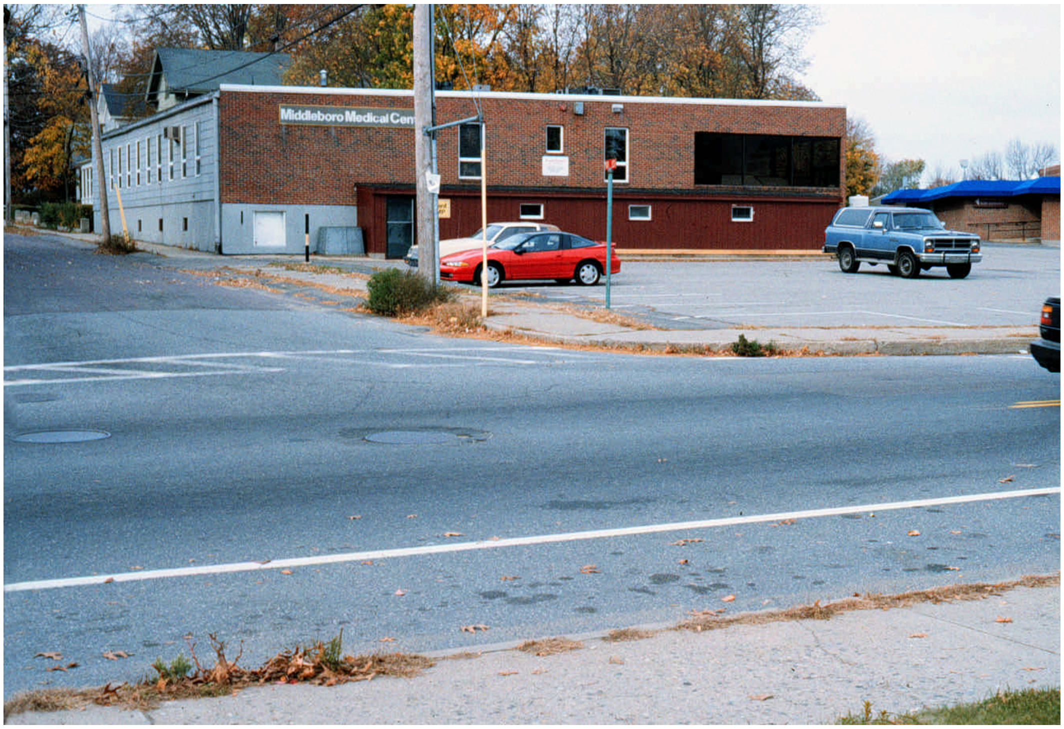
Source: Middleboro Gazette


Middleboro Medical Center
Patient RAMP

823. Medical Building

This medical center replaces three homes and a barn. The old Cobb House can be seen on the left.

Source: Walter Thompson



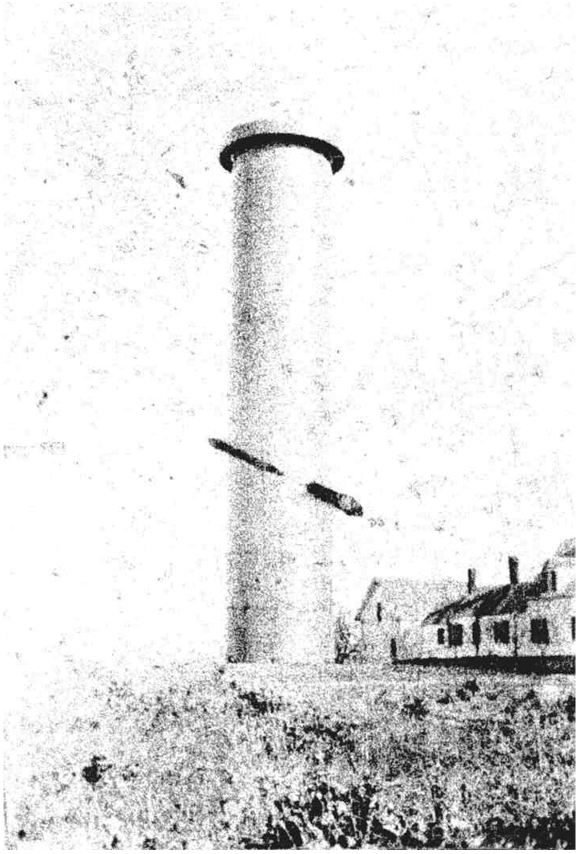
Middleboro Medical Cen

824. Medical Building

So are much of Middleborough’s gracious homes plowed under to make way for a progression of gas stations and office buildings…progress!!

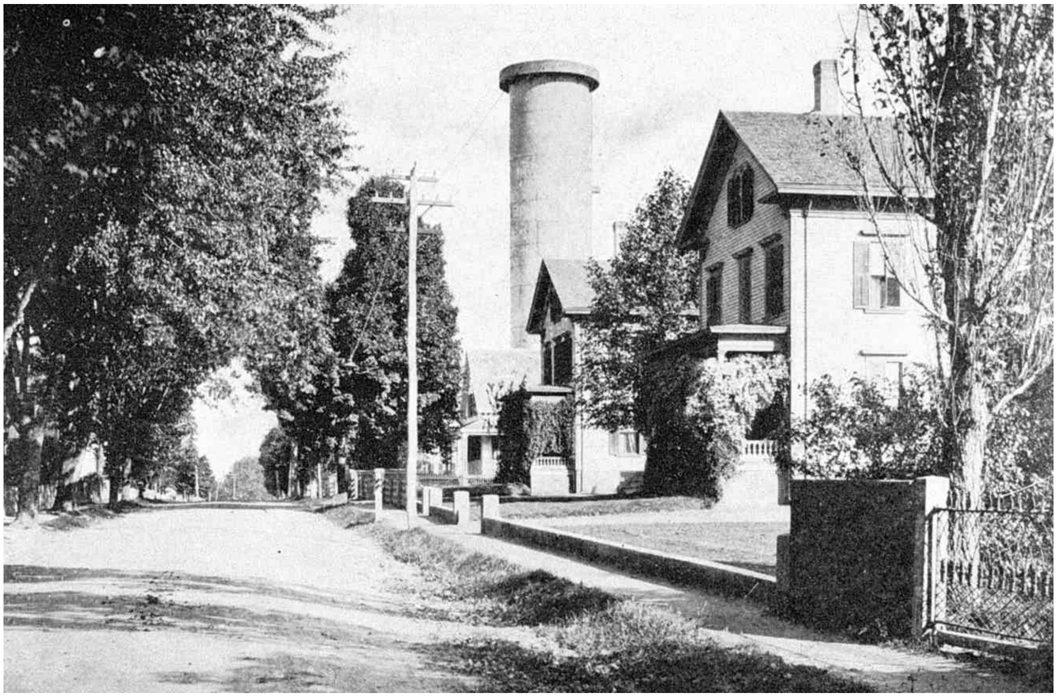
Source: Walter Thompson

825. Forest Street Standpipe



The standpipe on Forest Street was built in 1885.

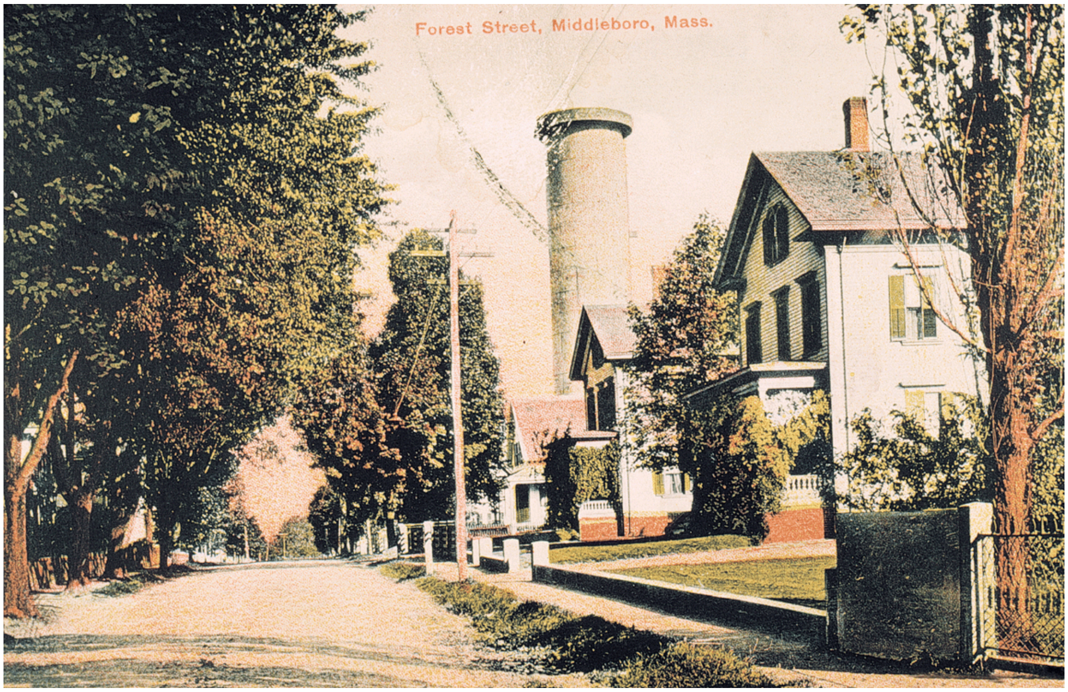
Source: Walter Thompson



826. Forest Street View

Forest Street was picked for the standpipe because it was the highest point in the center of town. Due to complaints about lack of pressure, it had a thorough inspection in 1905 and the safety margin was so reduced from rusting that it was deemed necessary to take it down.

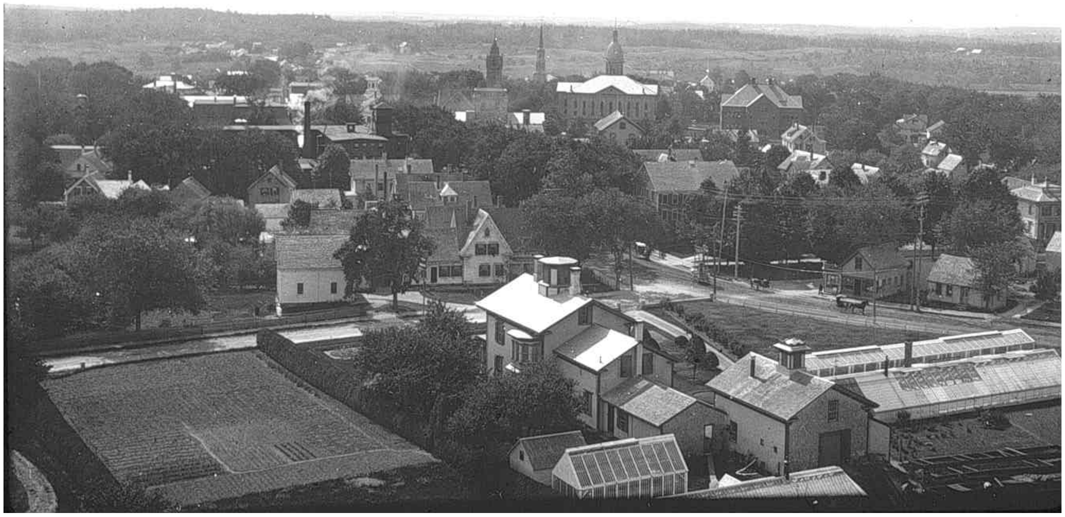
Source: History of Middleborough, Romaine.



827. Forest Street View

“The standpipe was taken down in August of 1916, the pieces carefully numbered and stored in a vacant lot near the railroad station. Later, it was sold to a Boston firm for $356.00. Later, it was sold to a firm in Puerto Rico where it was broken up into sections and converted into syrup barrels."

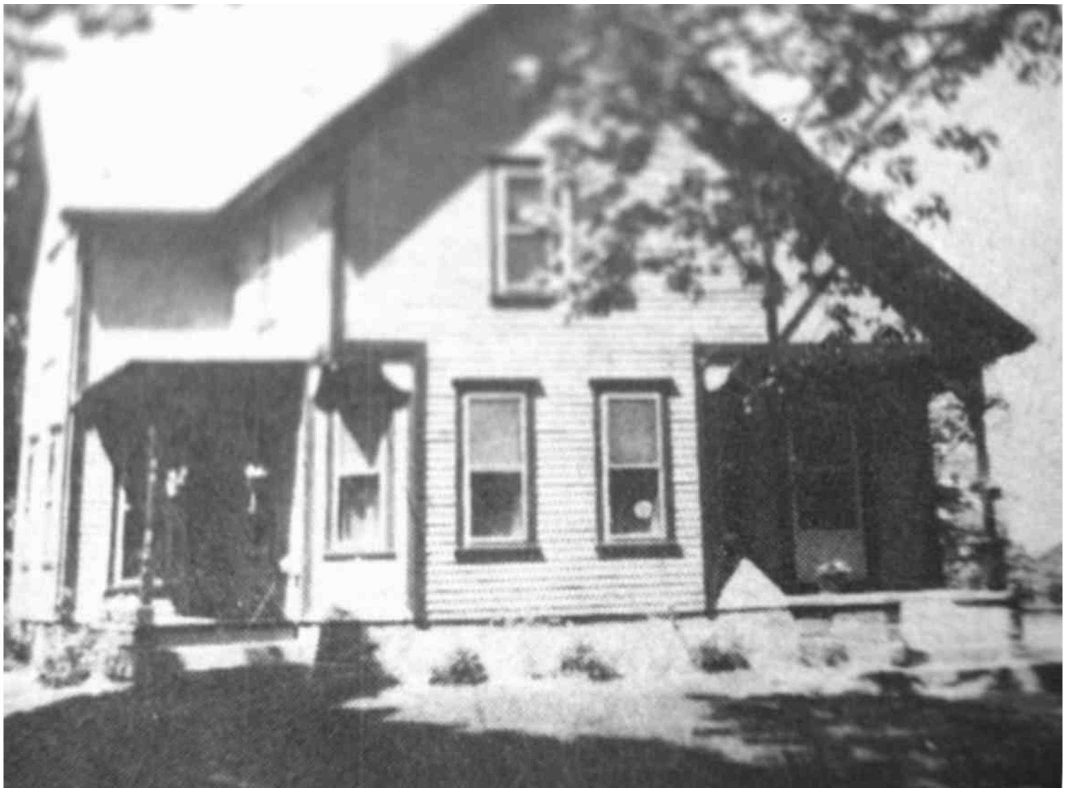
Source: Mertie Romaine’s History, pg. 556



828. View from Standpipe

This gorgeous view overlooks the lush gardens and the greenhouses of the Kingman Estate. Across the street from this estate is the Charles Washburn home, which in later years was owned by the Bassett family. On the corner of Oak Street is Nichol's Store and next to that was the Tinkham House. Note in the background the new high school and the fairly new town hall.

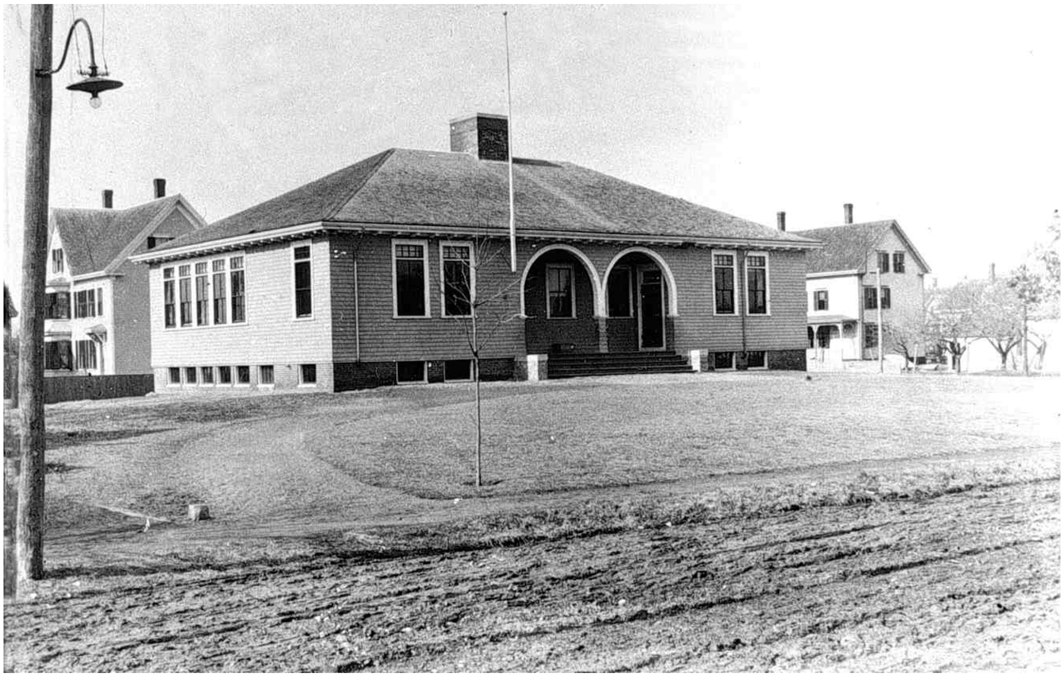
Source: Walter Thompson



829. Thompson Home

This is the home that my parents bought when I was five years old (1938) and lived there for close to forty years.

Source: Walter Thompson



830. Flora M. Clark School

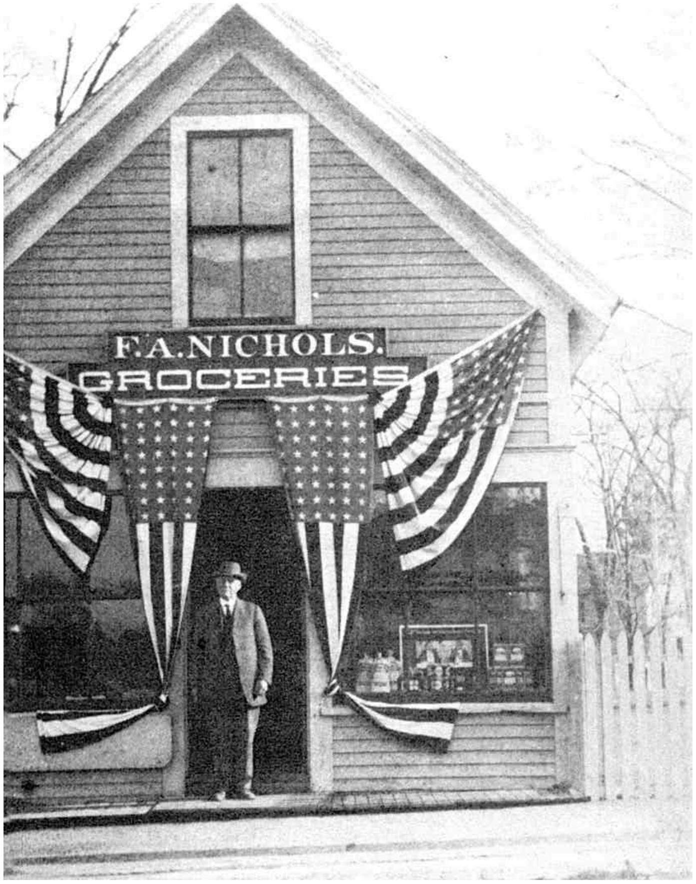
I attended the first grade with Hilda McKeen (Mrs. Dowd) my teacher and the second grade with Rae Guidaboni my teacher and principal.

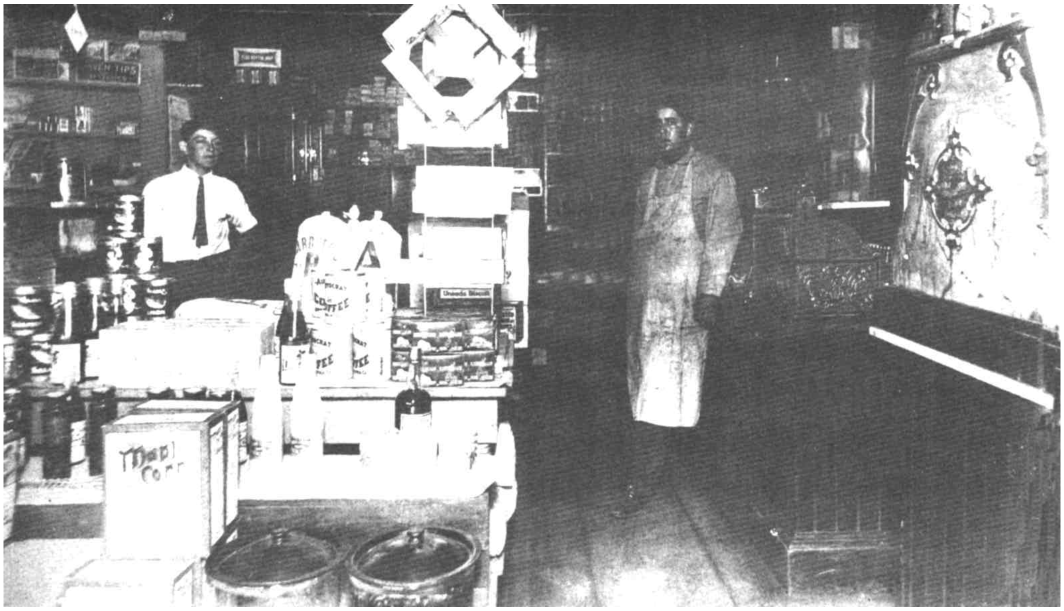
Source: Walter Thompson

831. F. A. Nichol's Store

This little neighborhood grocery store stood right on the corner of Oak and Centre Streets on the present site of the Sacred Heart church. The small Tinkham cottage was on its right.

Source: Walter Thompson



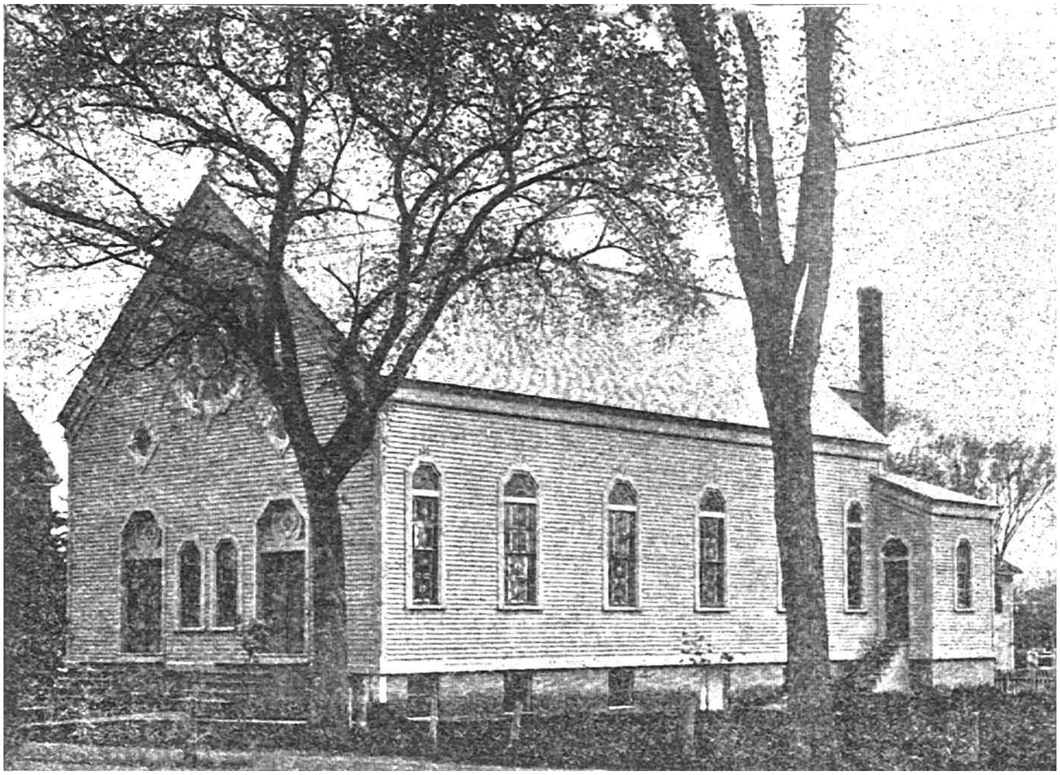


832. Nichols's Store Clerks

"Tom Tate and Karl Kendall greeted customers at Nichol's store. The Centre Street store was a favorite haunt of local children." (Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Tate).

A direct quote.

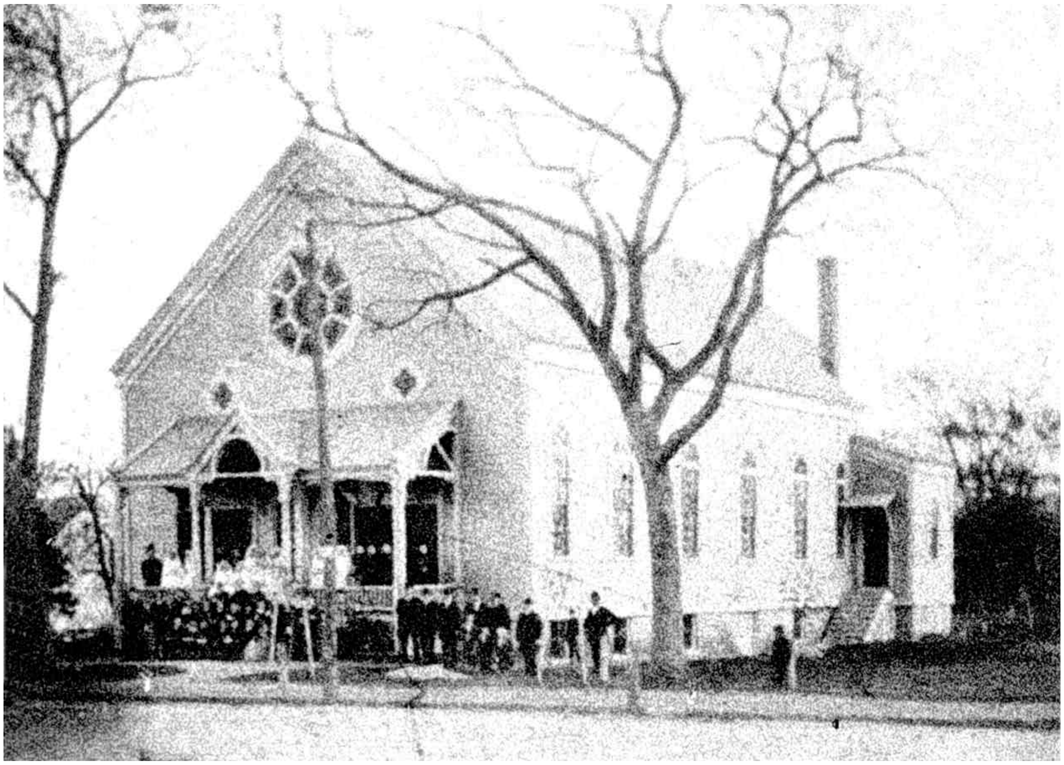
Source: Reflections



833. Church of Sacred Heart

The land for the Church of the Sacred Heart was purchased on March 11, 1873, but the actual building was deferred for seven years. The church was finally erected in 1880 at a cost of $5000, and the cornerstone was blessed and dedicated by Archbishop John Joseph Williams on July 12, 1881. A parishioner, Michael O'Toole, made possible the building and ongoing costs of maintaining it through his generosity.

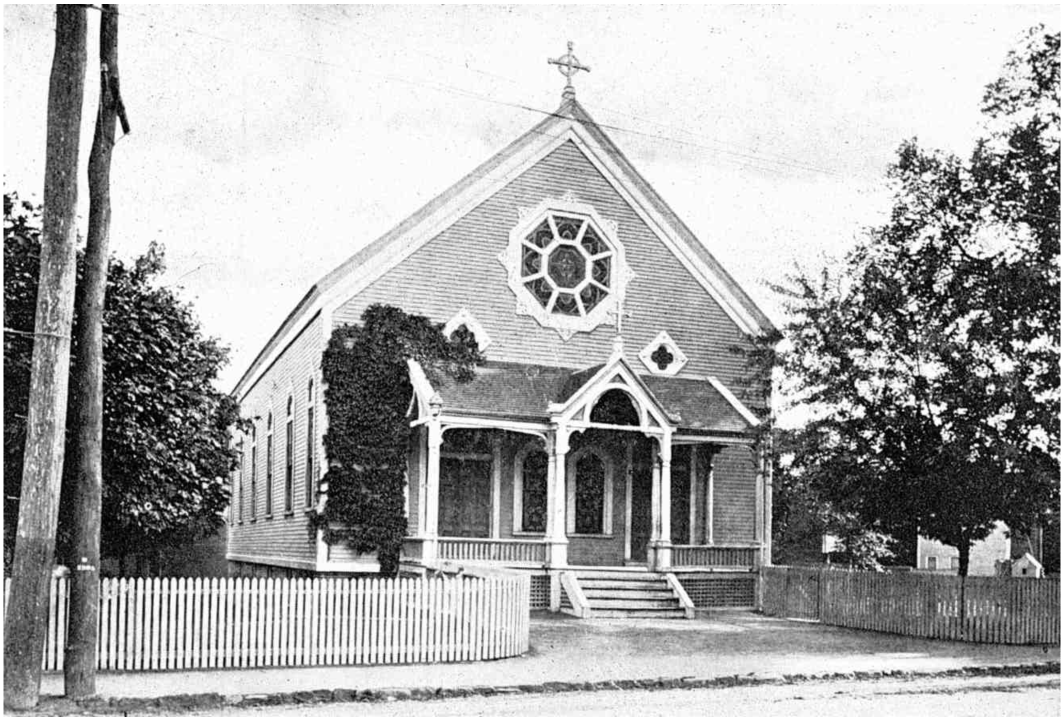
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XI, September 1969, Number I, pgs. 6,7,8



834. Sacred Heart Church

“The First Church of the Sacred Heart Parish was begun in 1880 and dedicated in 1881.”

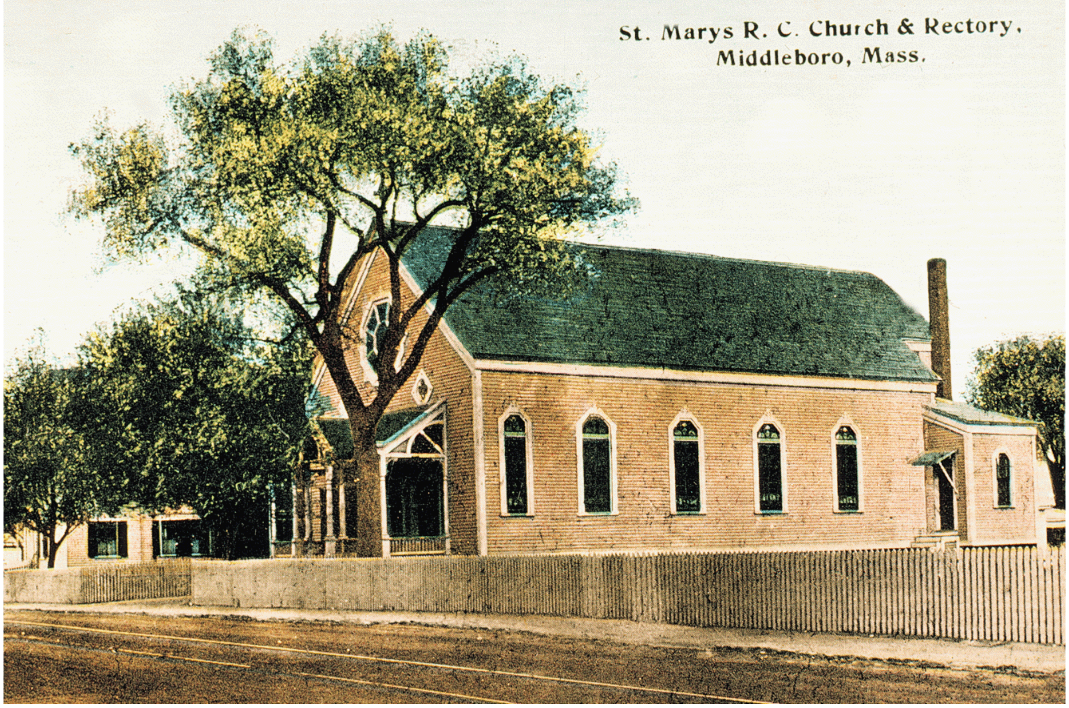
Source: Mertie Romaine’s History of Middleborough, p. 205



835. Sacred Heart Church

“As early as 1907, entertainments were given and various projects undertaken to raise money for a new church building.”

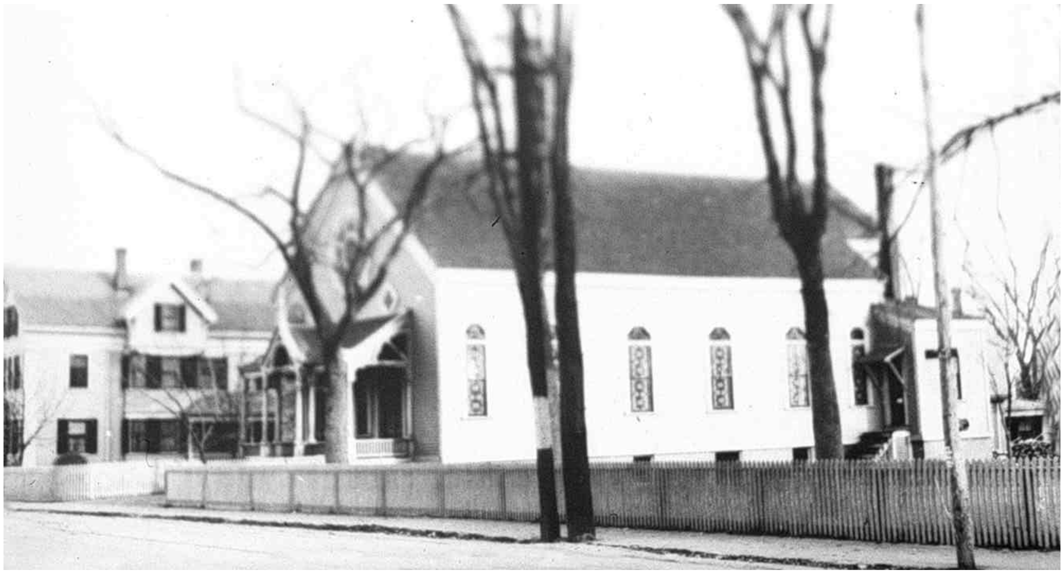
Source: Mertie Romaine’s History of Middleborough, p. 205.


St. Marys R. C. Church & Rectory,
Middleboro, Mass.

836. Sacred Heart Church

Note on this postcard printed in Germany the name of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church was incorrectly printed as St. Mary's R.C. Church. The rectory shows through the trees on the left.

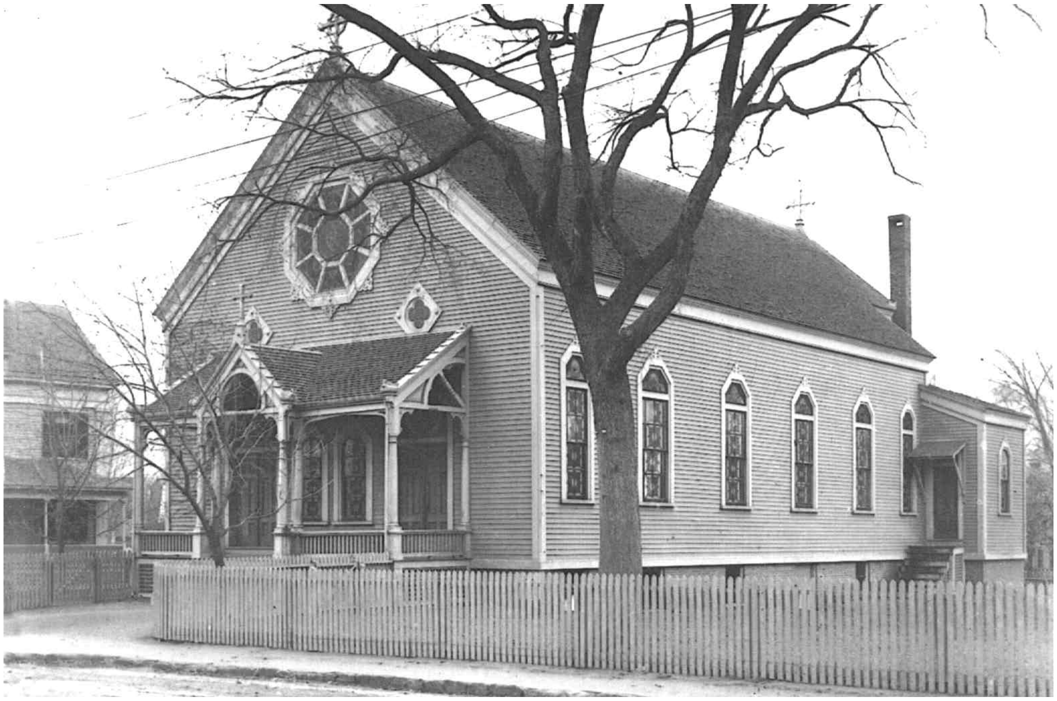
Source: Walter Thompson



837. Sacred Heart Church

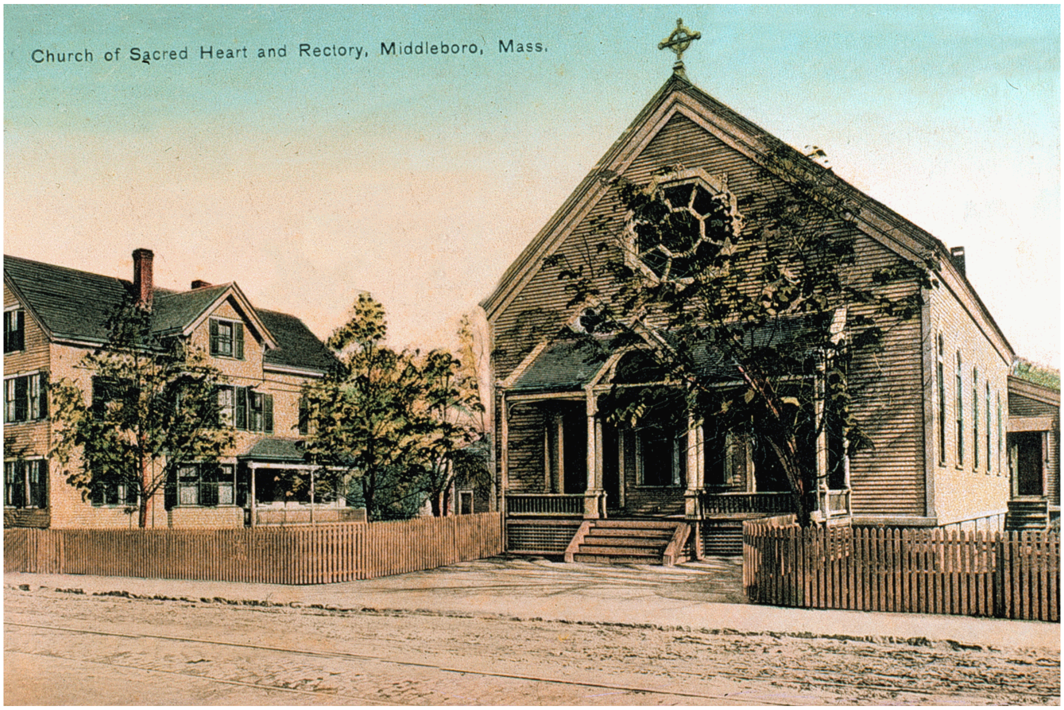
“This edifice served the parish well into the 1900’s, when it was apparent that a larger church was needed to care for the rapidly growing congregation.”

Source: Mertie Romaine’s History of Middleborough, pg. 205



838. Sacred Heart Church

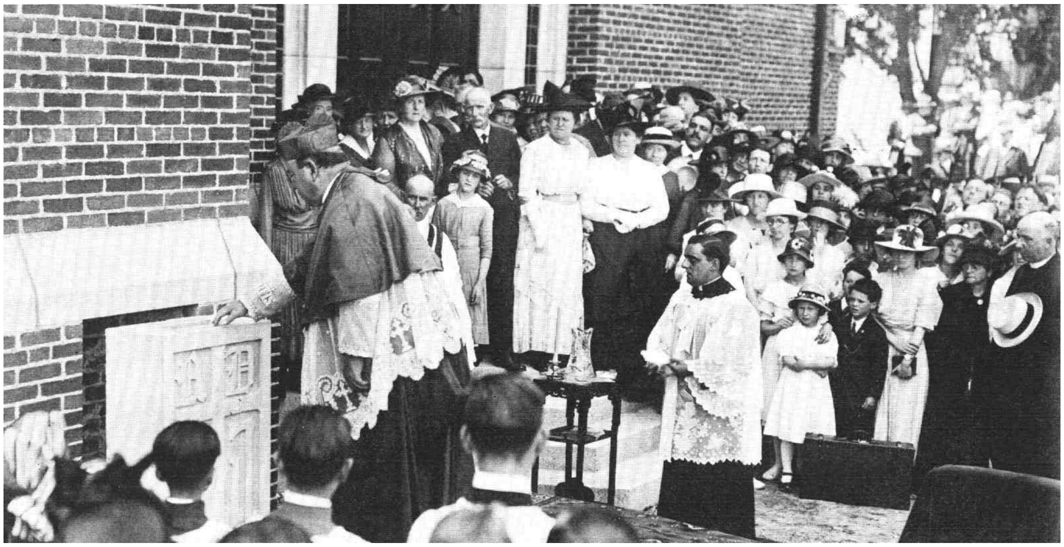
This is another beautiful shot of the First Sacred Heart Church as it looked in 1912. My father served as a young alter boy and helped the priest say the mass for the prisoners in the Bridgewater Prison.


Church of Sacred Heart and Rectory, Middleboro, Mass.

839. Sacred Heart Church

To the left of the old church was a building, which was used as the rectory on the ground floor. The second floor was leased to the stationmaster of the Middleborough Railroad Station. I believe that this structure was moved behind the present church, on to High Street, and converted into a three family apartment house. The building was later torn down for a parking lot.

Source: Walter Thompson

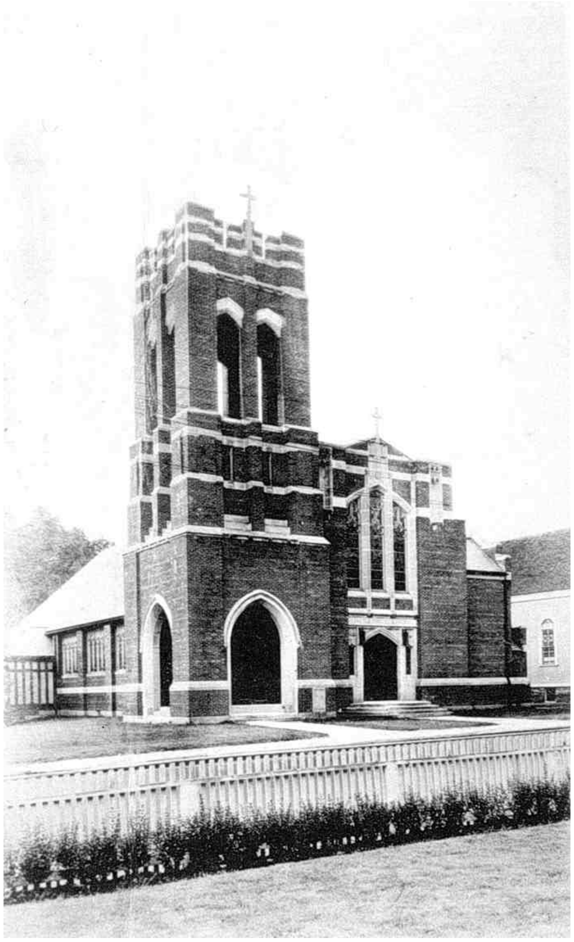


840. Sacred Heart Church

“June 9, 1918; William Cardinal O’Connell dedicates the cornerstone of the present Sacred Heart Church.”

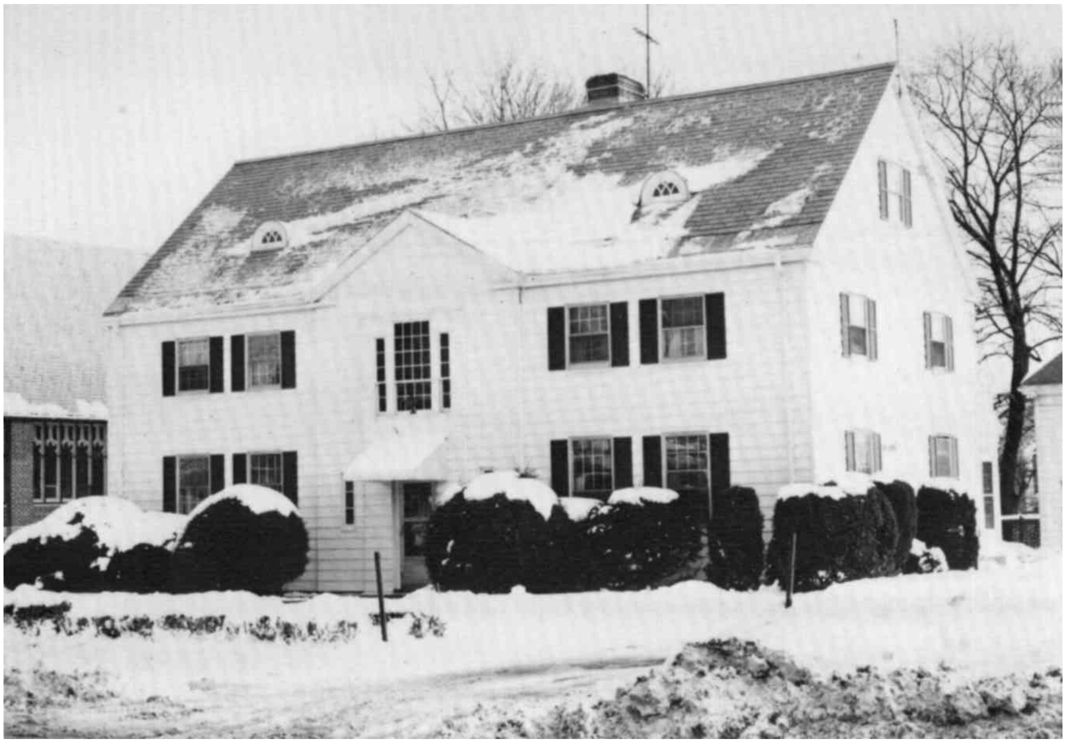
Source: Sacred Heart Church Centennial 1885-1985 - pg. 3.

841. Sacred Heart Church



“One of the greatest events in the history of the Sacred Heart Parish took place when the new Sacred Heart church was dedicated with full ceremony on June 9, 1981.”

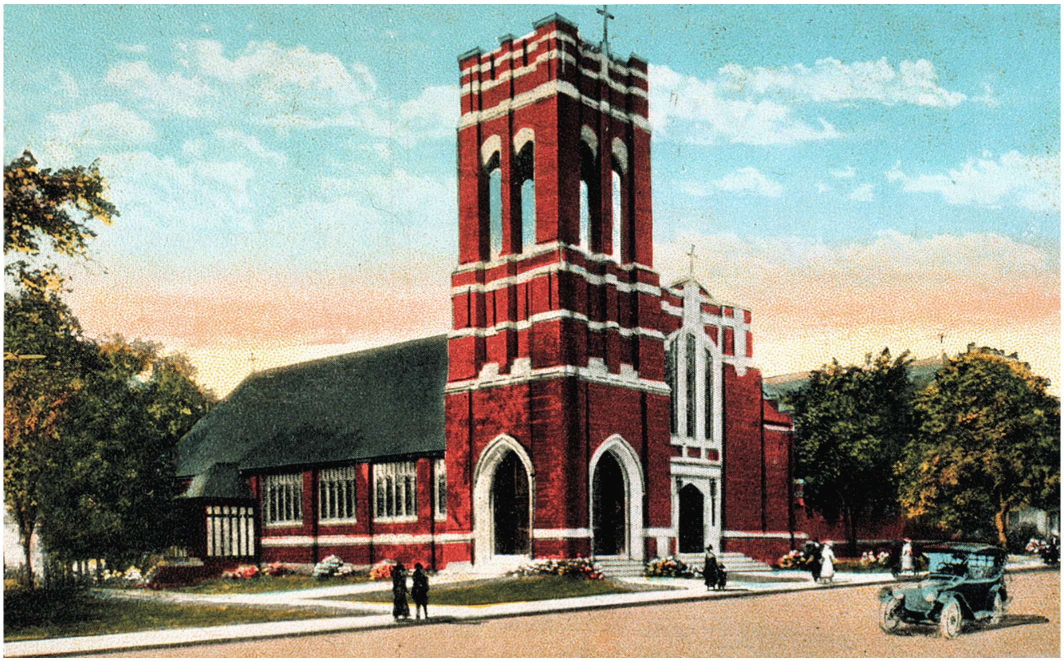
Source: Mertie Romaine’s History of Middleborough, pg. 205



842. Sacred Heart Rectory

During the pastorate of Reverend Michael J. Danahy, 1923-1944, a new rectory opened for public inspection January 6, 1935, beautifully designed and well appointed was built on a lot on the west side of the church.

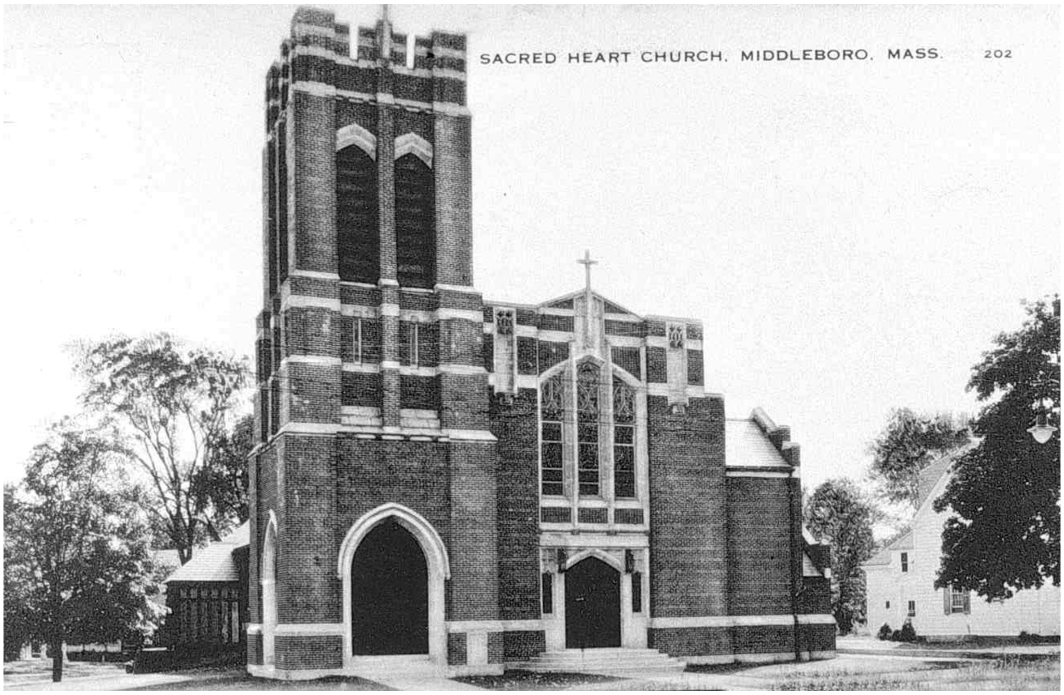
Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 205.



843. Sacred Heart Church

This 1943 view of the Sacred Heart church shows the new rectory built on the west side of the church. “During the Pastorate of Reverent Michael J. Danahy, 1933-1944, a new rectory opened for public inspection January 6, 1935."

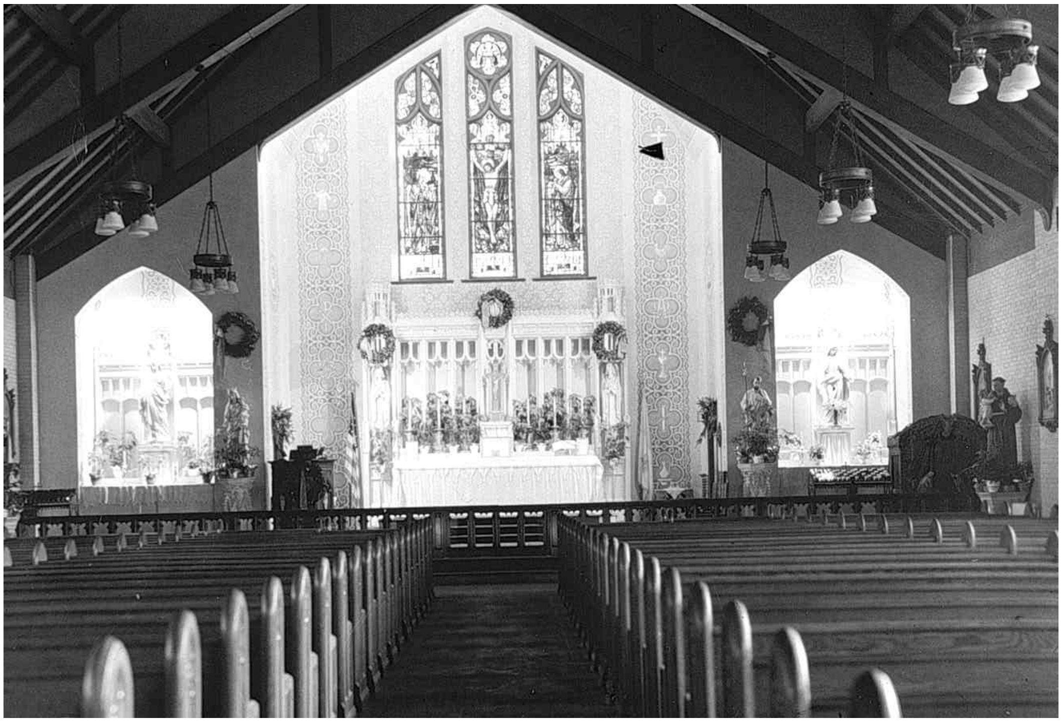
Source: Mertie Romaine’s History of Middleborough, pg. 205



844. Sacred Heart Church

This pre 1950's view shows the original façade of Sacred Heart Church before its remodeling. Immediately one might notice the openings in the bell tower and the crucifix at the top. On the original peak was a bronze crucifix with niches that were supposed to hold angels but never did. The old church may be seen on the right side of the new church.

Source: Walter Thompson

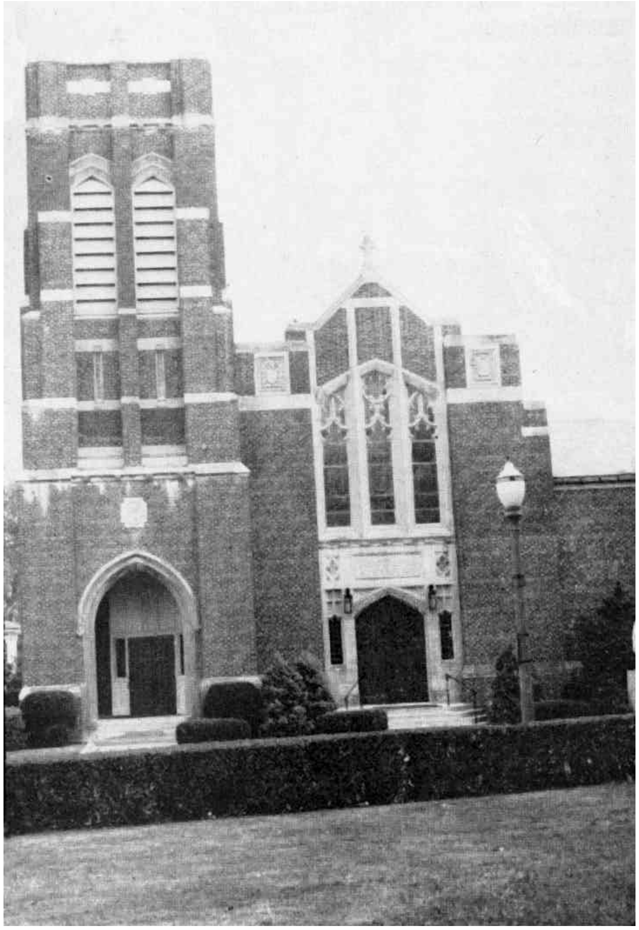


845. Sacred Heart Church Interior

This is an early picture of the altar of the Sacred Heart Church before its refurbishing. One can notice the four-bulb ceiling fixtures and the statues that have since disappeared.

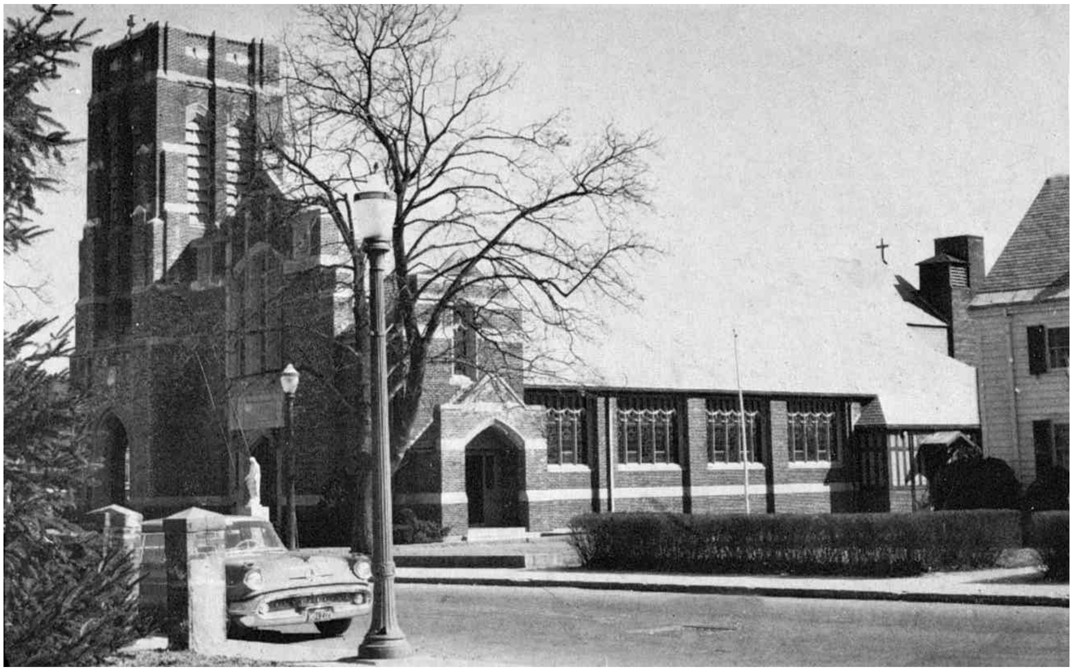
Source: Walter Thompson

846. Sacred Heart Church



Sacred Heart Church's appearance was altered in the early 1950's. Father Timothy J. Gleason was pastor. He had the interior refurbished; the altar walls were painted white and covered with symbolic decorations, the ceiling over the altar was painted as a blue sky filled with stars and the alter was painted white.

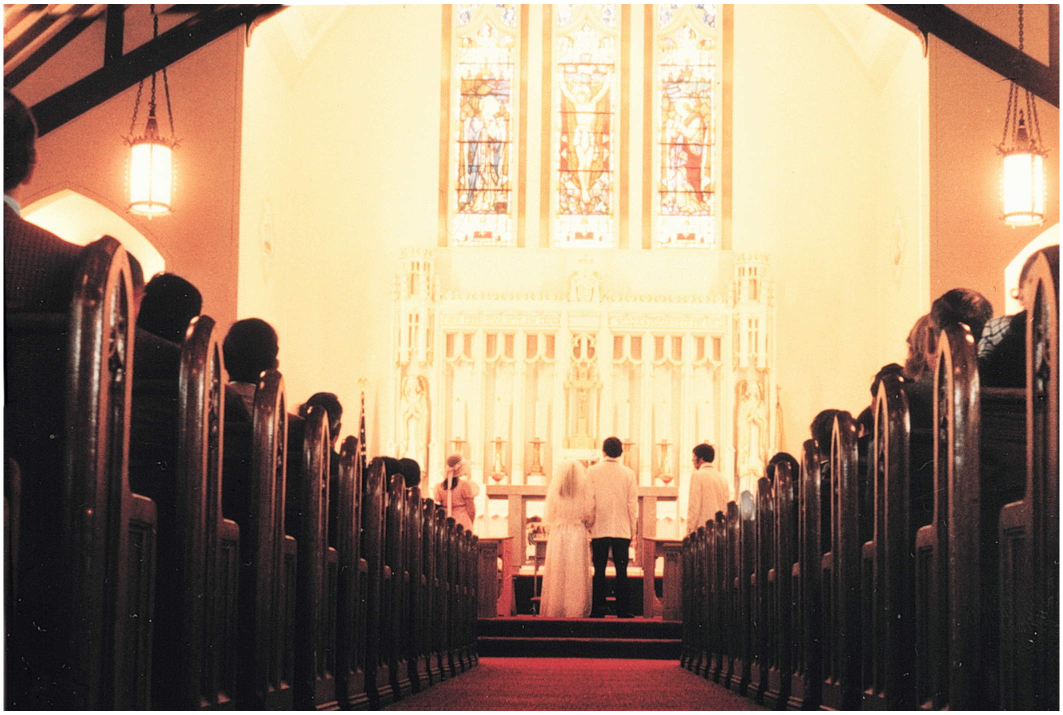
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XI, September 1969, Number I, pg. 8



847. Sacred Heart Church

This is how the Sacred Heart Church looked soon after it was built.

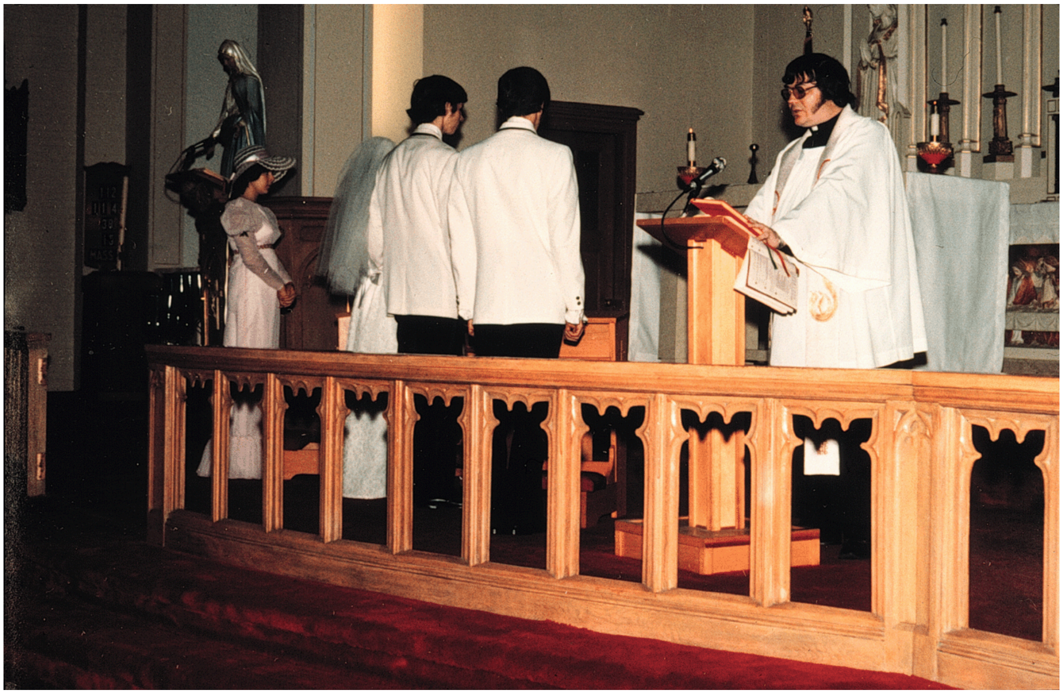
Source: Walter Thompson



848. Sacred Heart Church Interior

The picture shows the beautiful stained glass window over the old altar with the new table altar in front of it.

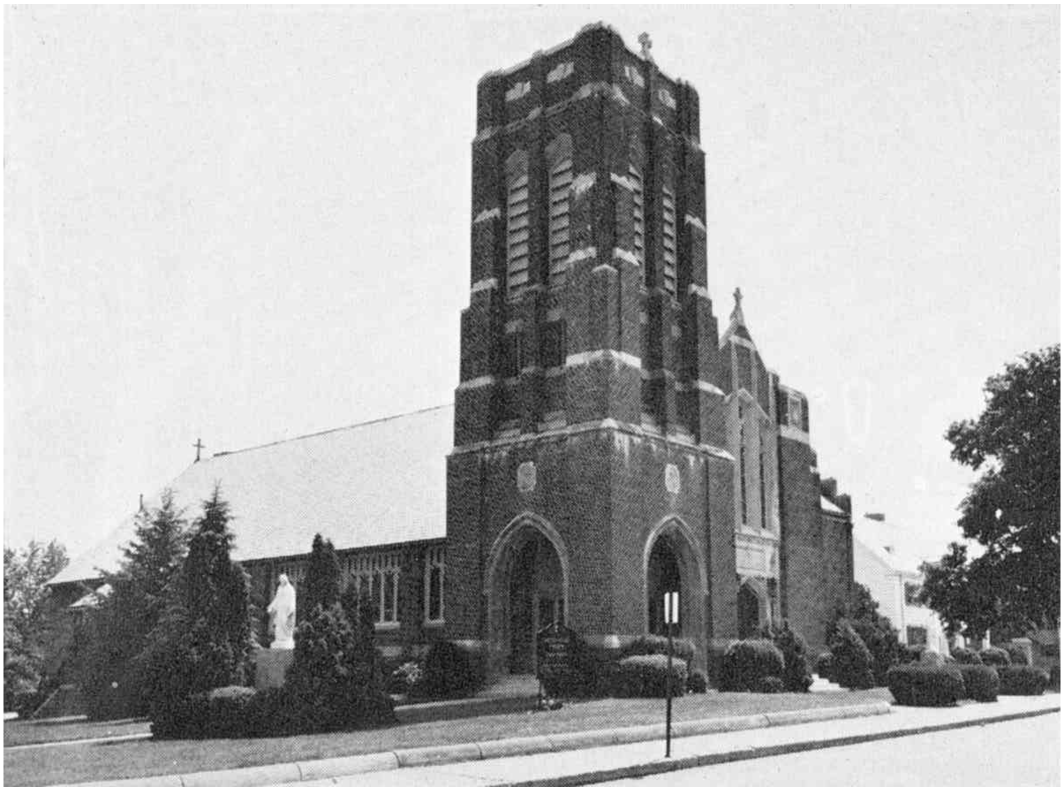
Source: Walter Thompson



849. Sacred Heart Church Interior

Father McKenzie is performing the wedding ceremony inside the beautiful altar rail that was taken out in the early 1990's. The statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary may be seen on the left side altar and she was taken out earlier and is now across the street in the Father Shea Center.

Source: Walter Thompson

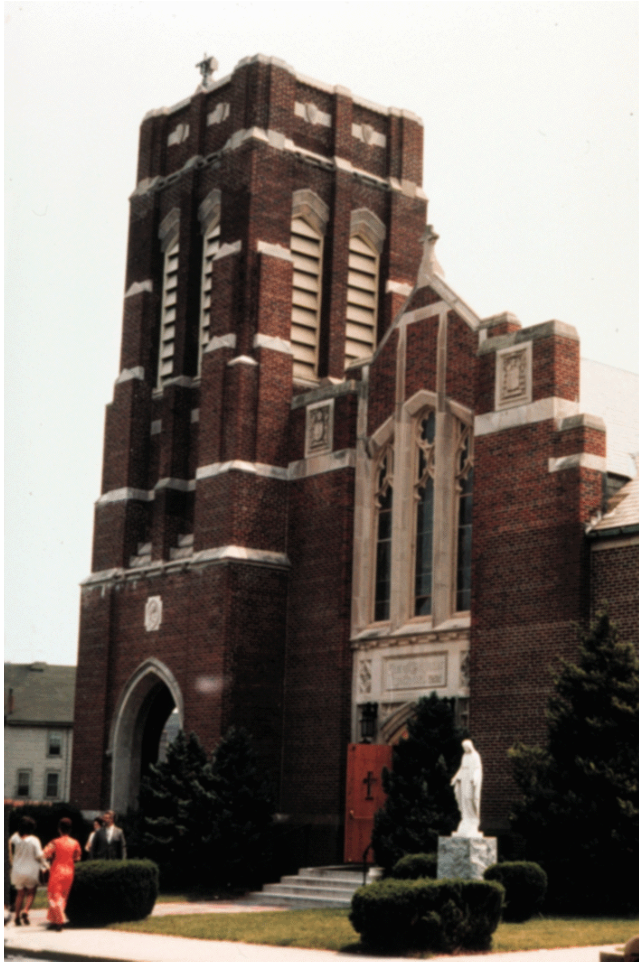


850. Sacred Heart Church

The photograph shows the Sacred Heart Church with its new look after the earlier rebuilding. The statue of the Sacred Heart on the corner replaces the earlier one that was dedicated as a War Memorial after the Second World War. The statue is now located at St. Mary’s Cemetery on Wood Street.

Source: Walter Thompson

851. Sacred Heart Church



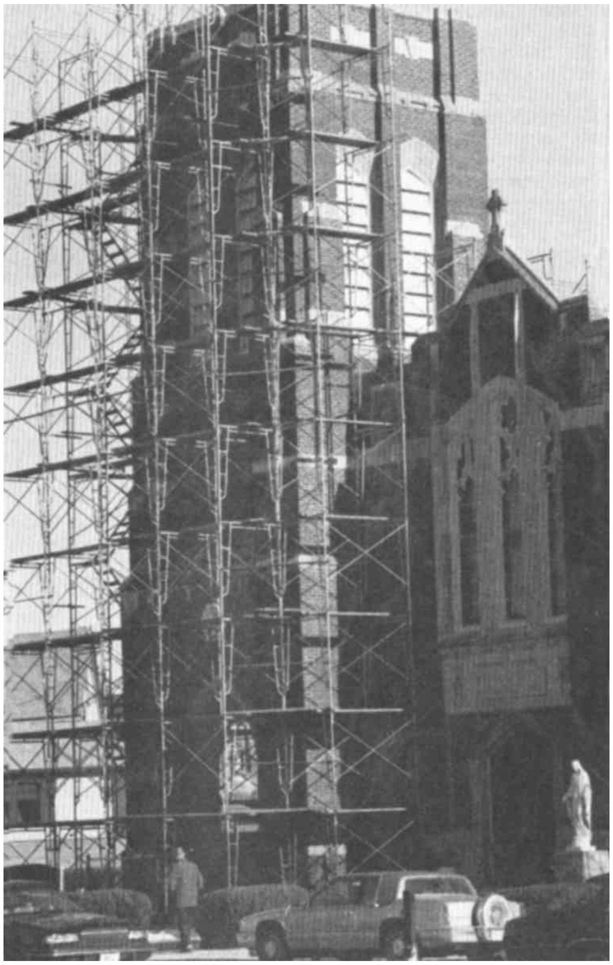
This shot shows the impressive façade of the Sacred Heart Church on my niece’s wedding day in 1973.

Source: Walter Thompson

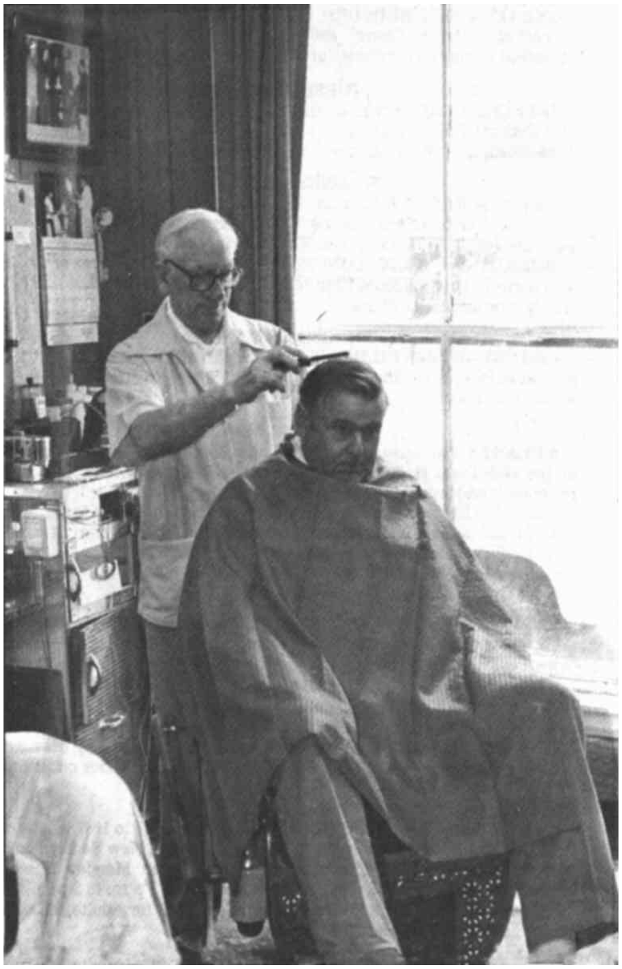
852. Sacred Heart Church

"Major renovations to the tower of Sacred Heart Church are underway. The parish raised the funds necessary to repair the historic Centre Street building."

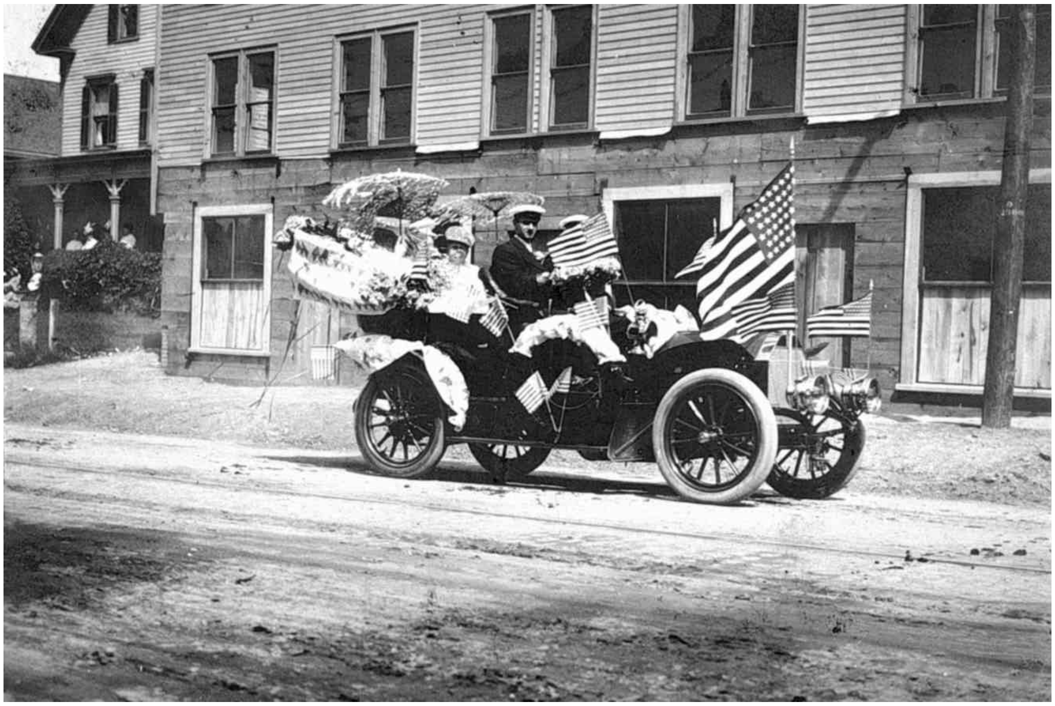
A direct quote of Clint Clark.



853. Marra’s Barber Shop



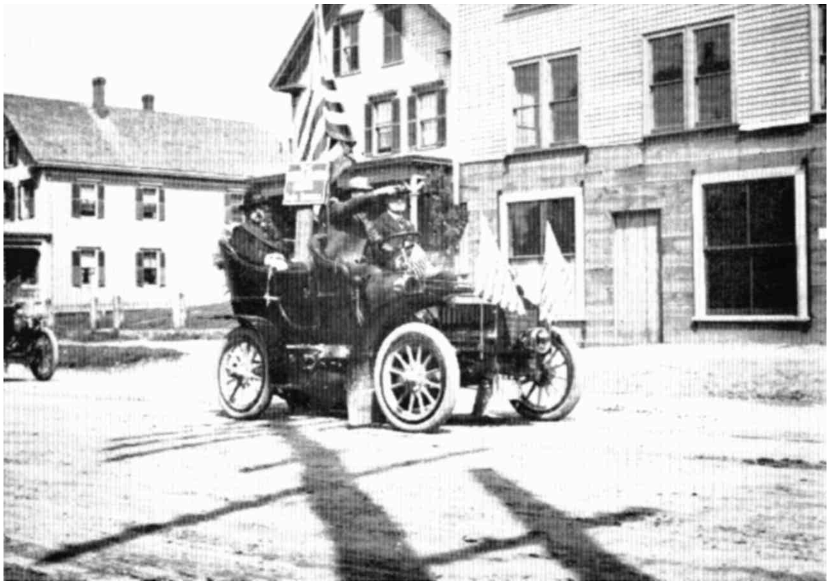
“On the Job”
Barber, Joseph Marra cuts the hair on one of his regulars, Lindy Thomas, president of the Greater Middleborough Area Chamber of Commerce.



854. July 4th, 1905 Parade

This automobile is passing the business block, which once held the Blue Plate Restaurant in Everett Square. This house was once a private residence before the three-story block was added to the front. It was converted into businesses and apartments.

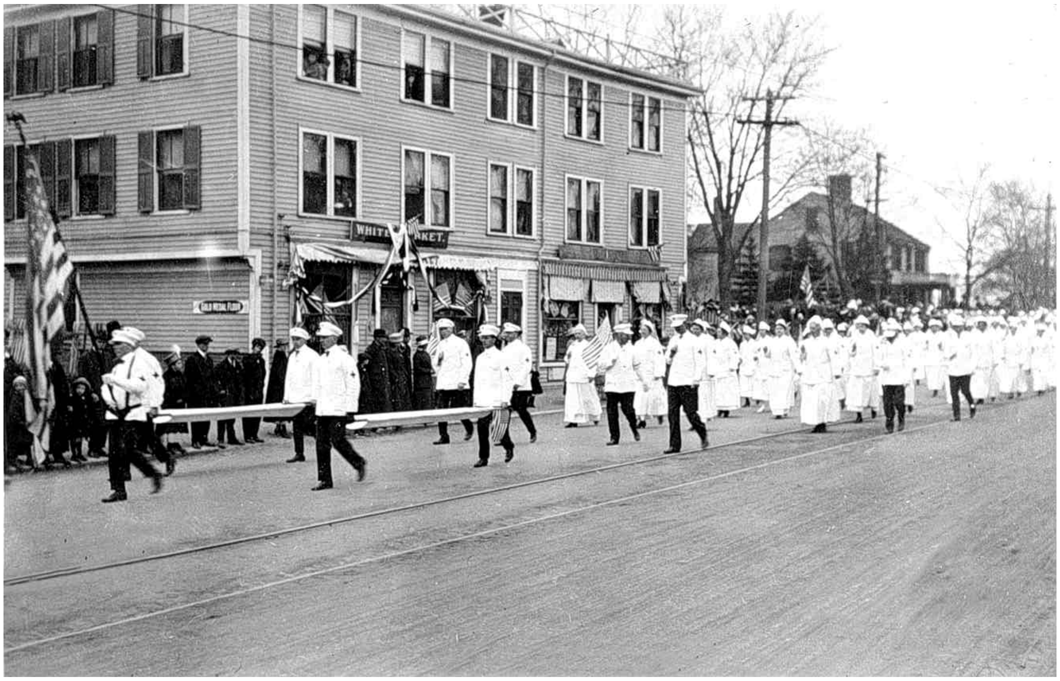
Source: Walter Thompson



855. July 4th, 1905 Parade

“Fourth of July Parade, 1905. Charles F. David, publisher of the Middleborough News, driving a 1905 Cadillac.”

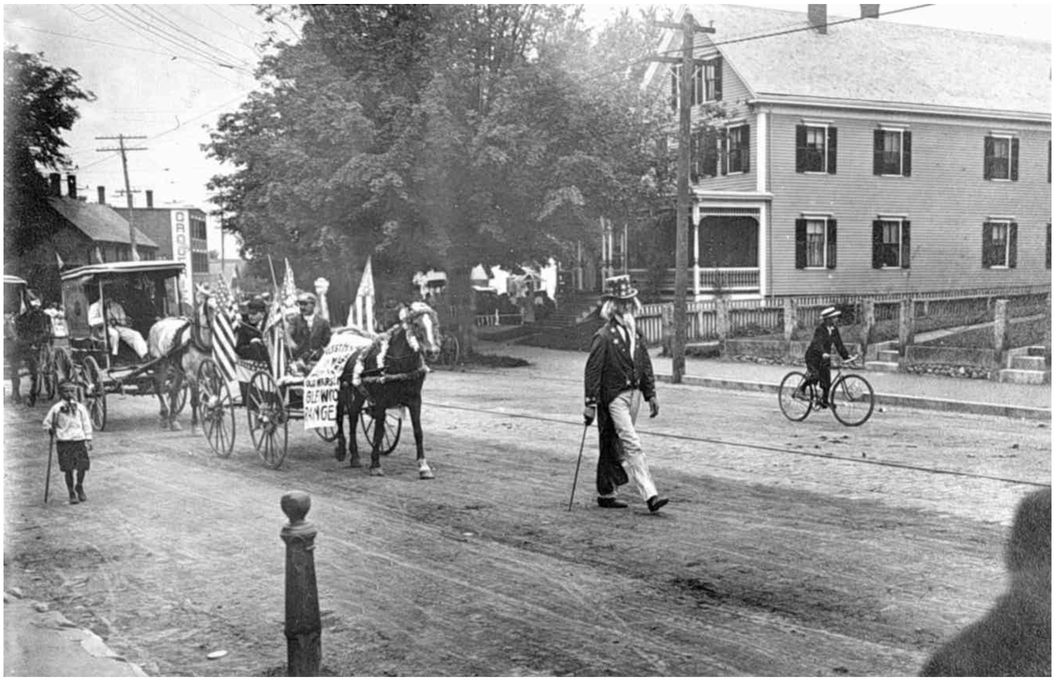
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume 5, April 1963, Number 2, pg. 3



856. 1917 Parade

The Red Cross unit passing in front of an Everett Square business block is led off by stretcher-bearers. Note the Dr. Ellis residence on the corner of Forest and Centre Streets.

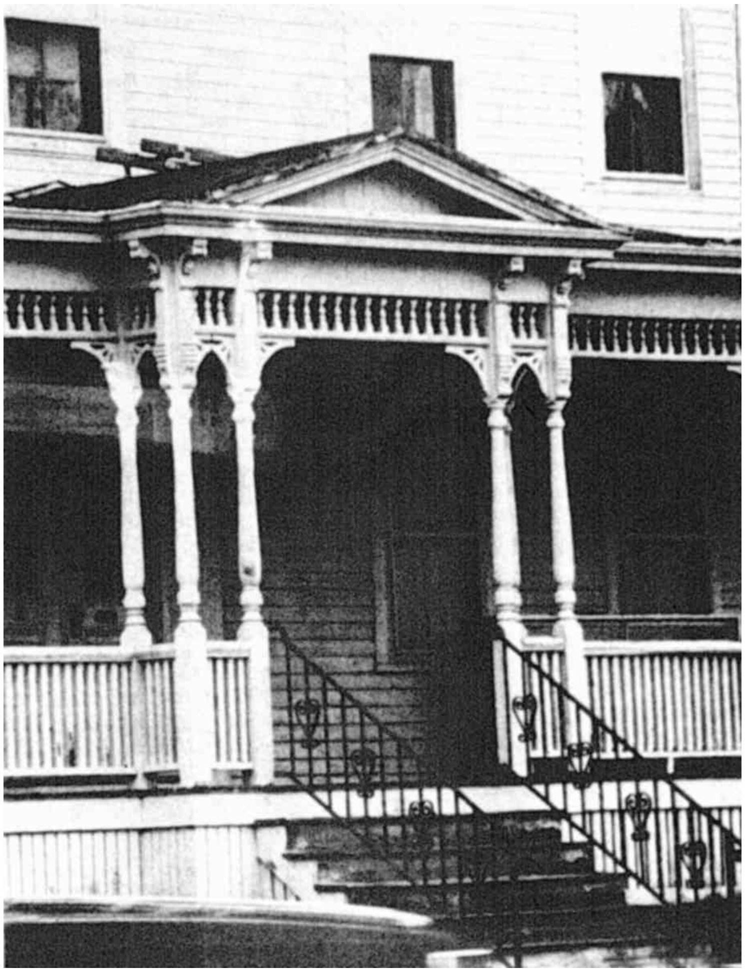
Source: Family snapshot from Douglas White



857. Parade

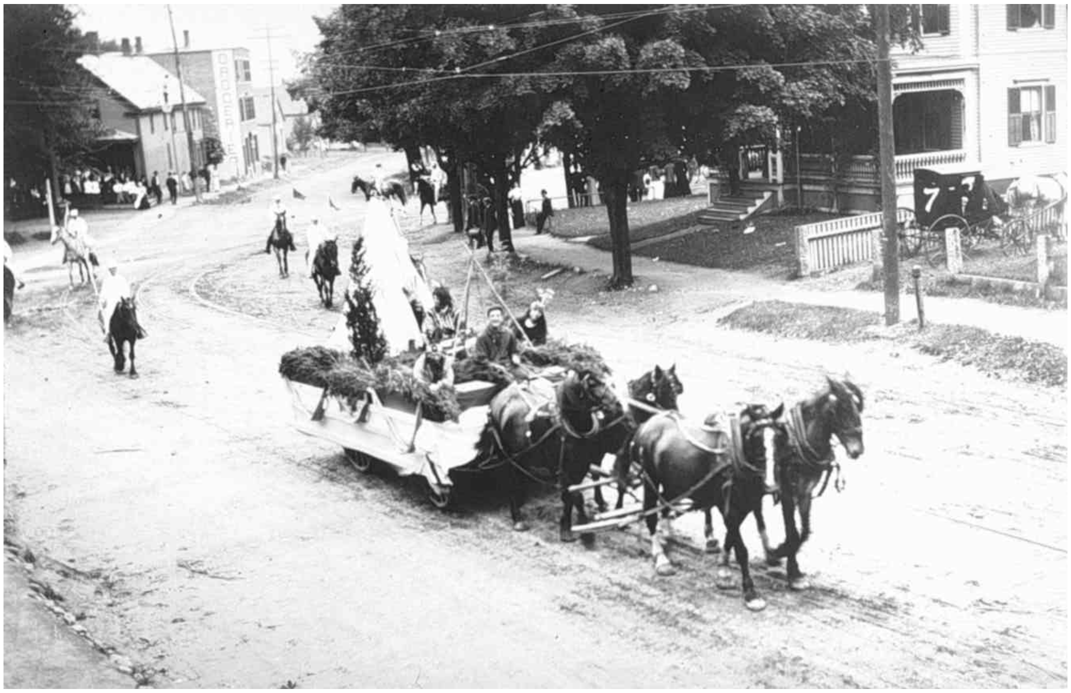
Uncle Sam is leading off the parade in Everett Square. See the grocery sign on the brick building, which housed Clark's Grocery. In front of it was a business known to the local people as the "Sugar House". During WWI people would buy their sugar there.

858. Jewel of Architecture



The fancy trim on this porch is the last of a dying breed of architecture.

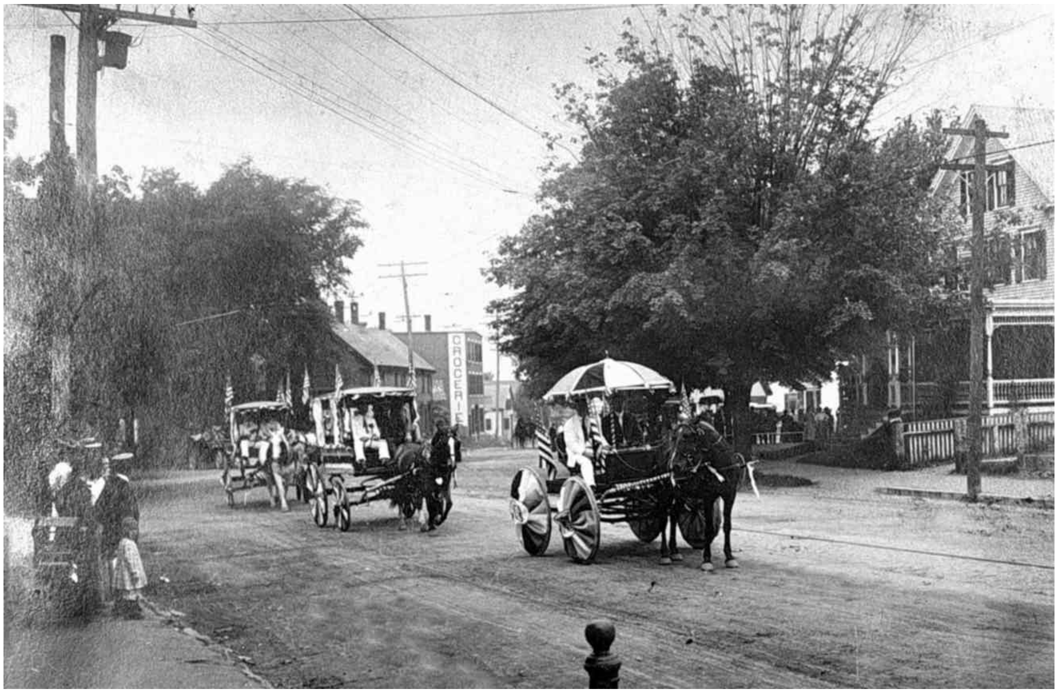
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, October 29, 1987.



859. Parade

The float depicts an Indian encampment with a teepee and a cooking pot on a tripod. The roads are still dirt at this time.

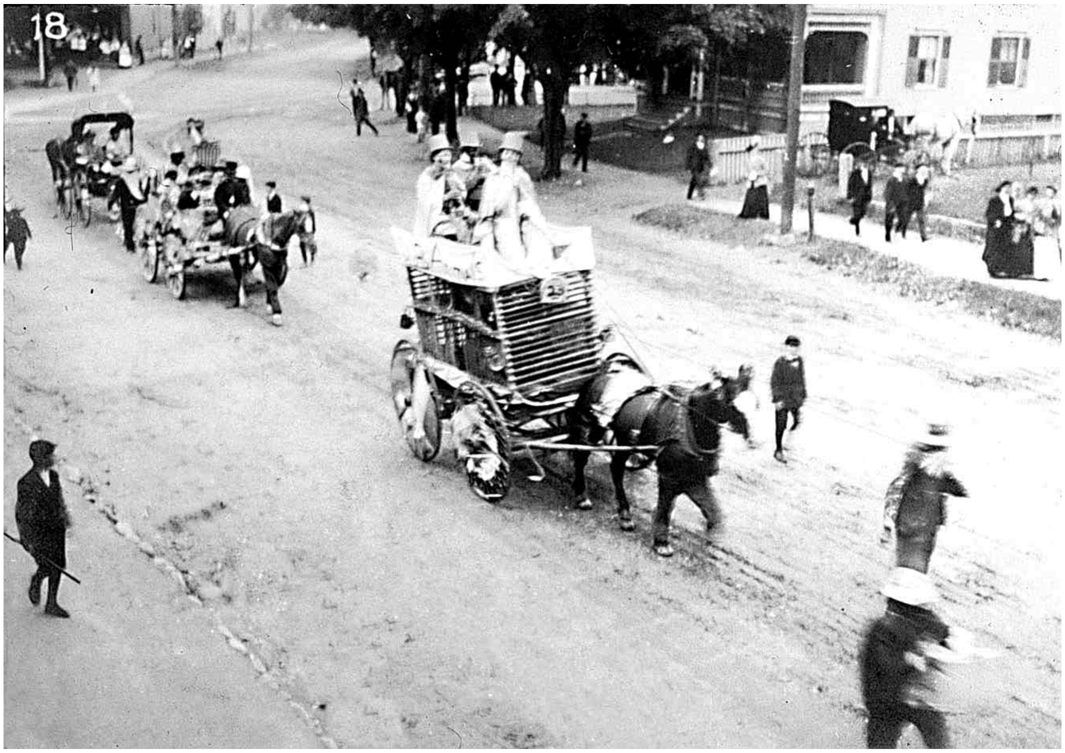
Source: Walter Thompson



860. Parade

Very nice horse drawn floats passing on a dirt road. Notice the trolley tracks.

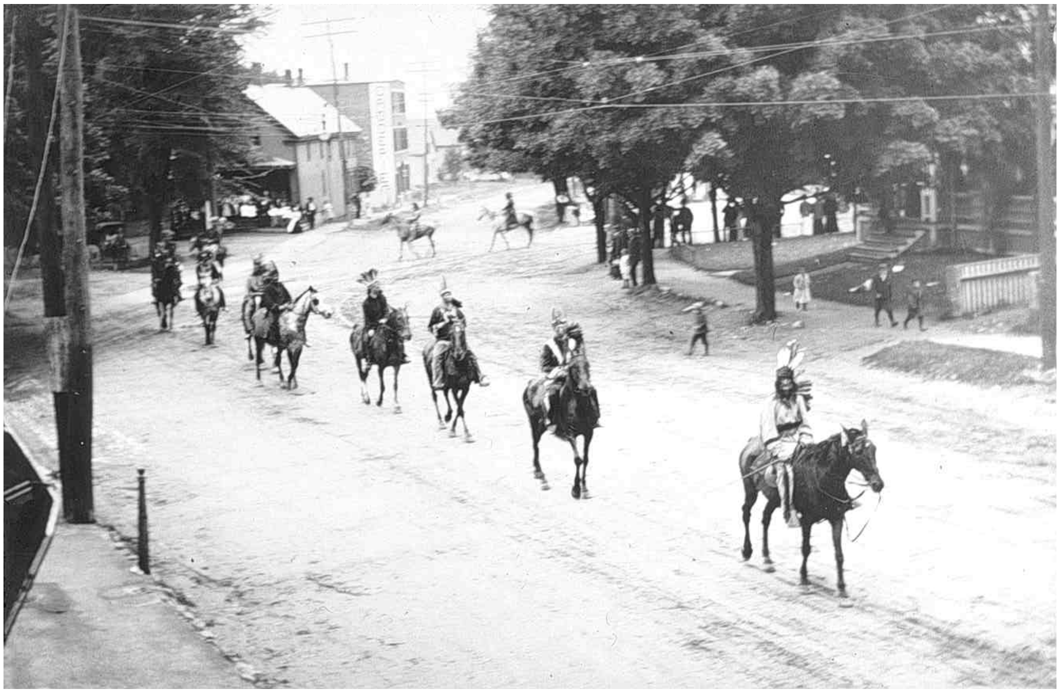
Source: Walter Thompson



861. Everett Square

Another section of parade passes through Everett Square.

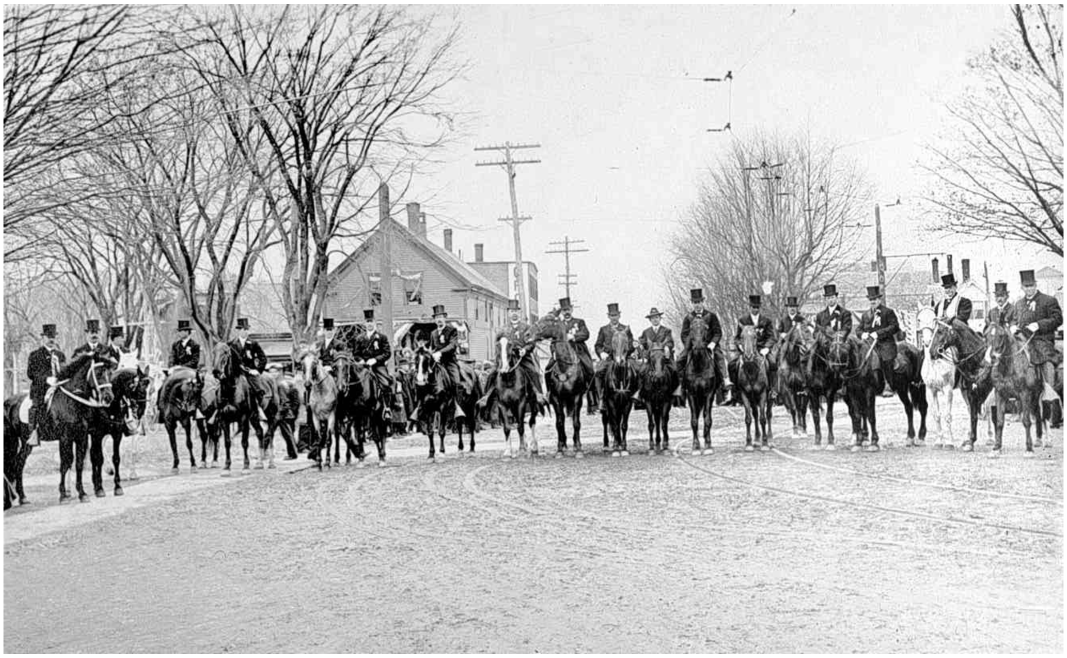
Source: Walter Thompson



862. Parade

A troop of Indians coming down Everett Street through Everett Square. Notice the metal horse tether beside the telephone pole.

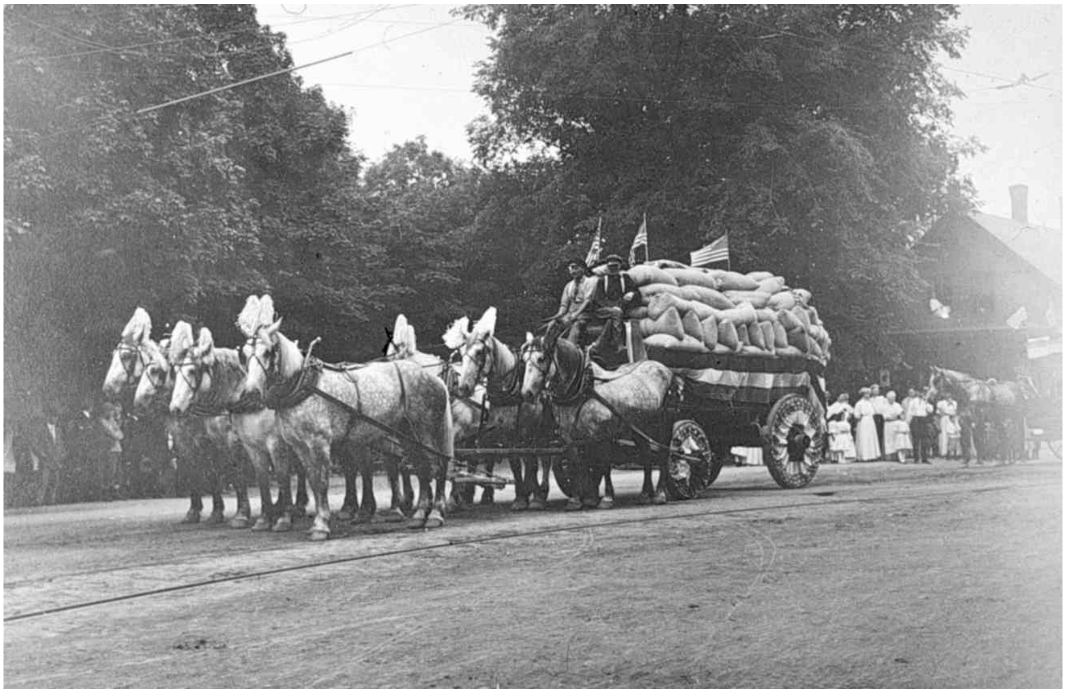
Source: Walter Thompson



863. Parade

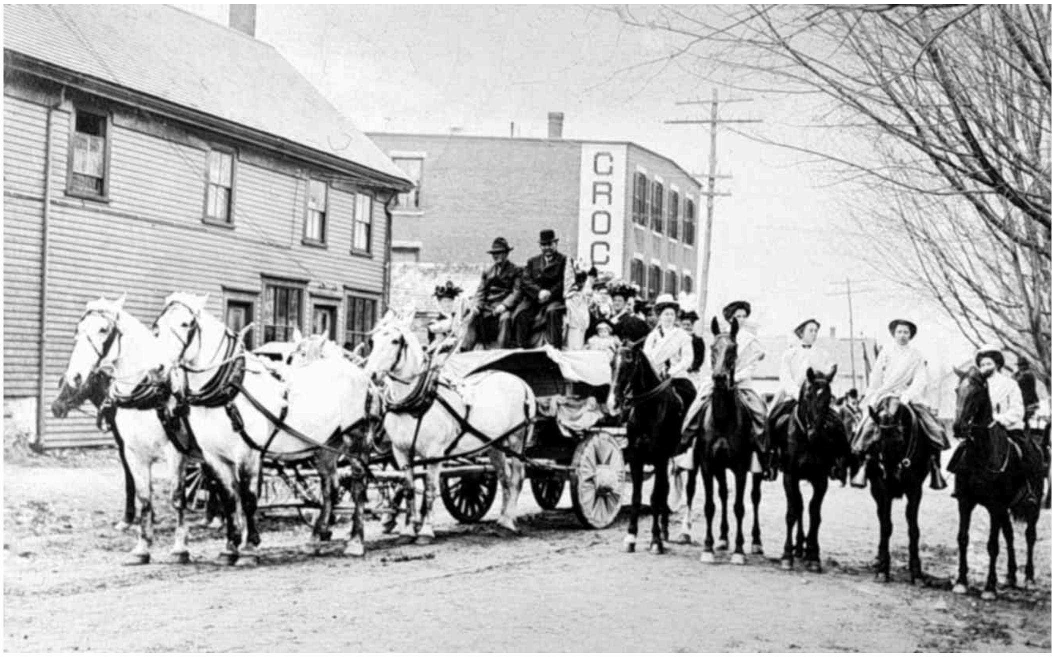
This is a parade of equestrians at Everett Square who rode in the Odd Fellows Parade on April 26, 1909.

Source: Walter Thompson



864. Parade

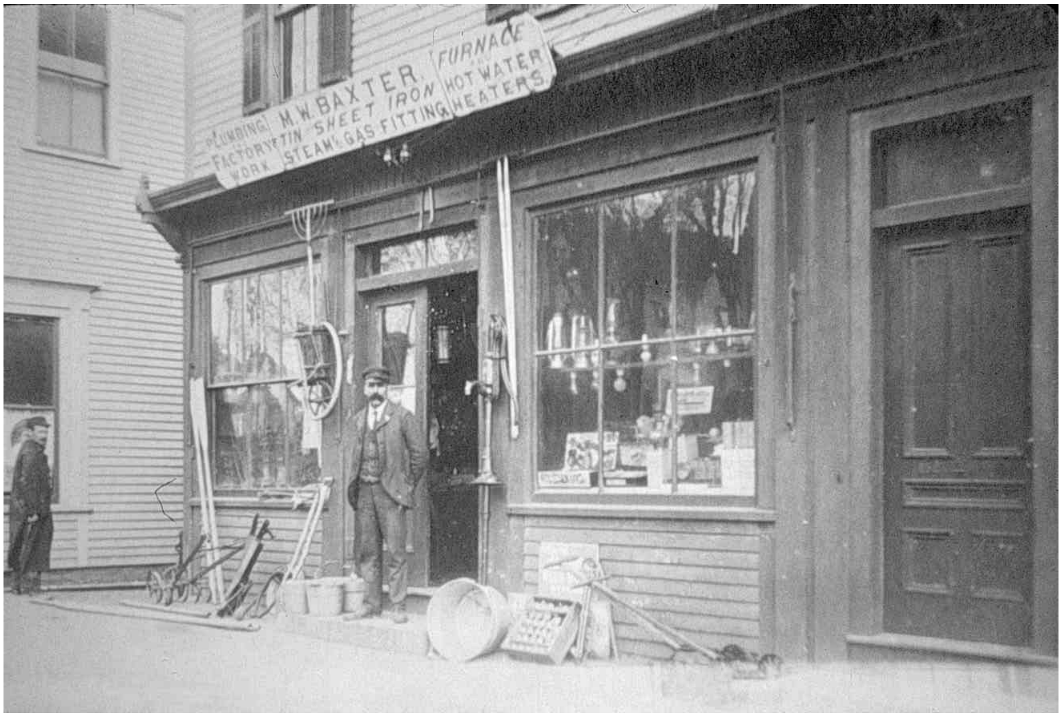
An eight-horse hitch of matched dappled grays hauling a load of grain for perhaps C.P. Washburn.



865. Parade

Odd Fellows Parade, April 26, 1909, float of Alberta Rebekah Lodge and Honor Escort, Drivers, Alex Eaton, John C. Chase, Escort left to right; Edith Cushing (Macaffee), Gladys Shockley (Thatcher), Madeline Smith (Alger), Mertie Philbrook (Romaine), Inez Bassett (Alder).

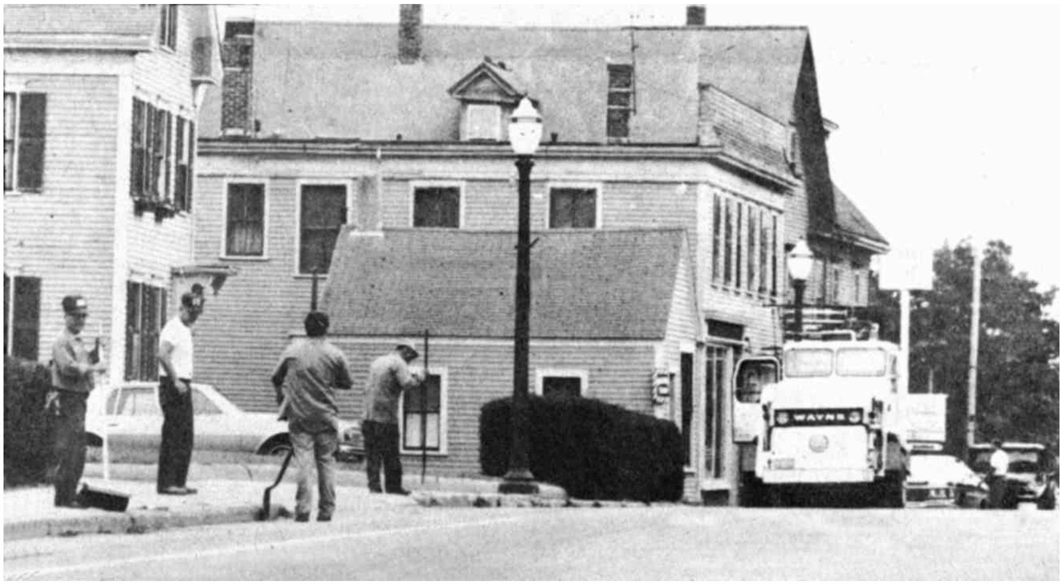
Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 338.


PLUMBING
FACTORY
WORK
M. W. BAXTER
TIN SHEET IRON
STEAM & GAS FITTING
FURNACE
HOT WATER
HEATERS

866. Everett Square Business

M. W. Baxter standing in the doorway of his shop where he sells hardware. This building still stands on that point of land between Centre and High Streets.

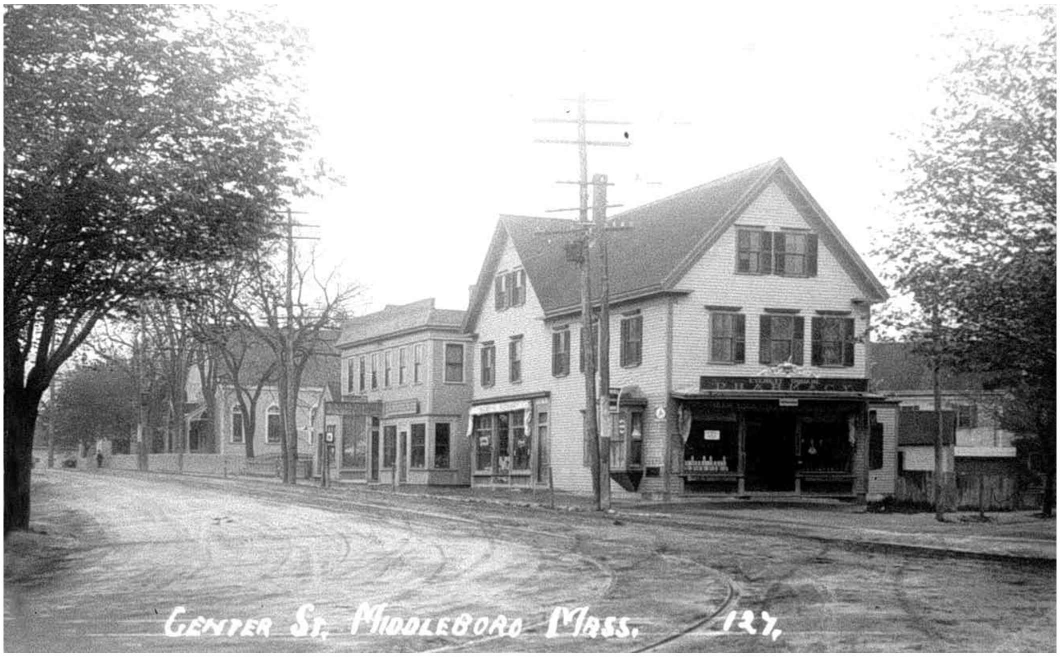
Source: Walter Thompson



867. Centre Street View

This scene shows the street sweeper coming along Centre Street where the men had been sweeping the sidewalk.

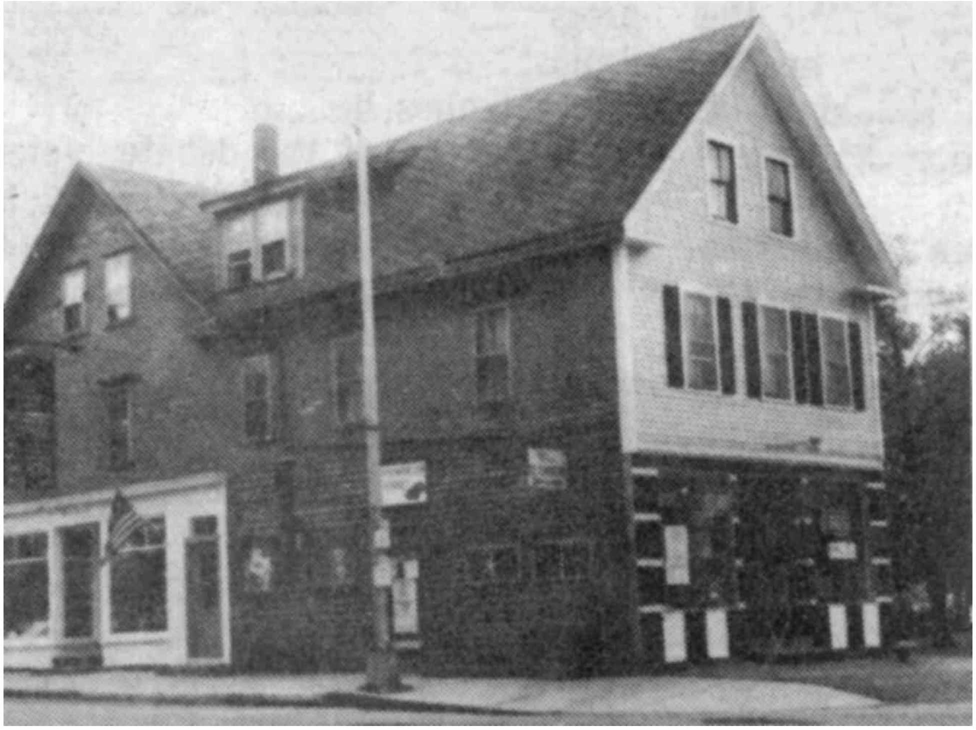
Source: Walter Thompson



868. Middleborough Pharmacy

This beautiful view shows where there was a pharmacy for many years operated by Robert Giberti until he moved across the street to the A&P complex. This is where I first met Tiger Nichols who was a soda jerk at the soda fountain, which was located on the right hand side of the store.

Source: Walter Thompson

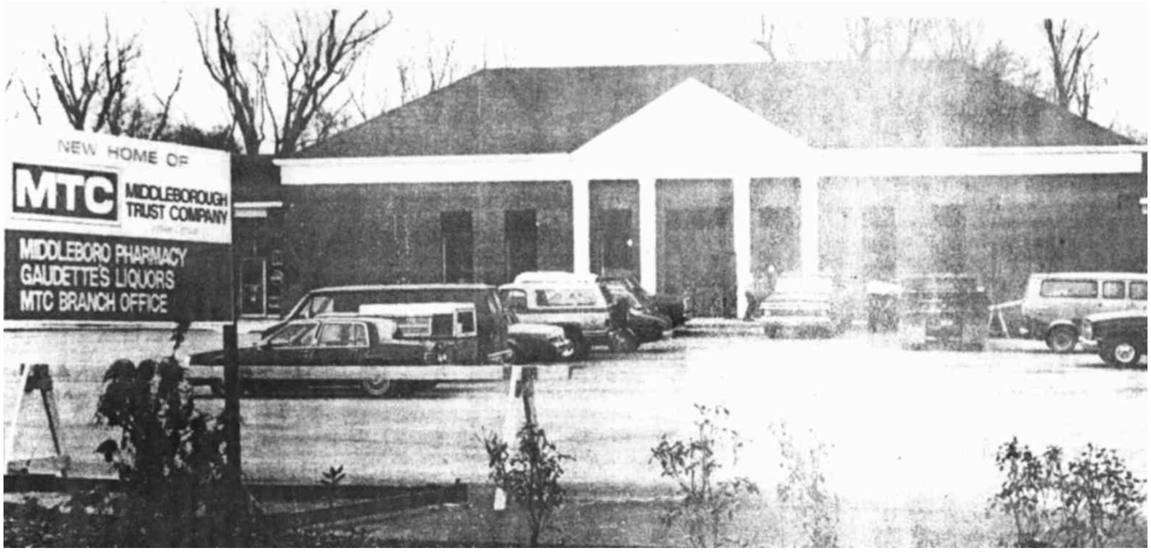


869. Marzelli Block

"When I came to Middleborough in the early twenties and for a long time there after, the Homestead Supply shop was a grocery store run by Steve O'Hara. Eli Sklut's dry cleaning shop was the location of "Doc" Johnson's pharmacy, which later was owned and operated by Bob Giberti. Eli, who relocated his shop in Everett Square about 25 years ago said the late, James Glidden told him "Doc's" pharmacy, was once a furniture store. I don't remember when the grocery store went out of business, but recall that it was a restaurant sometime during WWII and after the war Al Yarsites opened Mid Town Studio there. Later, and up to last year, it was a Marian's Laundromat."

Clint Clark Quote.

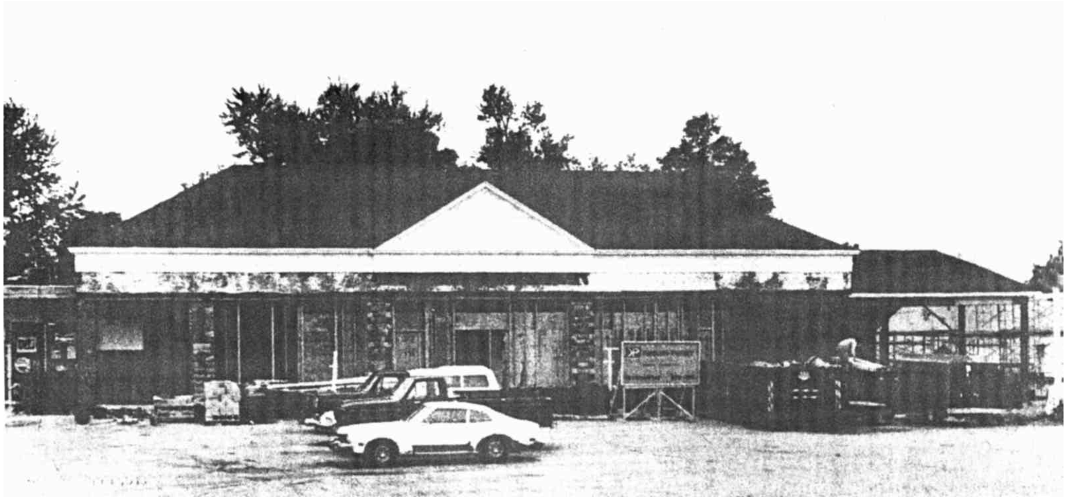
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, May 17, 1984


NEW HOME OF
MTC
MIDDLEBOROUGH TRUST COMPANY
MIDDLEBORO PHARMACY
GAUDETTE'S LIQUORS
MTC BRANCH OFFICE

870. Middleborough Trust Company

“Reaching its final phase of completion, MTC president James M. Irving announced that the interior finish work is being completed and wiring, carpeting and telephones will be installed shortly. Landscaping at the plaza has been completed for the Middleborough Trust Company’s new main offices. The Centre Street location will remain open as a branch office to facilitate service to downtown merchants and customers.”

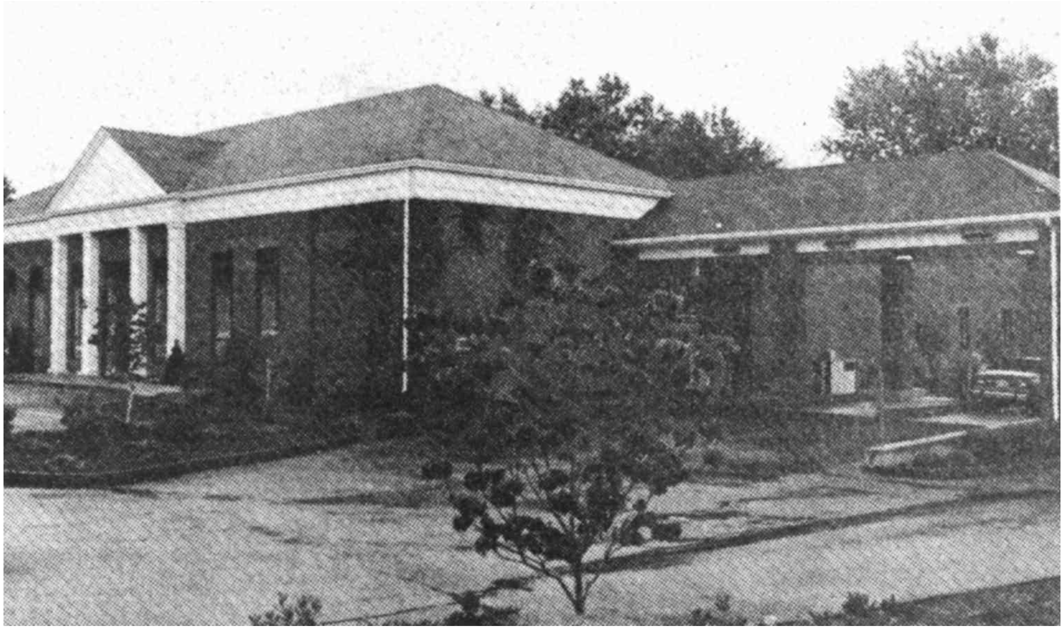
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, January 17, 1985



871. Middleborough Trust Company

“Work is progressing on the construction of the Middleborough Trust Company’s new main office in Everett Square. Drive-up windows have been added to the building, a former supermarket, and roofing and brickwork are underway,” bank president, James Irving said this week. The interior now houses a vault, and several partitions are in place. The bank’s Centre Street location will remain as a branch office to serve downtown merchants and customers.”

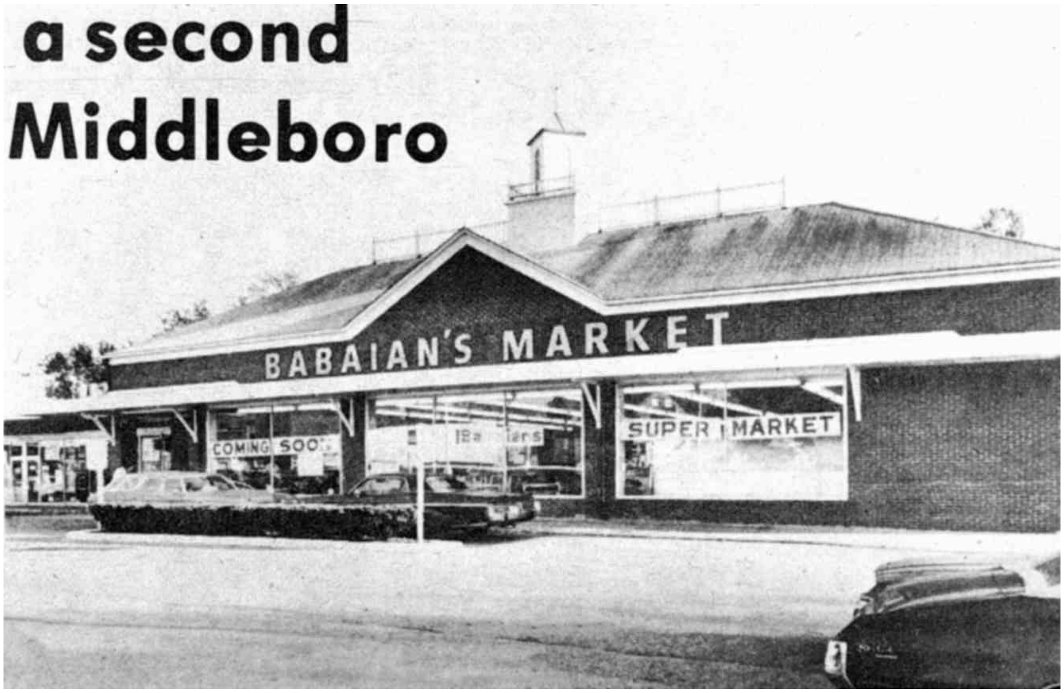
Source: Middleboro Gazette, January 17, 1985



872. Middleborough Trust Company

Award winner Middleborough Trust Company’s new headquarters in Everett Square is winner of a Plymouth County Renaissance award for achievement.”

Source: A direct quote from Middleboro Gazette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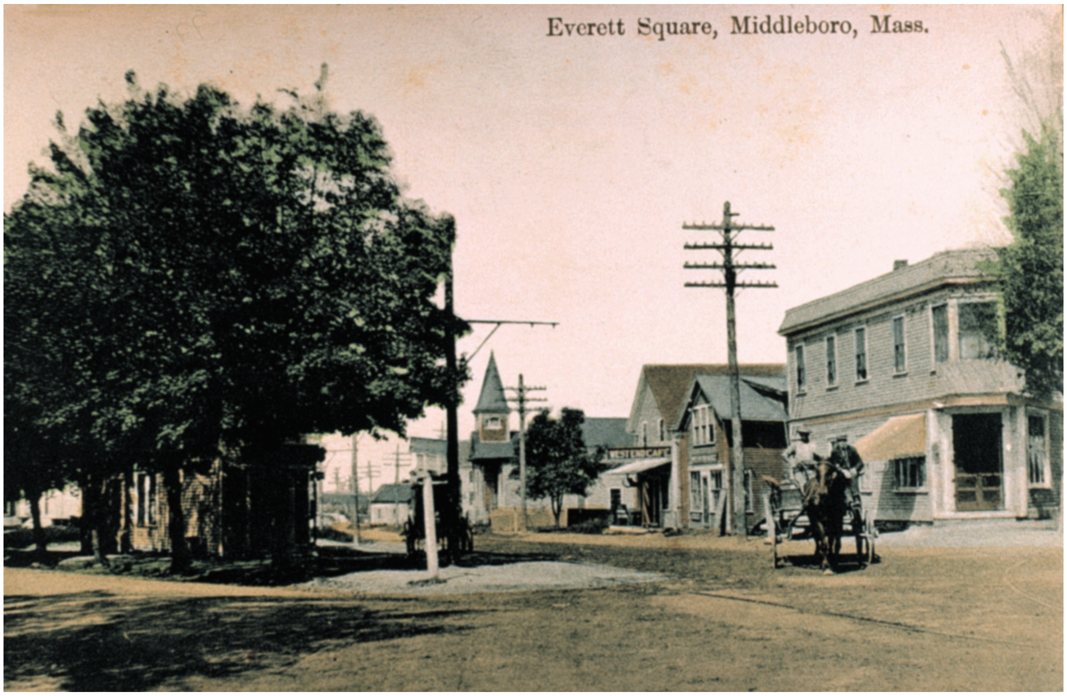
Middleboro
BABAIAN'S MARKET
COMING SOON
SUPER MARKET

873. Babaian's Market Grand Opening

This block was originally built on the "circus grounds" on Station Street. The A&P ran a lucrative business until the late 1970's. Babaian's Market operated the store for a year or two. Today it is the Rockland Trust Co.

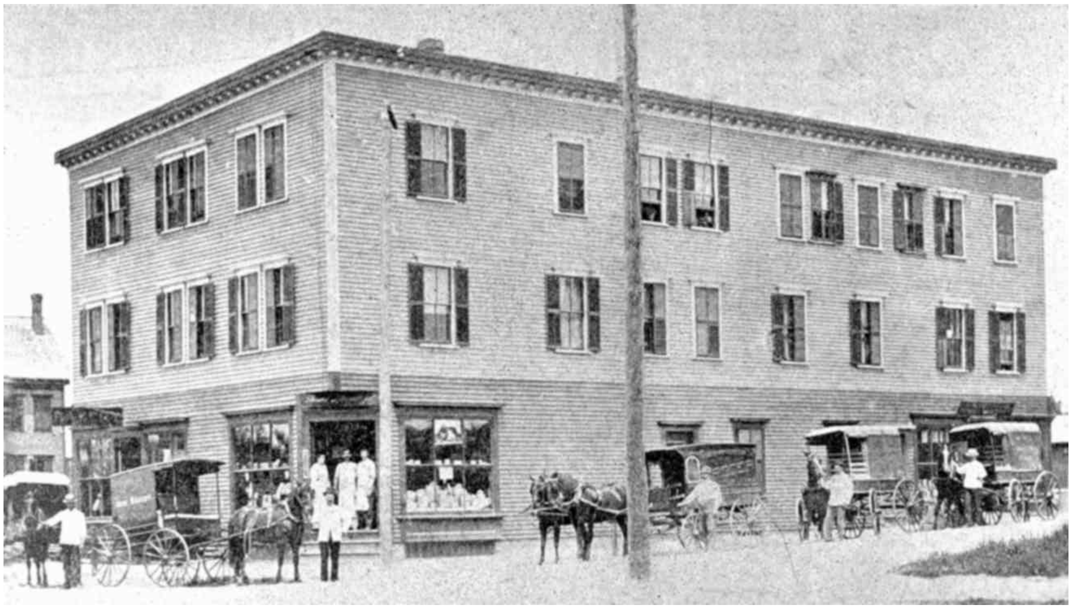
Source: Walter Thompson


Everett Square, Middleboro, Mass.
WEST END CAFE

874. Everett Square

This is a very early view of the origins of Farrars under the trees on the point of land. The railroad bridge can be seen in the distance. The church building was built by the Seven-Day Adventist who sold it to the Christian Science Church.

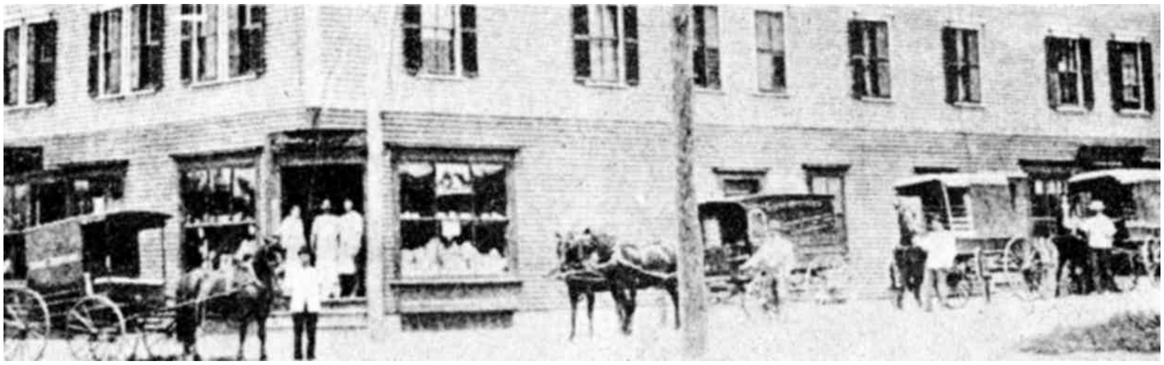
Source: Walter Thompson



875. Thomas Spooner Jr. Store

Thomas Spooner Jr. operated a very lucrative grocery business and bakeshop, selling it to John C. Boynton and his son William in 1900.

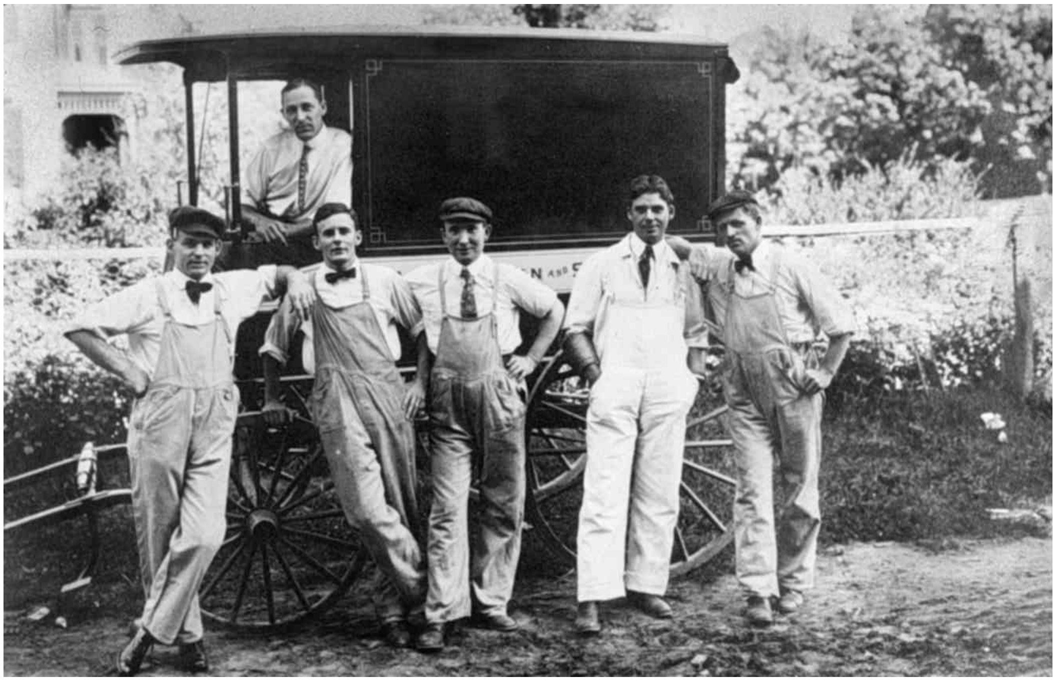
Source: Walter Thompson



876. Thomas Spooner Jr. Store

The Boynton's operated the store from 1900 to the mid 1920's. Up until recent years it was a market owned by Walter Rogers.

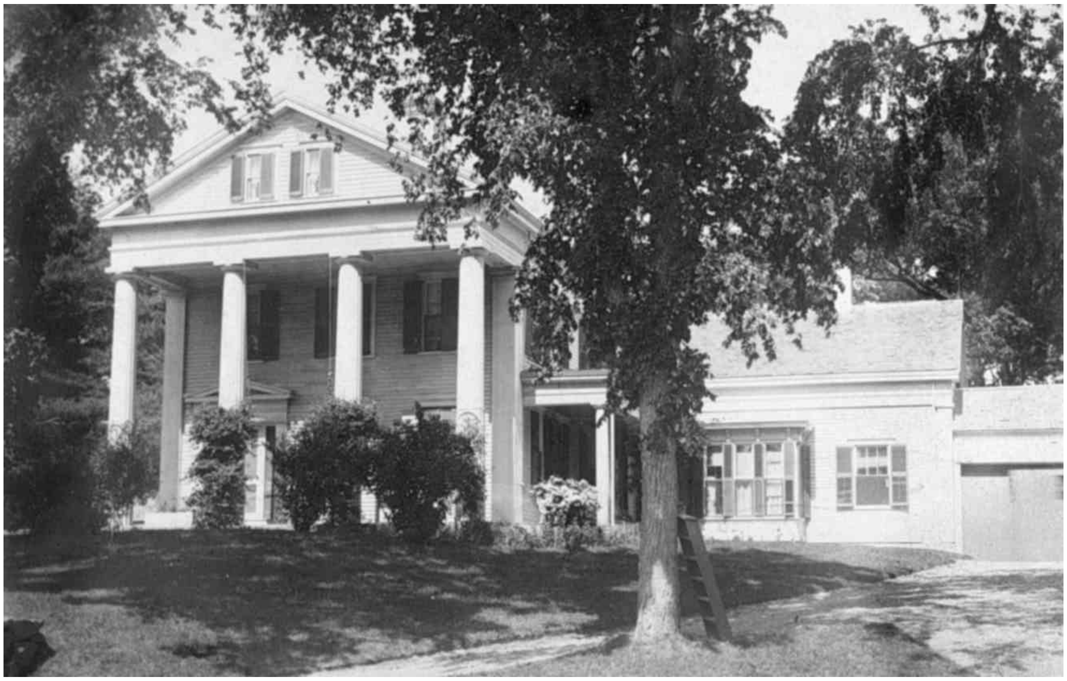
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, February 5, 1981



877. Thomas Spooner Jr. Delivery Wagon

Will Boynton in wagon, left to right, Will Caswell, John Boynton, Vars Keith, Ralph Hathaway, and Eleazer Caswell.

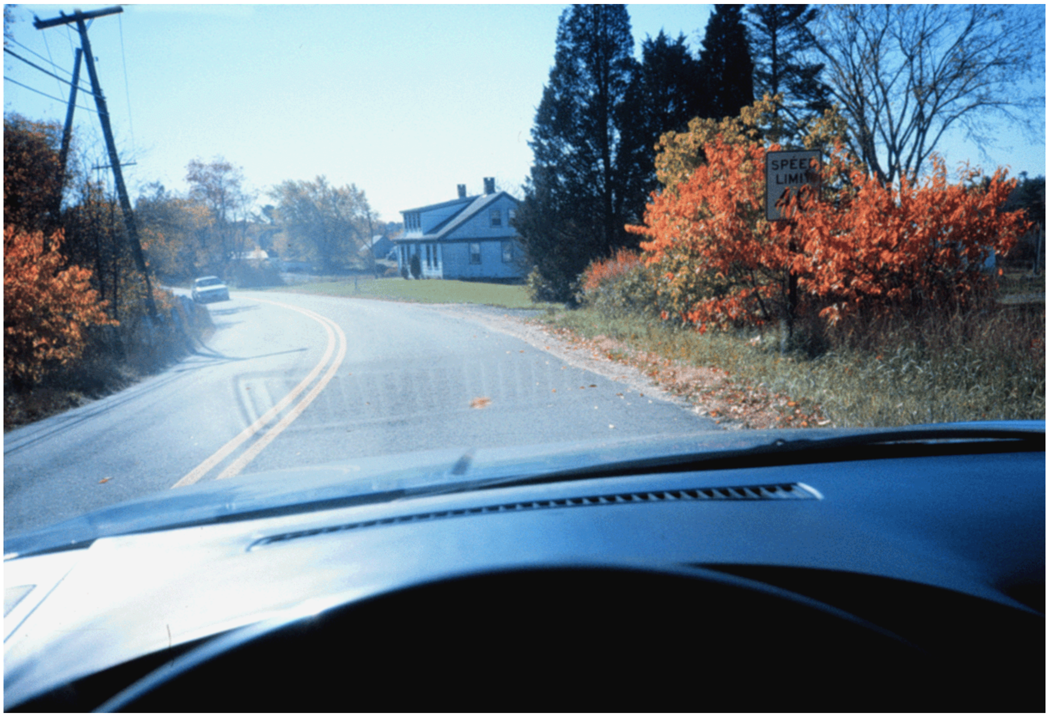
Source: Written on back of postcard.



878. Sampson House

Deacon Richard Sampson lived here across from his brickyard, which he purchased from Levi and Calvin Murdock.

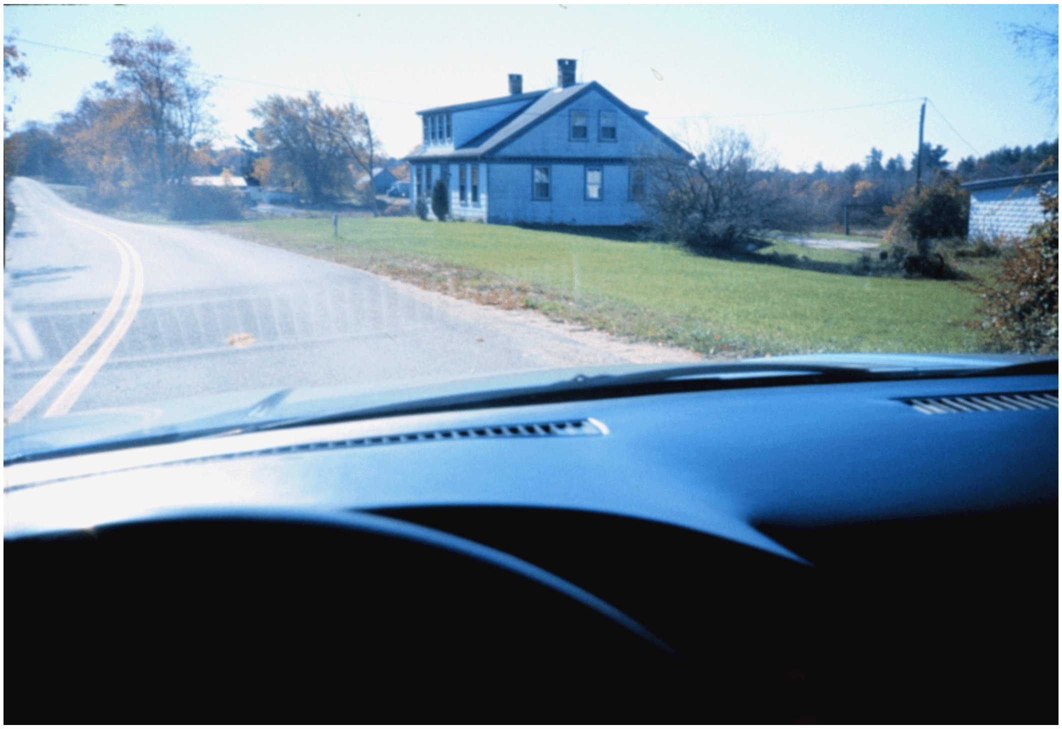
Source: Walter Thompson



879. Old State Police Building

This is a long shot of the old state police barracks on Everett Street. You may note that it is shot through the windshield of my car. Leo Gamache owns and leases the property now.

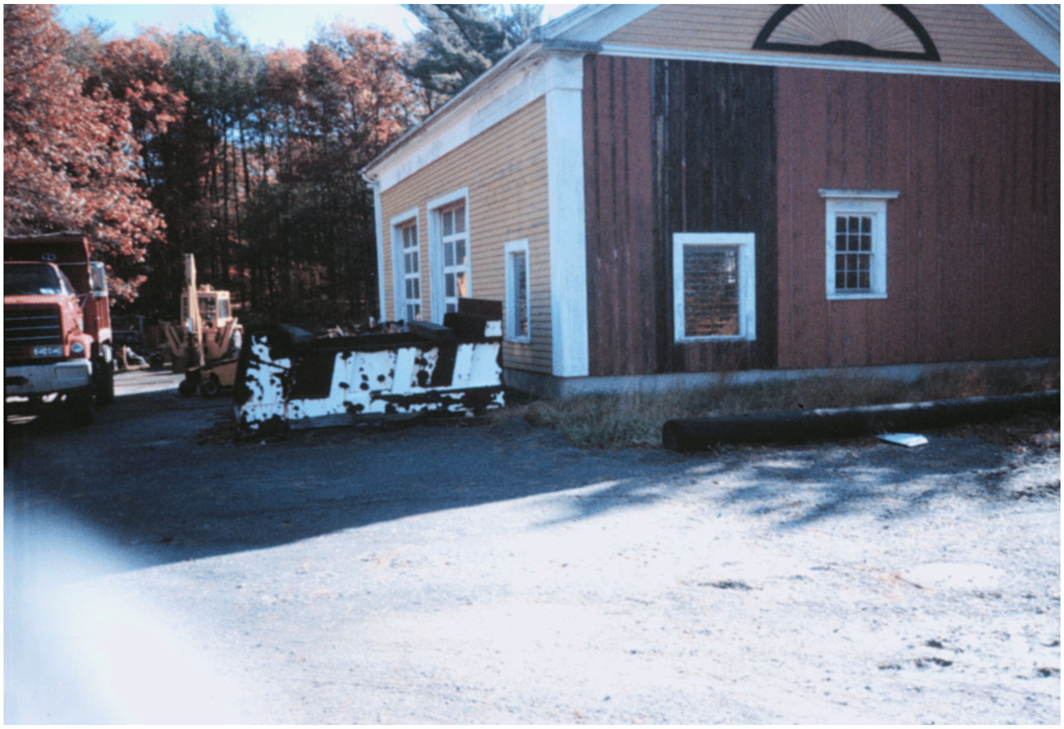
Source: Walter Thompson



880. Old State Police Barracks

This is a closer shot of the old State Police Barracks on Everett Street. It brings Charlie Devlin to my mind; Charlie was "Mr. First National". On his days off, Charlie made many a trip into Boston and finally got the State Police grocery order for his store. In the summer he also got the Boy Scout Camp grocery order.

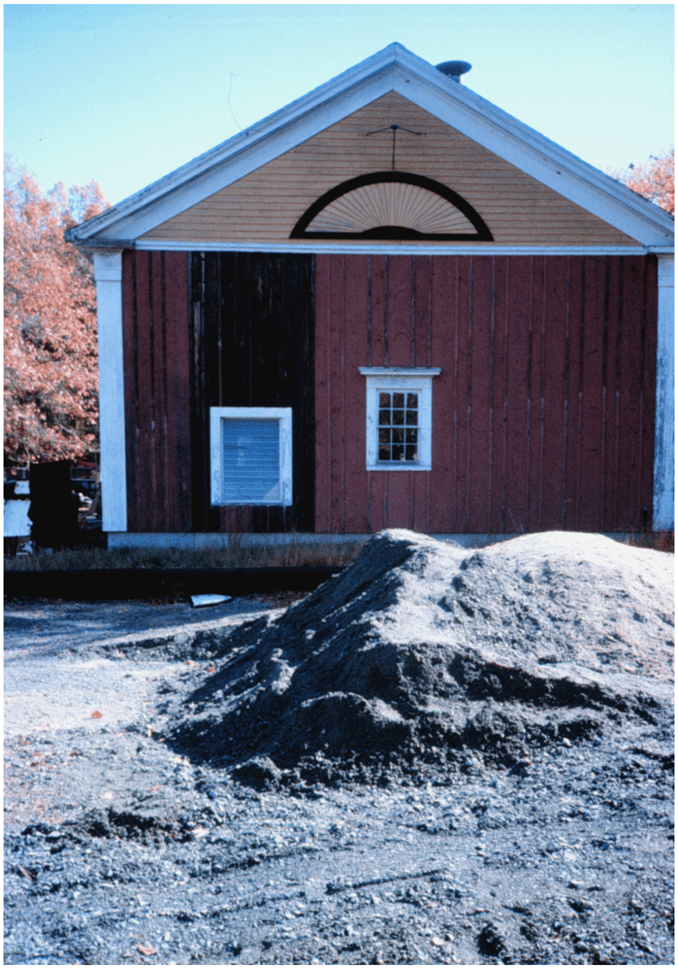
Source: Walter Thompson



881. Purchade School

Purchade School (Everett Street) "One of the older rural schools and one of the largest, closed in 1939. It stood unused until 1950 when the town attempted to sell it at auction. The only bid received was $1025.00 and this was rejected by the Board of Selectmen. The building was later sold to Anders Martenson and since then has changed hands at least twice, but the school house still stands, elevated on a hillock of sand, left high and dry as roads have been constructed around it."

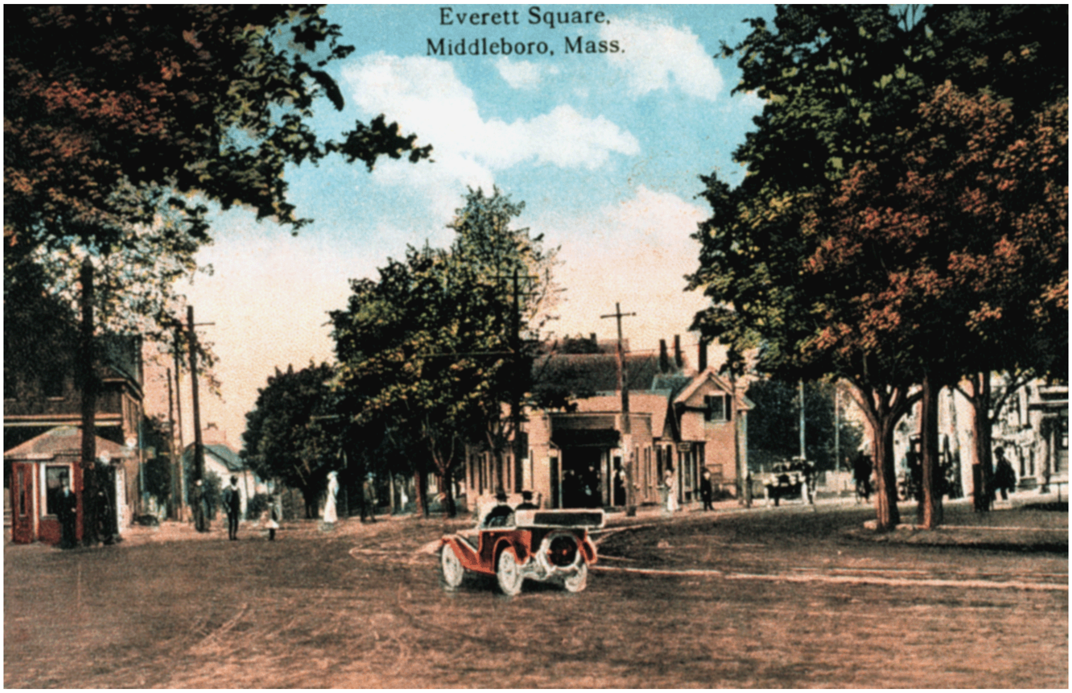
Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough.



882. Purchade School

Leo Gamache took over ownership of the Old Purchade School and has converted it into a working garage.

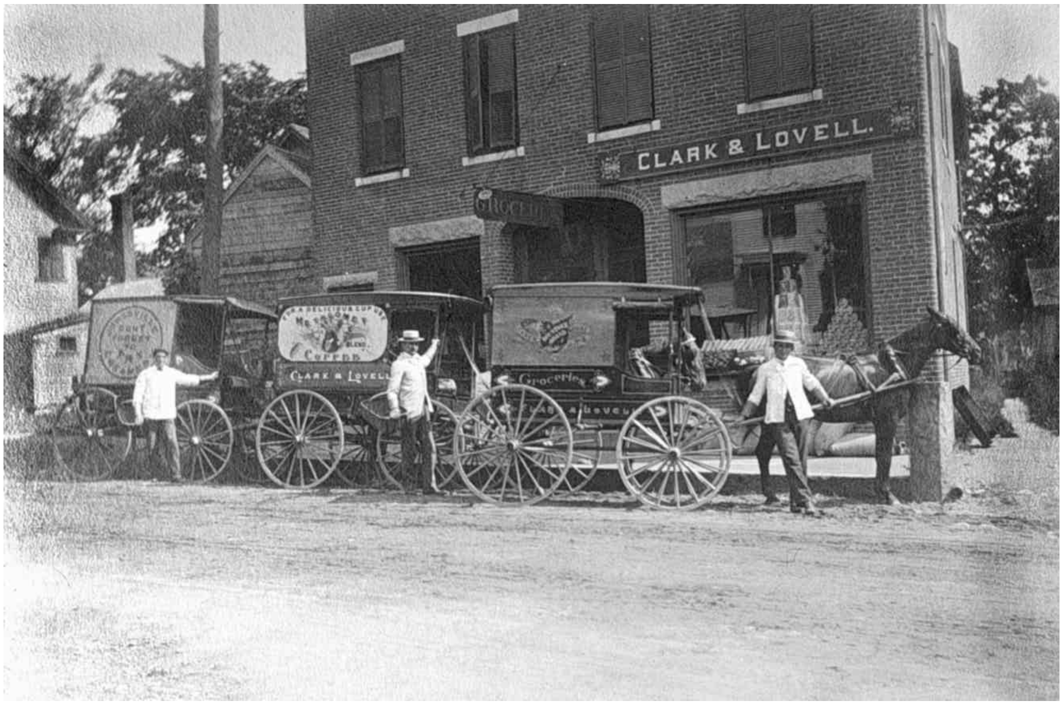
Source: Walter Thompson



883. Everett Square

On the left is Middleborough’s first gas station. At the end of Center Avenue, you can see the old casket works. On the corner of Center Ave. and Centre Street is the beginning of Farrar’s Store. The back of Farrar’s was a separate building. The Leary house is behind Farrar’s.

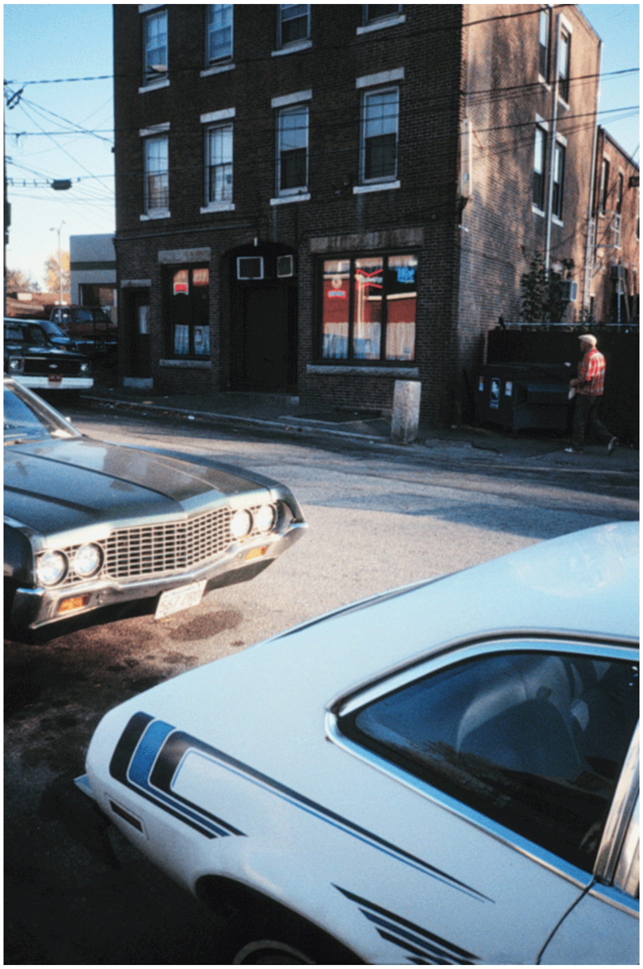
Source: Walter Thompson


CLARK & LOVELL.
CLARK & LOVELL
Groceries

884. Clark and Lovell Grocery

This picture shows the rear of the building behind what is now Mattie’s gas station on the left side of the picture. The trim delivery wagons with their white-jacketed deliverymen show a very good business for Clark and Lovell.

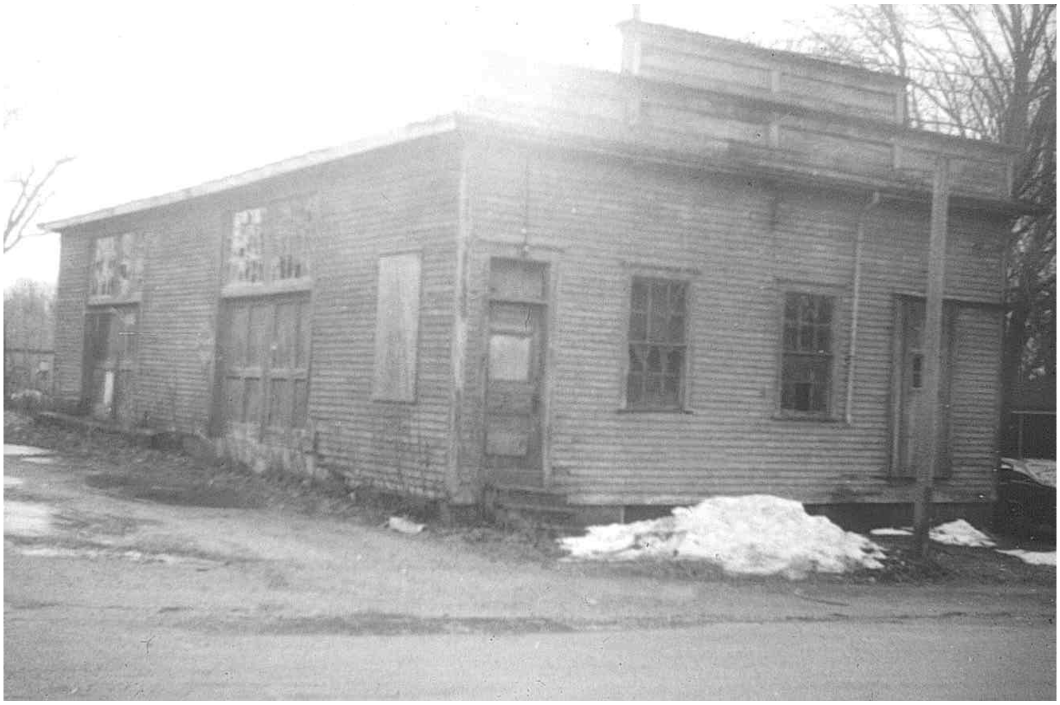
Source: Walter Thompson



885. Royal Café

The former grocery store of Clark and Lovell. It has been used as a bar room owned by the Gorrie family and is now owned by the Bower family.

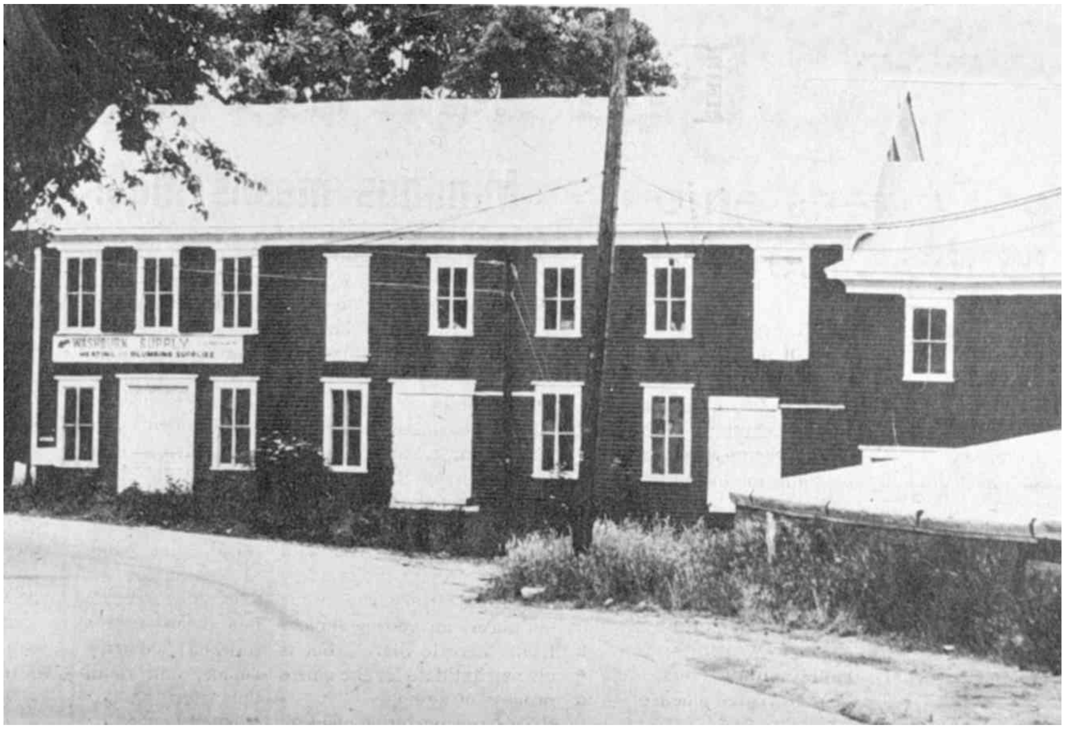
Source: Walter Thompson



886. Bay State Street Railway Freight House, Everett Square

Today this site is a parking lot for the Hideaway Restaurant

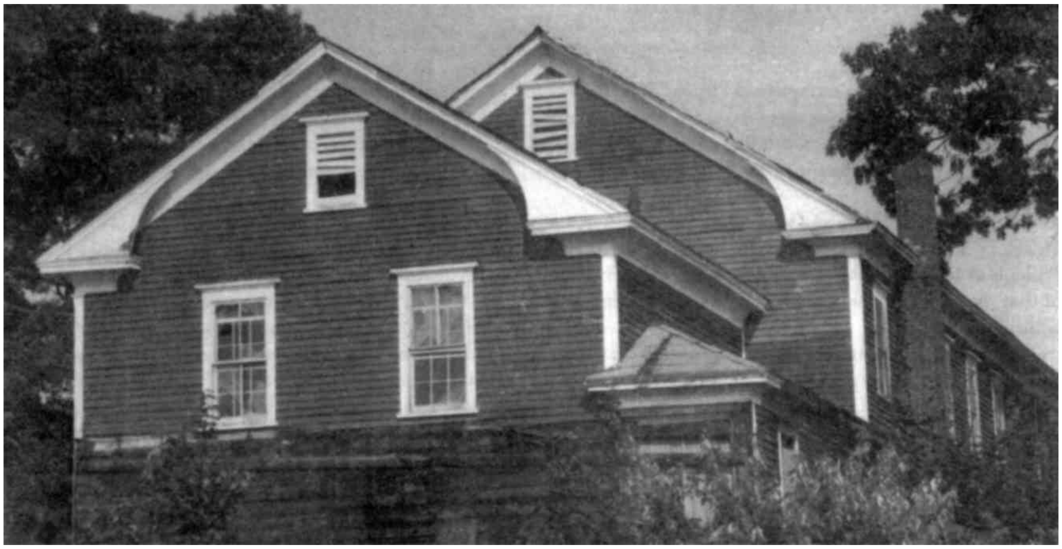
Source: Walter Thompson


WASHBURN SUPPLY
HEATING PLUMBING SUPPLIES

887. Former Casket Works

It was built c. 1917 by the U.S. Army Corps. Of Engineers to house meat destined for Camp Joe Hooker. It was designed with double thick insulated walls and deep-set windows.

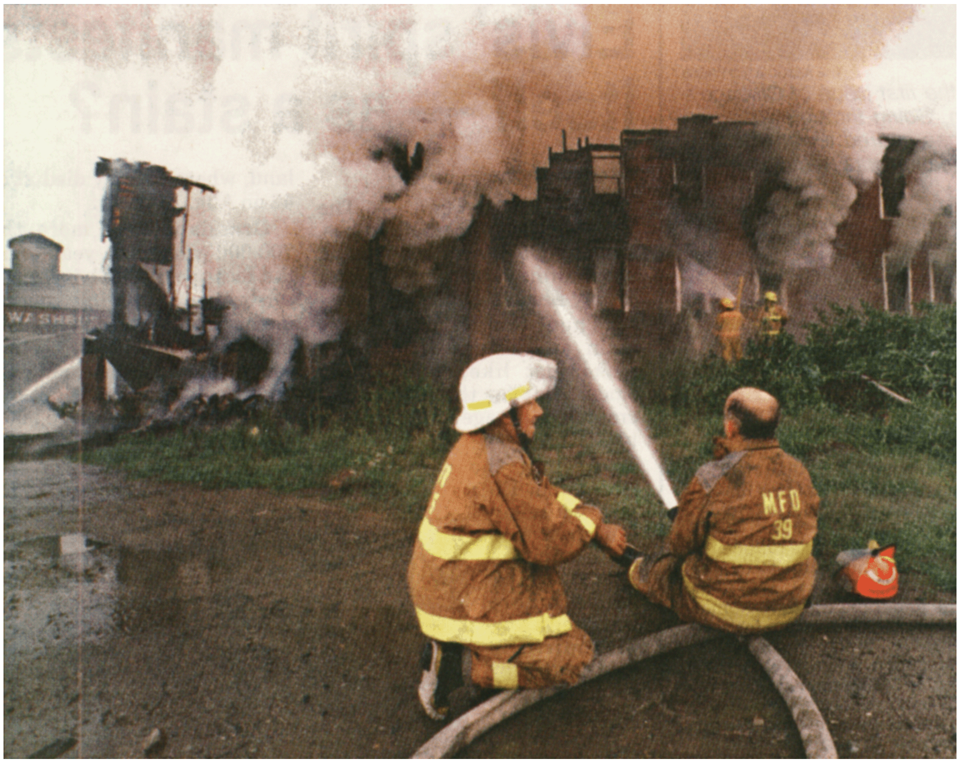
Source: Walter Thompson



888. C.P. Washburn Warehouse

"Ornamentation only was the purpose of the carved cornices of this building on Center Avenue. Built with thick walls and triple sash windows, it was originally designed for cold storage, later was occupied by Colonial Casket Company."

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXVII, September 1989, Number 2, pg. 11



889. Washburn Storage Building

"Middleborough Fire – No one was hurt in this suspicious fire which destroyed a vacant factory at Center Avenue and Cambridge Street early this morning. The blaze battled by firefighters from four towns, came dangerously close to a two-story home."

Source: A Direct Quote from the Brockton Enterprise, August 15, 1996.

890. Washburn Storage Building

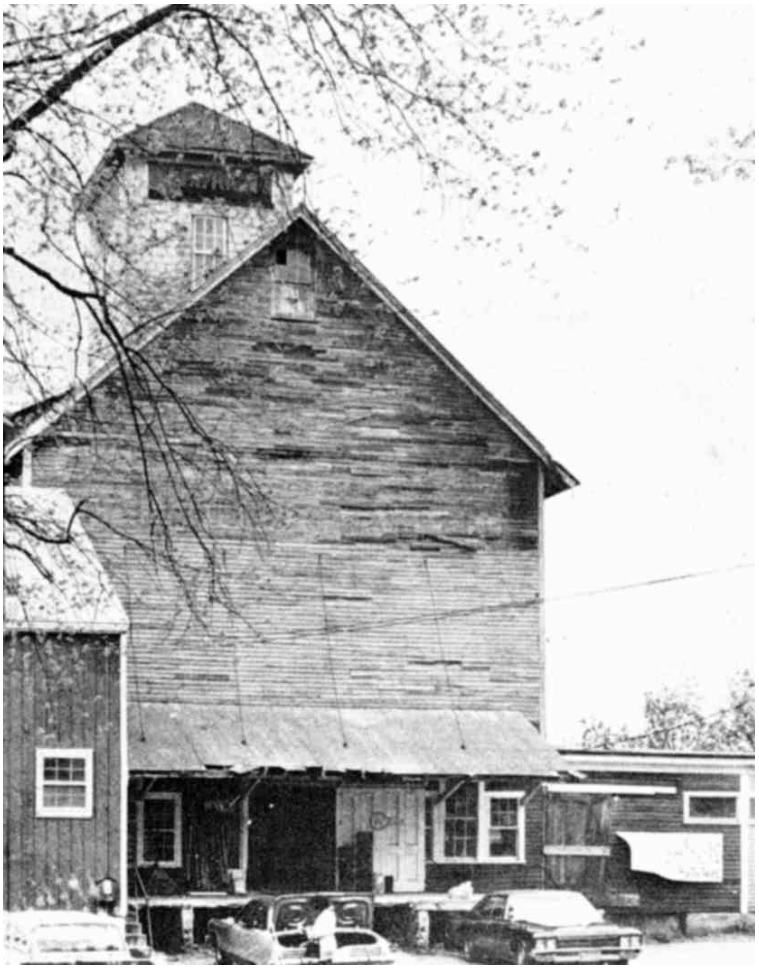
Firefighters continue to monitor the ruins of a C.P. Washburn Company storage building at noontime last Thursday. The building was destroyed by an early morning fire.

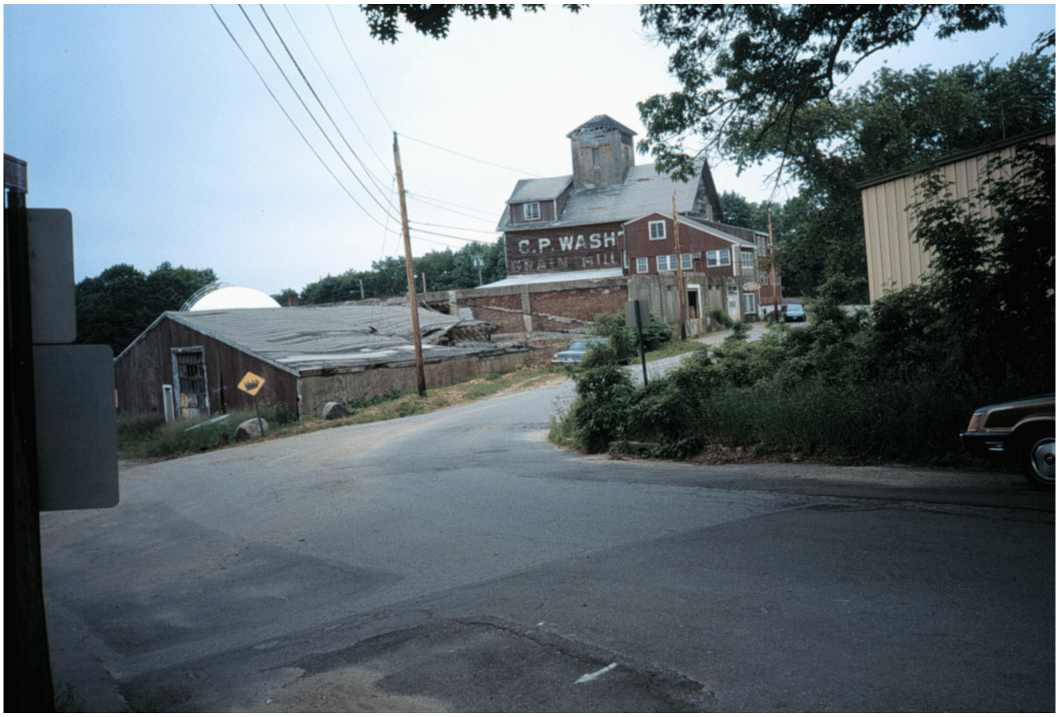
Source: A Direct Quote from the Middleboro Gazette, Thursday, August, 22, 1996

891. C.P. Washburn Grain Mill

At this stage the old C.P. Washburn Grain Mill is in pretty sad shape in comparison to its glory days as a major supplier of grain and seeds for Southeastern Mass. In 1998 it is relegated to being a hardware store.

Source: Middleboro Gazette

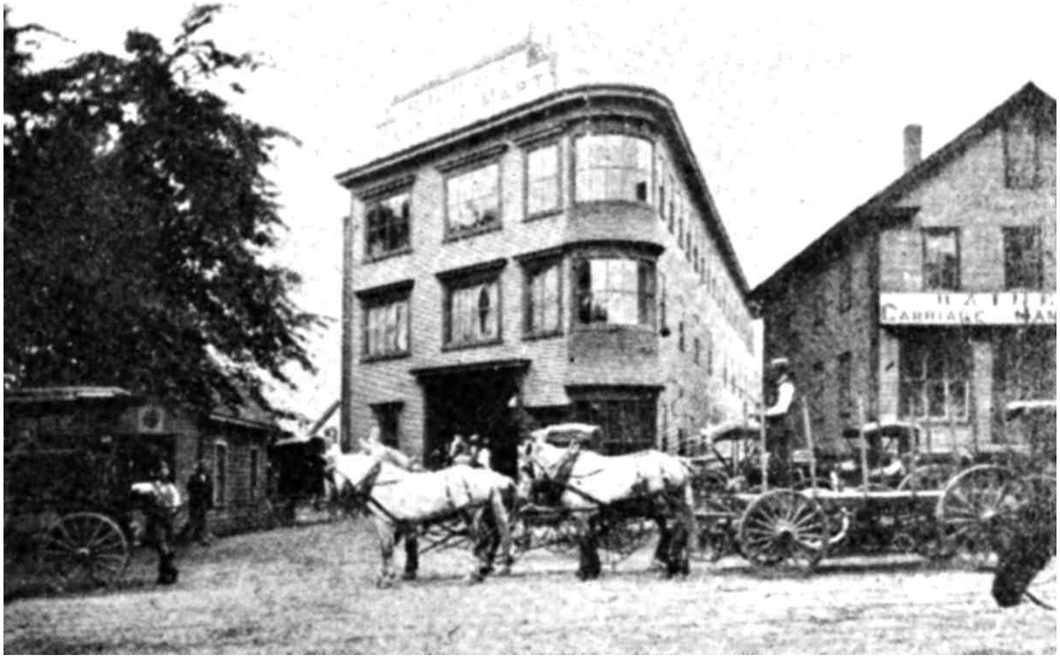




892. C.P. Washburn Grain Mill

During the winter of the 1996, during a heavy snowstorm, the roof on the back of the huge shed-like addition to the C.P. Washburn Grain Mill collapsed.

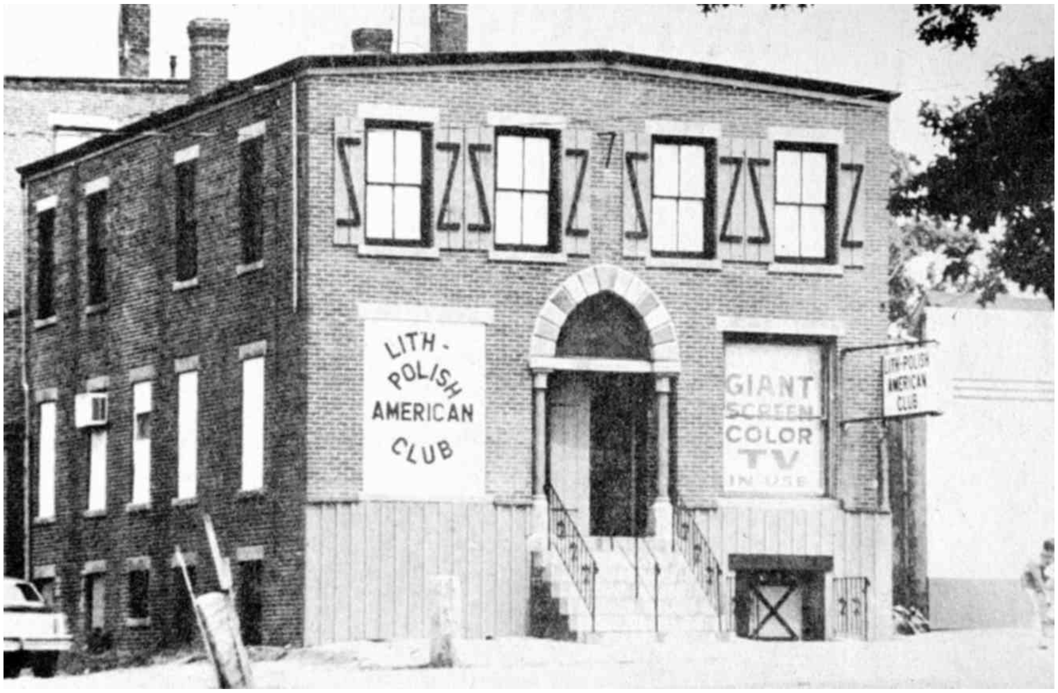
Source: Walter Thompson



893. C.W. Thomas Livery Stable

The building on the left is C.W. Thomas Livery Stable. The building on the right was Admiral Bailey’s carriage painting shop. Both of these enterprises were burned in a disastrous fire, March 7, 1905.

Source: Walter Thompson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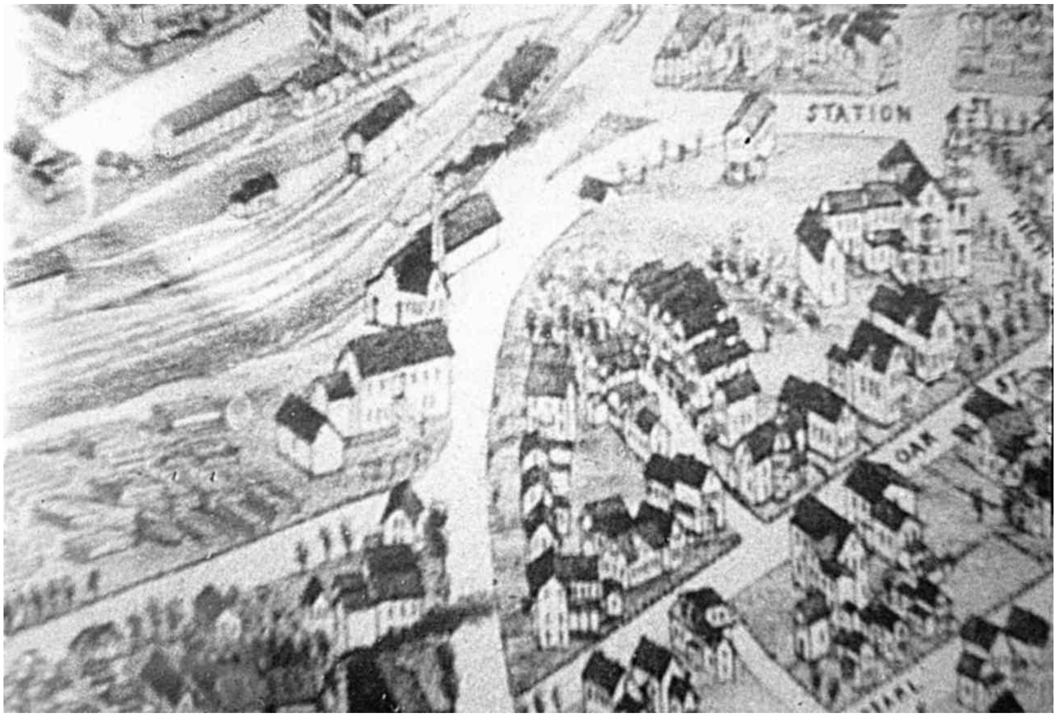
LITH-POLISH AMERICAN CLUB
GIANT SCREEN COLOR TV IN USE
LITH-POLISH AMERICAN CLUB

894. Litho Polish American Club

The original site of the Polish American Club was at One Station Street across from the present building and was taken down when the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company bought the land. When they sold the original building to the A&P, each member received a proportionate share of the sale price. The Club was then moved to the Cranberry Sales Building, 9 Station Street.

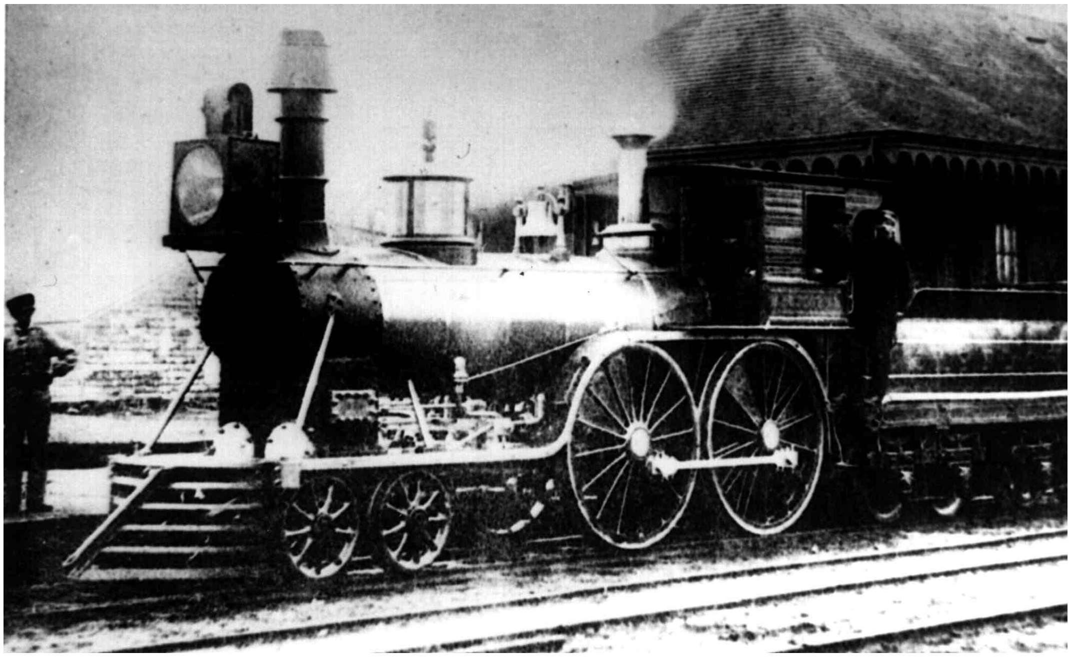
Source: Walter Thompson



895. Map Showing New Haven's First R.R. Station

This early hand drawn diorama shows in the upper right, the site of Middleborough's first railroad station located in an area near the C.P. Washburn Plumbing Shop.

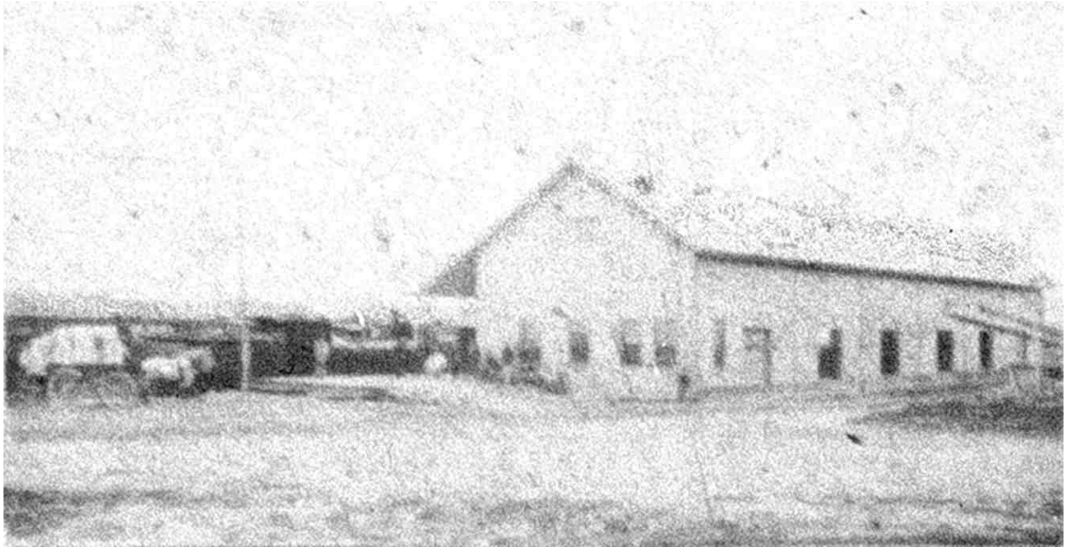
Source: Walter Thompson



896. Old Colony Railroad Engine #8

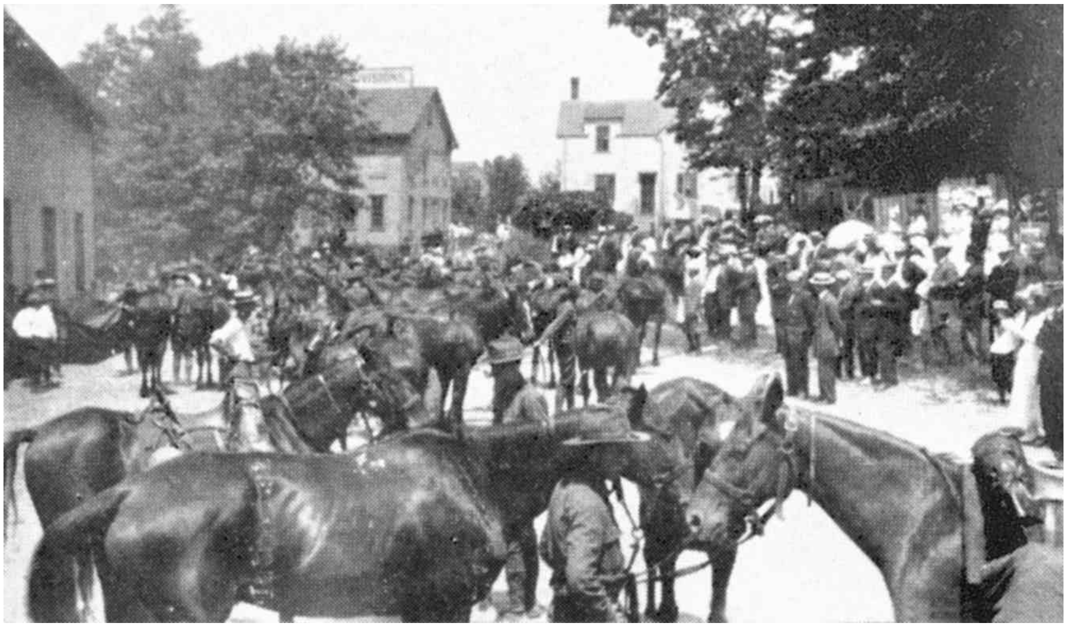
This picture depicts the steam engine named The Old Colony Railroad Engine #8 and is the only known photograph showing any part of Middleborough's first station located next to the Washburn Plumbing Shop. Colonel Peter Peirce and Philander Washburn were instrumental in bringing the railroad to Middleborough, without them the town would have been by-passed.

Source: Walter Thompson



897. Freight House

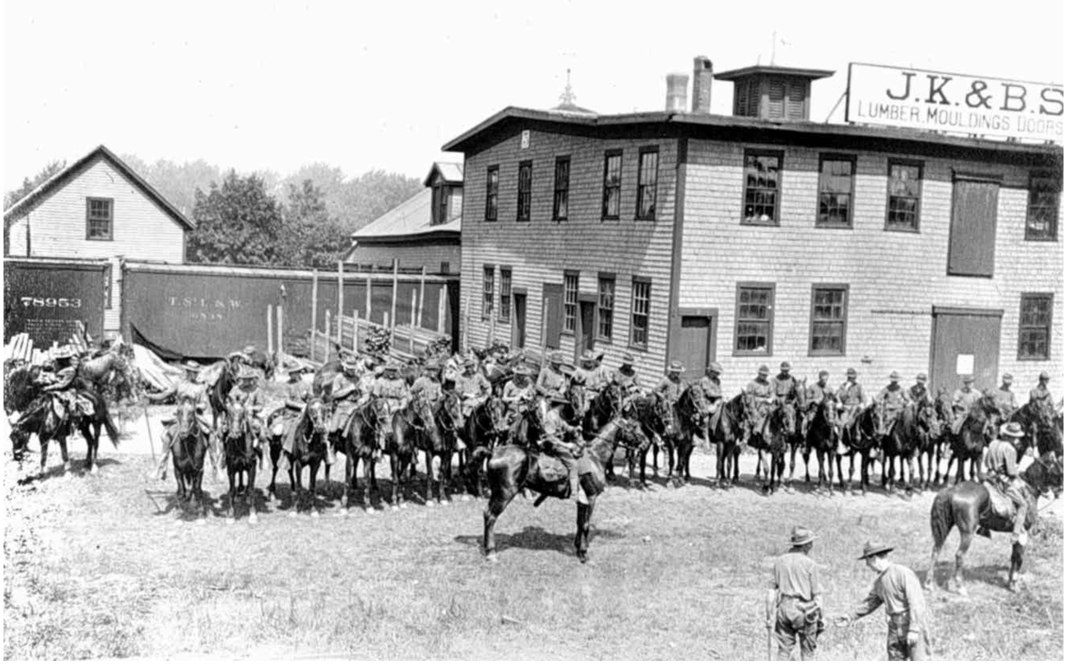
This old freight house is C.P. Washburn's Plumbing Shop in 1998. The building was constructed next to the site of Middleborough's first railroad station.



898. Cavalry Arriving for War Maneuver's

In 1913 the "Standish Guard" from Plymouth arrived at the Middleborough Railroad Station. The guard was to join other units at Camp Joe Hooker for War Maneuvers. Station Street was a beehive of activity as townspeople turned out to see the unloading of the cavalry and horses from railroad cars.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume X, May 1968, Number I, Page 3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LUMBER, MOULDINGS, DOORS
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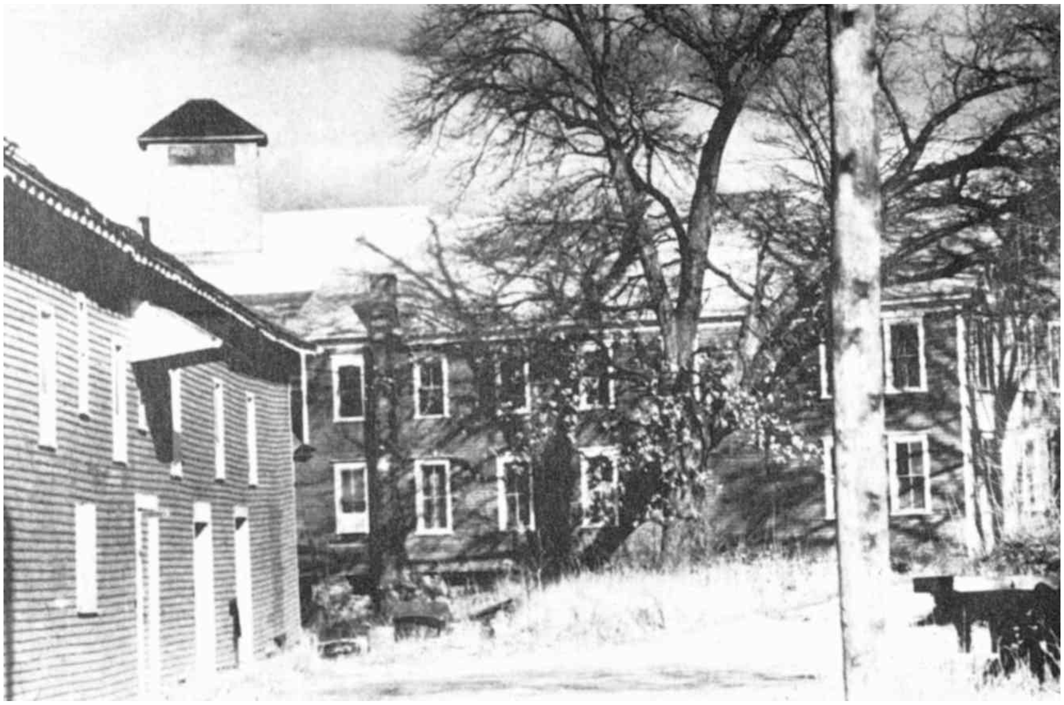
T. S^t L & W.

899. Calvary Ready to Move Out to Camp Joe Hooker

The Standish Guards are mounted and ready to proceed to leave for Mexico, June 21, 1916 for maneuvers. Sears Lumber building is visible in the rear.

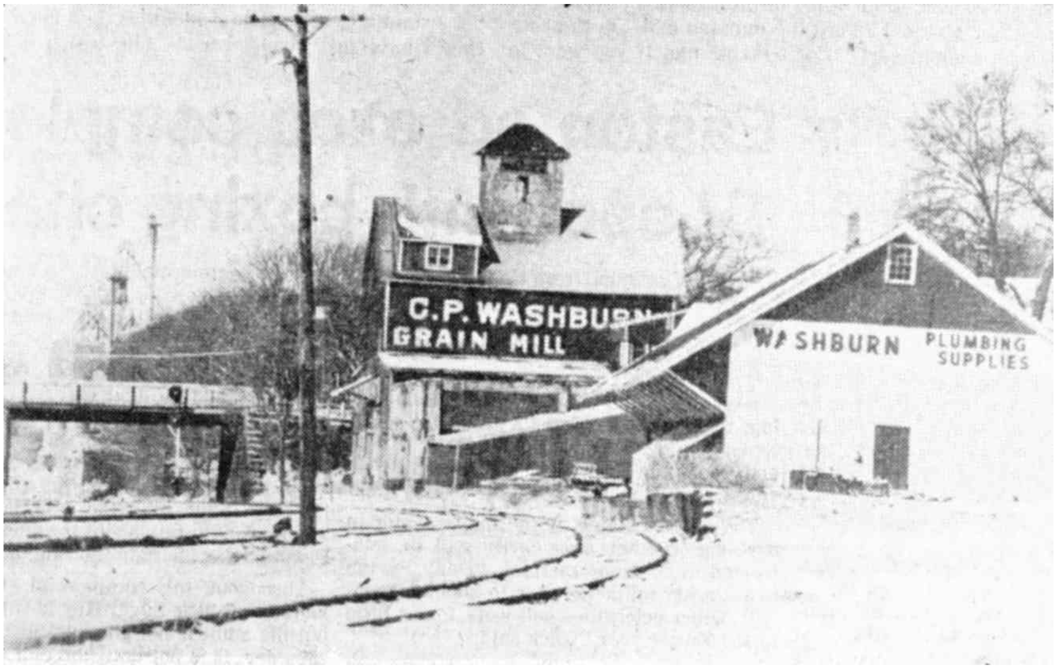
Source: Walter Thompson



900. Looking Past Freight House

The three buildings shown here in the mid 1980’s were all owned by C.P. Washburn. The old freight house on the left was used as a plumbing shop in the 1980’s. The second building originally an army meatpacking plant, but never used as such, became a coffin manufacturing facility. The third building is the old grain mill.

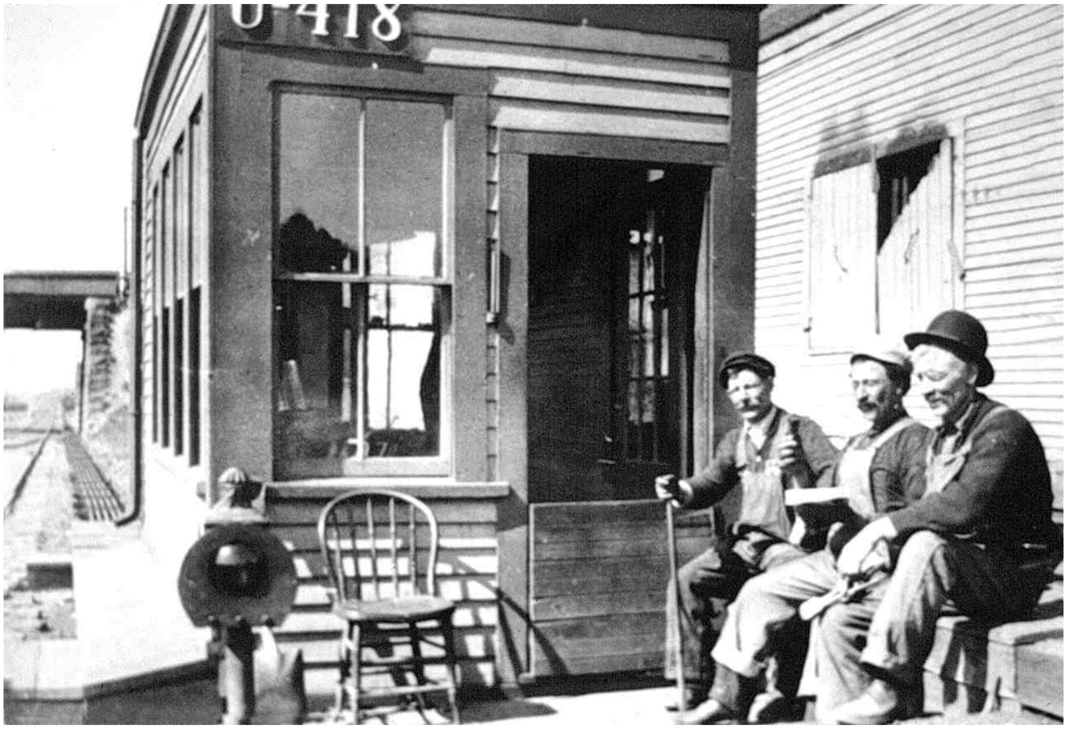
Source: Walter Thompson


C.P. WASHBURN
GRAIN MILL
WASHBURN
PLUMBING
SUPPLIES

901. Looking Past Old Freight House to Grain Mill

Up until 1998 C.P. Washburn had control of the grain mill and plumbing shop. One can note the series of railroad tracks going under the Centre Street Bridge.

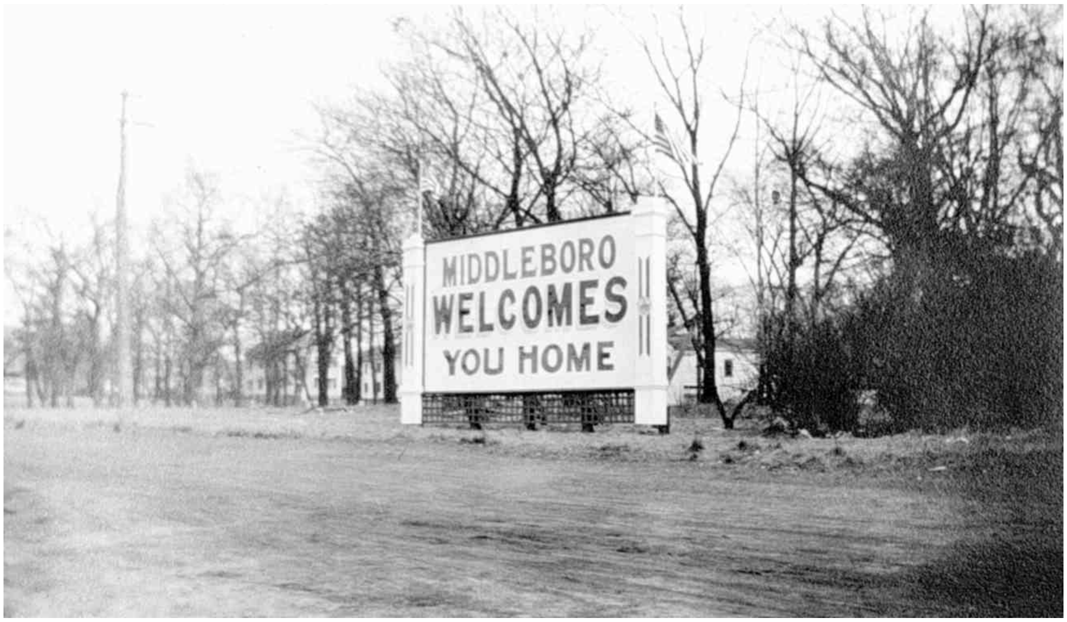
Source: Walter Thompson



902. Rail Switch House

The mechanism for controlling the railroad tracks were located in this building which still shows the effects of a 1923 fire. On a sunny day three men chat outside the structure.

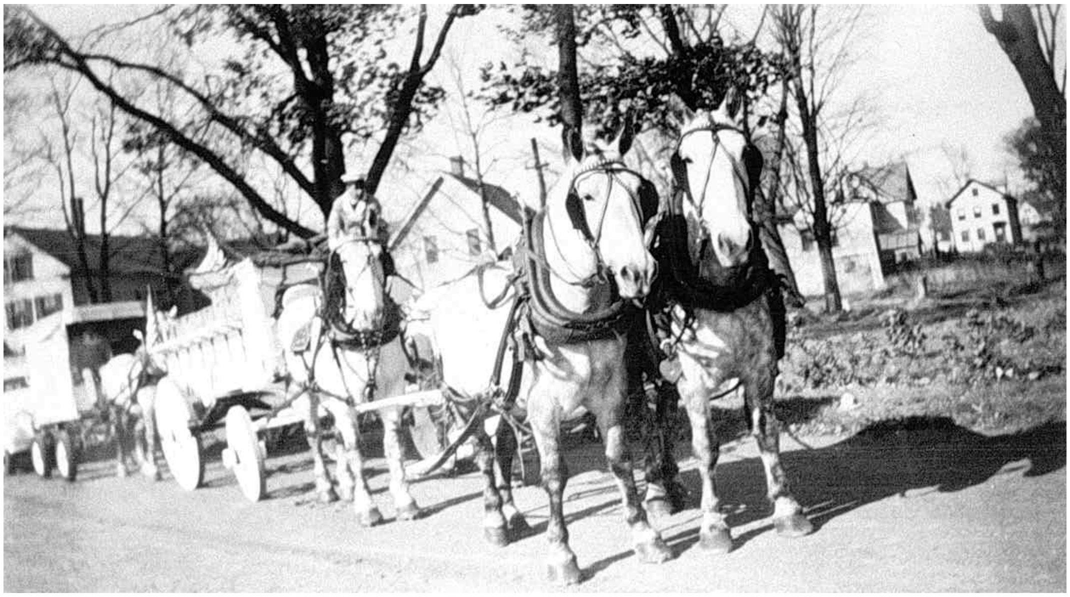
Source: Walter Thompson


MIDDLEBORO
WELCOMES
YOU HOME

903. Welcome Home Sign

This was one of the signs erected in town to welcome the Doughboys home from World War I. This sign was on Station Street.

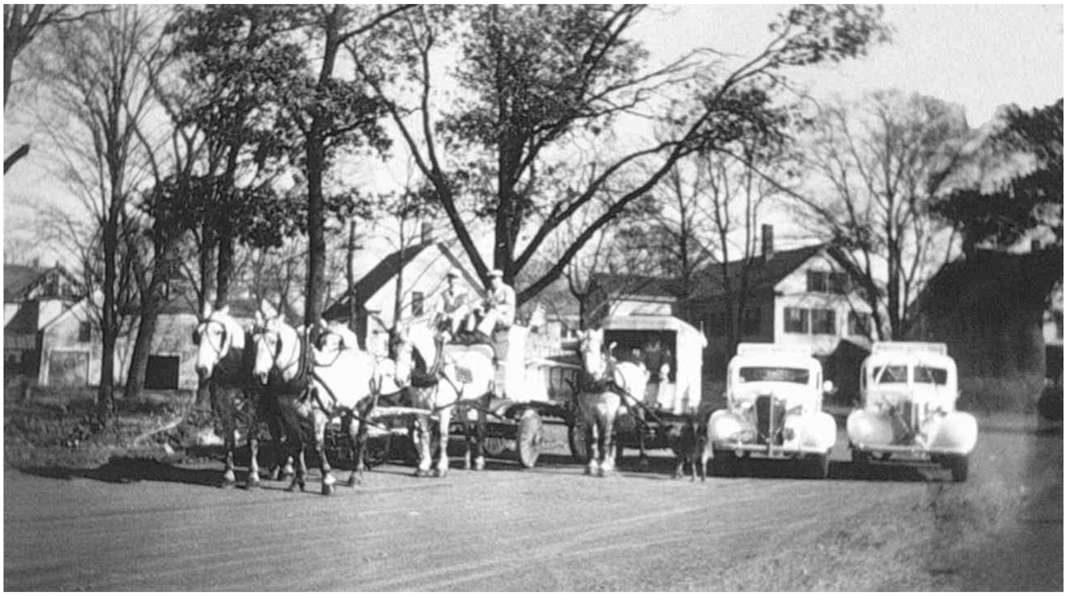
Source: Walter Thompson



904. Wiksten Milk Wagon

One of Wiksten’s freight wagons from his dairy farm on Cedar Street getting lined up for a parade.

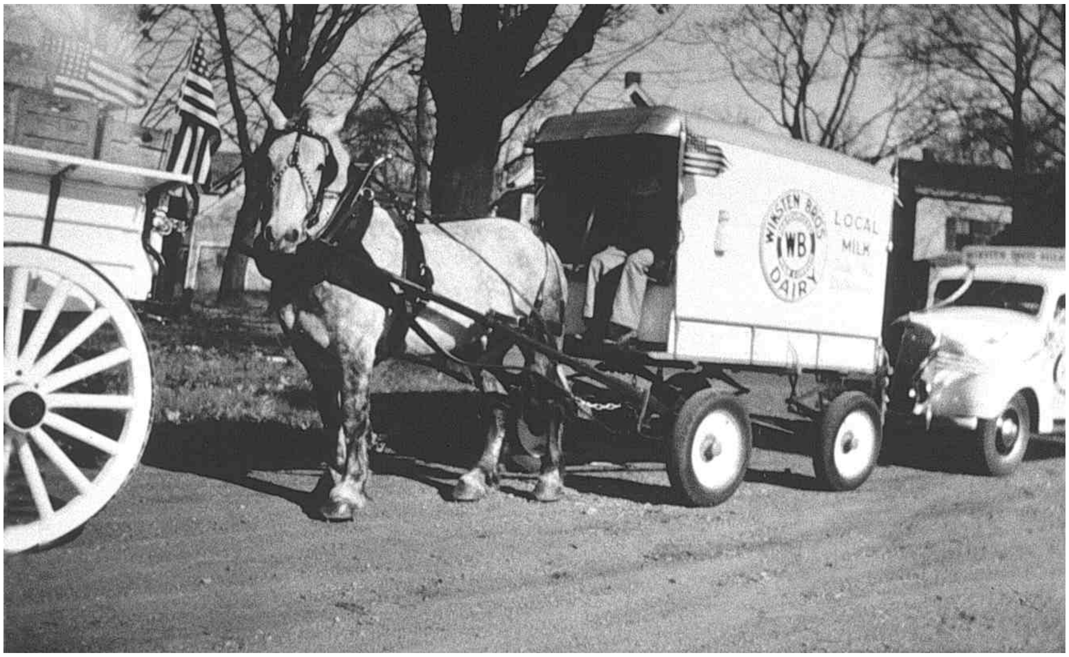
Source: Walter Thompson



905. Horse Driven and Motorized Vehicles

With a backdrop of Courtland Street, there is a mixture of horsedrawn and mechanized vehicles for the Wiksten Dairy.

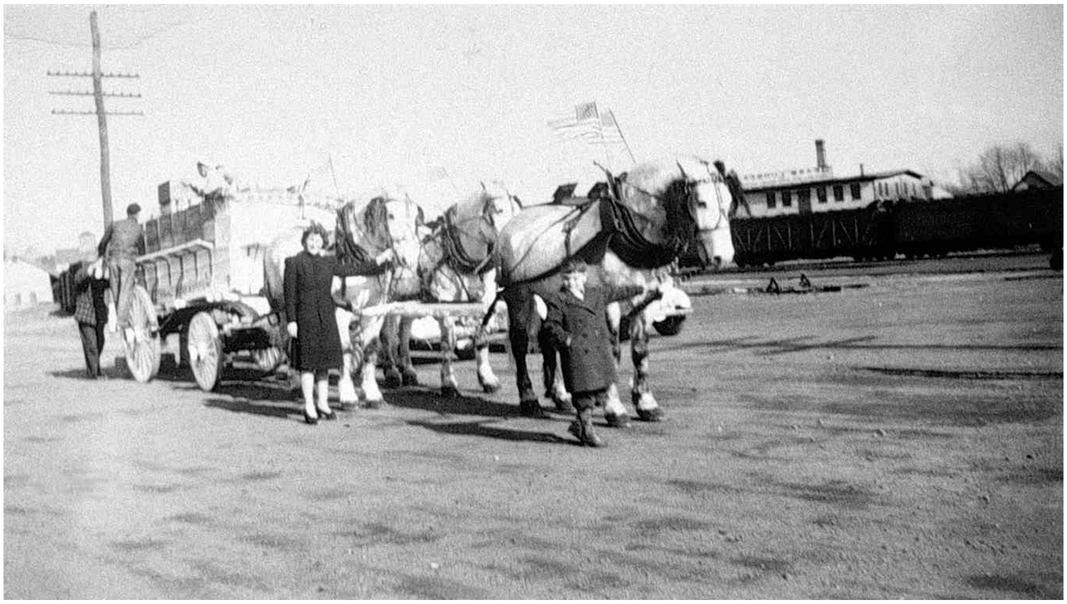
Source: Walter Thompson


WIKSTEN BROS
WB
DAIRY
LOCAL
MILK

906. Wiksten Milk Delivery Wagon

Due to gas shortages during World War II, Wiksten Dairy reverted to some horsedrawn vehicles for residential deliveries.

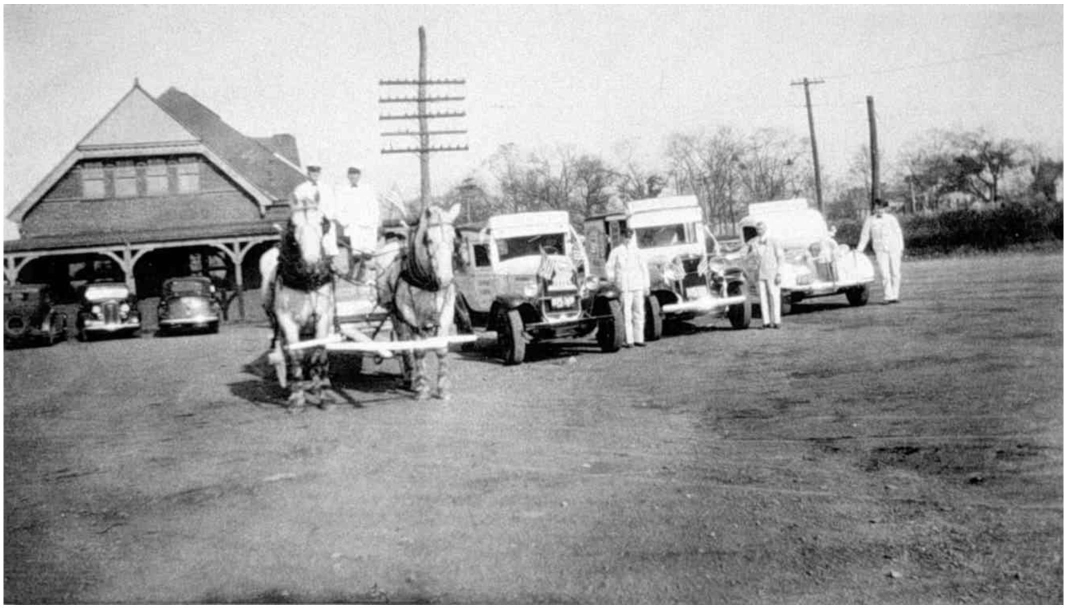
Source: Walter Thompson



907. Wiksten Freight Wagon

This freight wagon with a three-horse hitch is on the depot ground with the old Sears Lumber building in the rear.

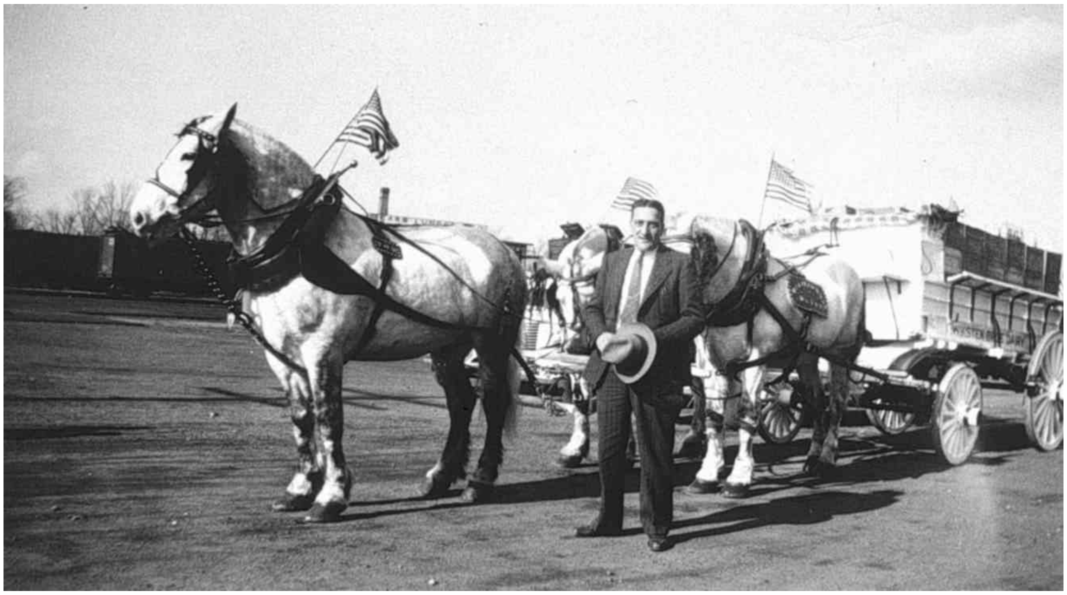
Source: Walter Thompson



908. Line-Up Horse and Motorized Vehicles

Three motorized vehicles and one freight wagon posed by the Middleborough train depot on Station Street.

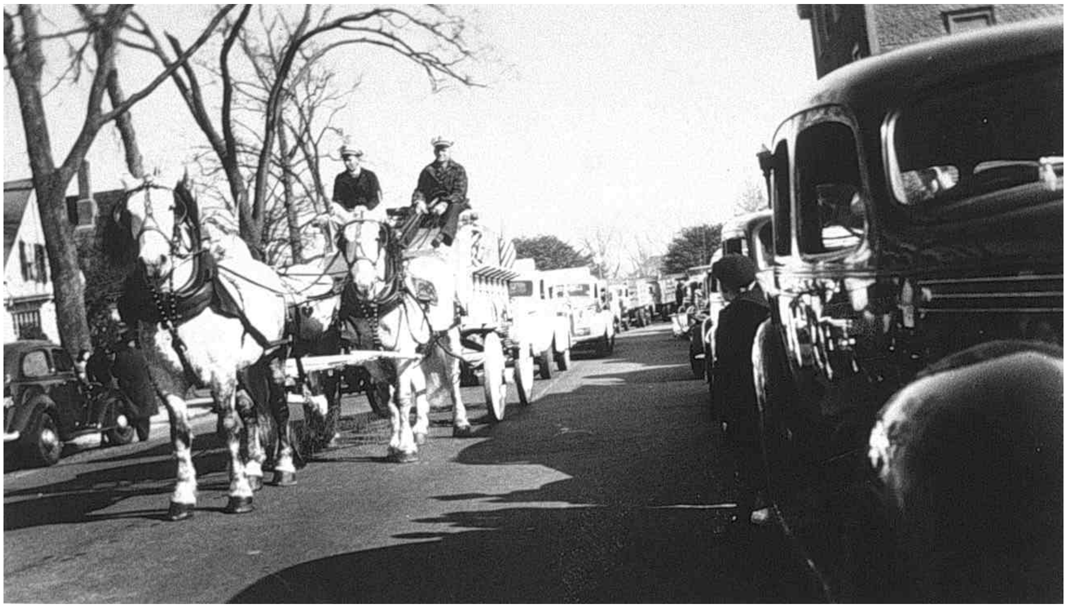
Source: Walter Thompson



909. Wiksten Freight Wagon

Down on the depot lot may be seen a three horse hitch on a Wiksten freight wagon with Edward Wiksten posing by the horse.

Source: Walter Thompson



910. Wiksten Freight Wagon

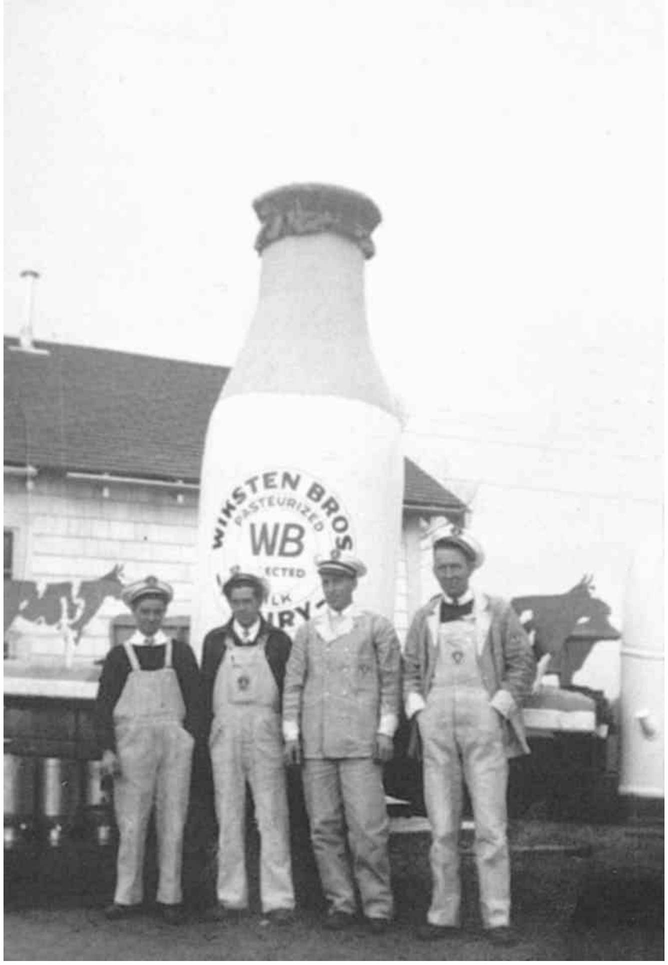
A view of the Wiksten freight wagon in the parade proceeding on Centre Street.

Source: Walter Thompson

911. Wiksten Parade Float

This float depicts a Wiksten dairy bottle being readied for the parade.

Source: Walter Thompson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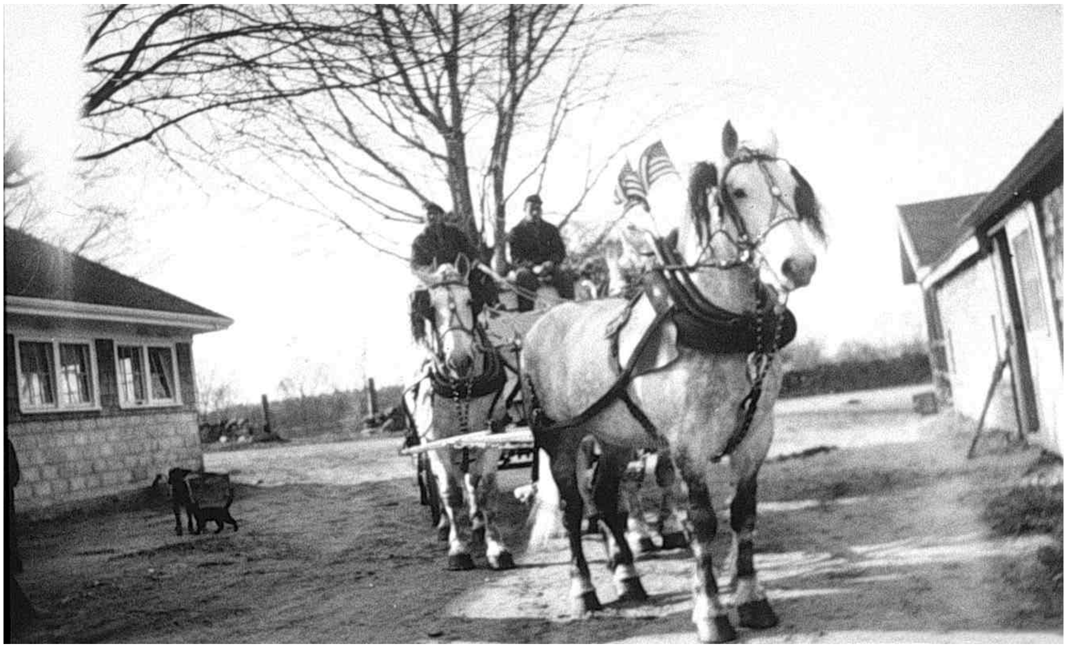
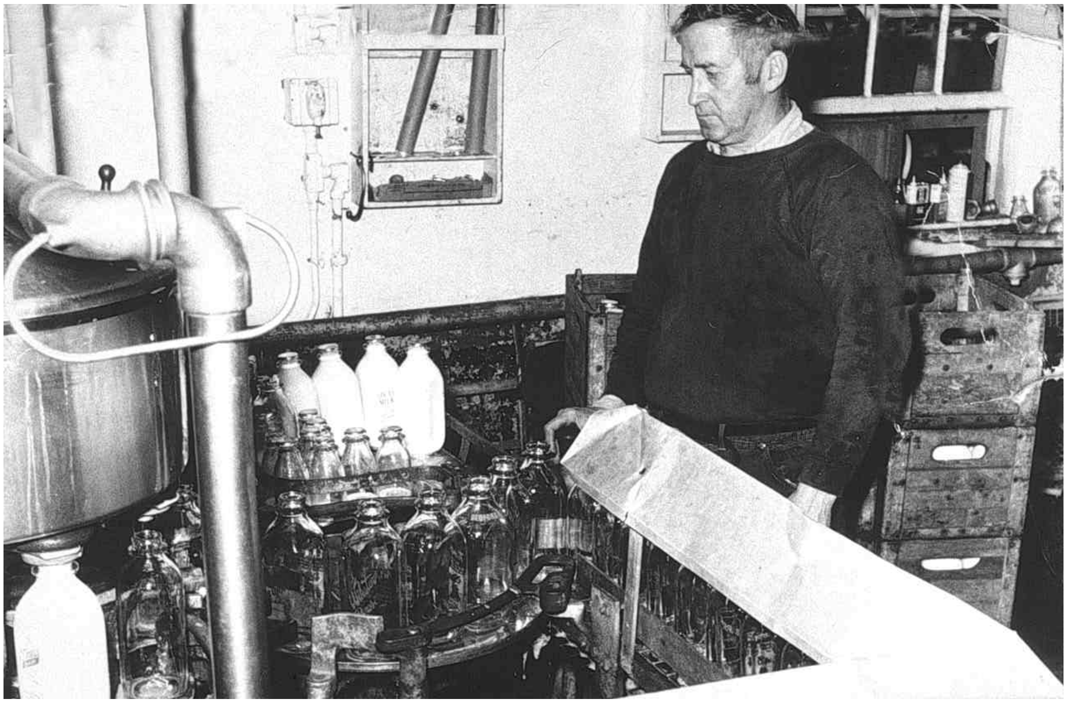


912. Wiksten Freight Wagon

The three-horse hitch pictured at the Wiksten Dairy Farm on Cedar Street ready to leave for the parade.

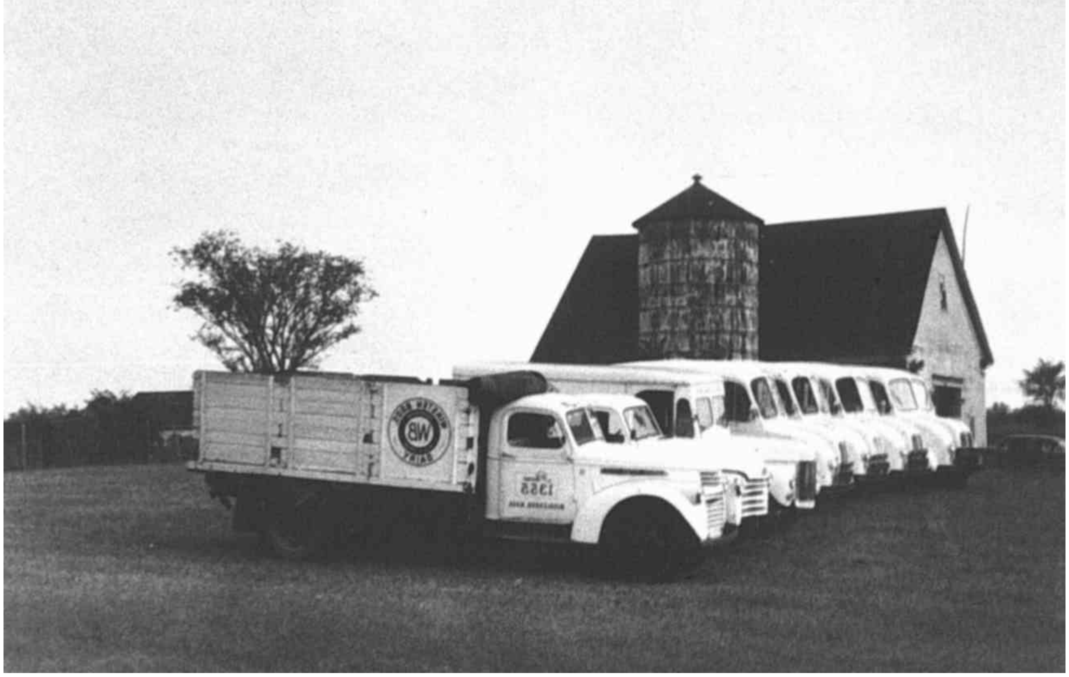
Source: Walter Thompson



913. Wiksten Dairy

This photo shows Walter Wiksten in the Wiksten Dairy milk room where the bottles were sterilized, filled, capped and crated for delivery.

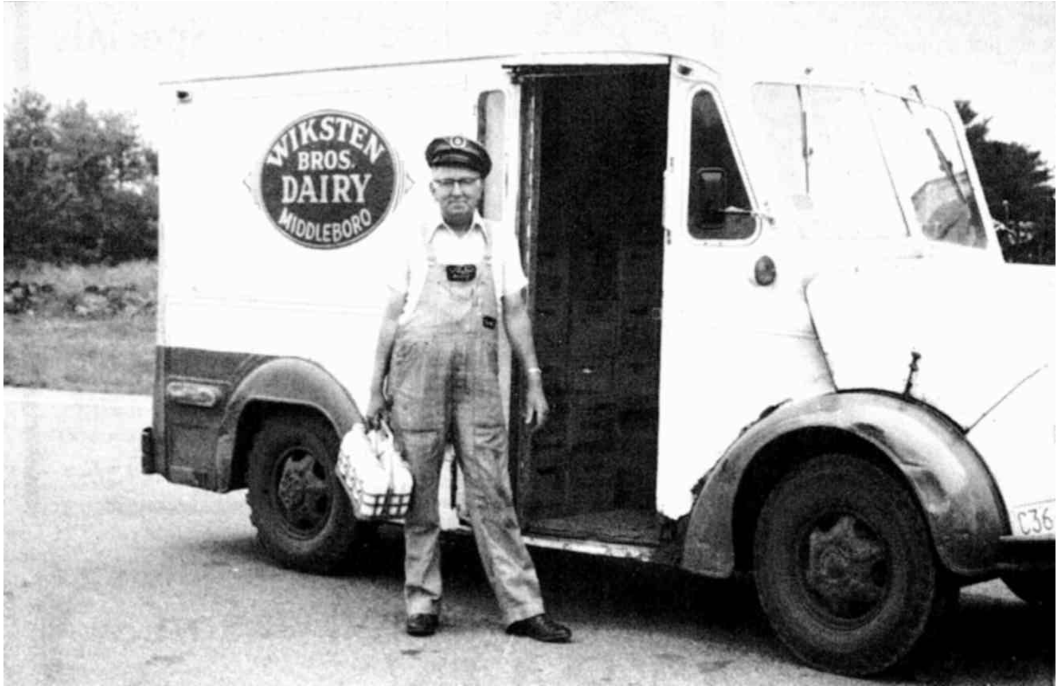
Source: Walter Thompson



914. Wiksten Dairy Fleet

A lineup of Wiksten Dairy delivery vehicles outside the cow barn at the farm on Cedar Street.

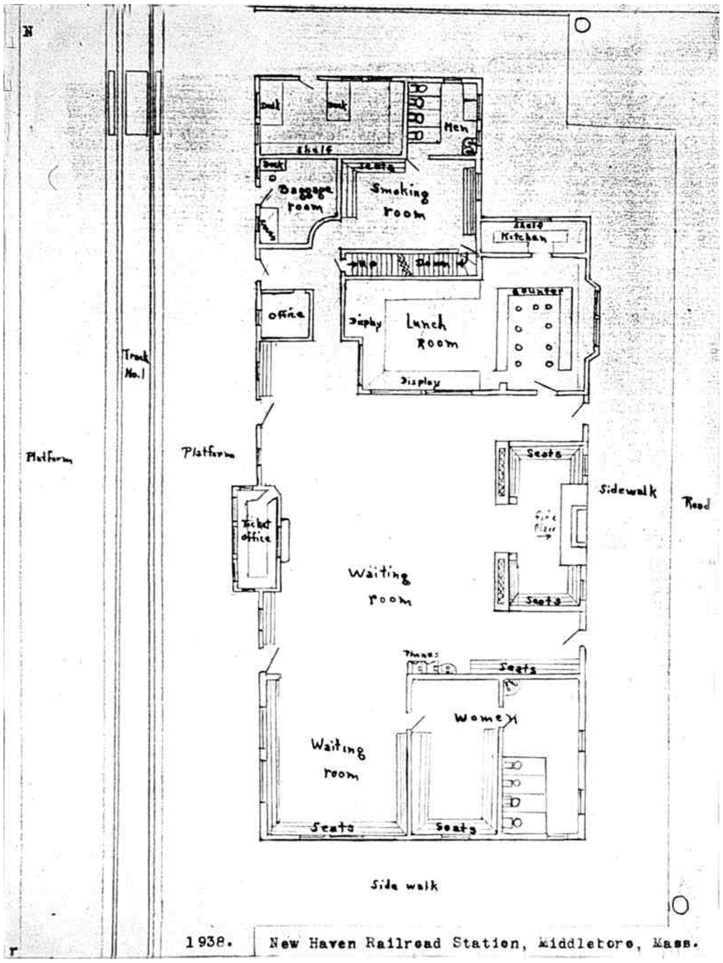
Source: Walter Thompson


WIKSTEN
BROS.
DAIRY
MIDDLEBORO

915. Frank Wiksten

“Retired after 55 years in the dairy business, are Frank Wiksten, above, and his brother, Walter, who shut down yesterday and terminated their delivery routes.”

Source: A direct quote – Middleboro Gazette, November 26, 1987
Clint Clark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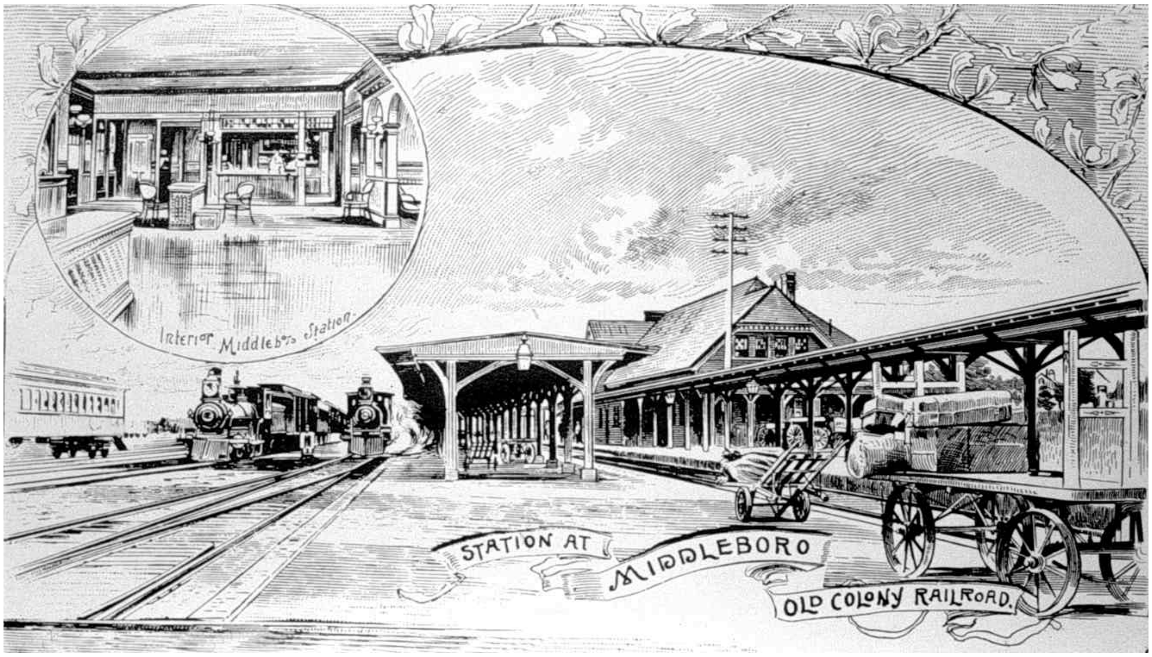
Track No. 1
Platform
Platform
Seats
Sidewalk
Road
Ticket office
Fire Place
Waiting room
Seats
Phones
Seats
Women
Waiting room
Seats
Seats
Side walk
1938.
New Haven Railroad Station, Middleboro, Mass.

916. Railroad Station Floor Plan

This floor plan is the set up for the very grand, Queen Anne style station.

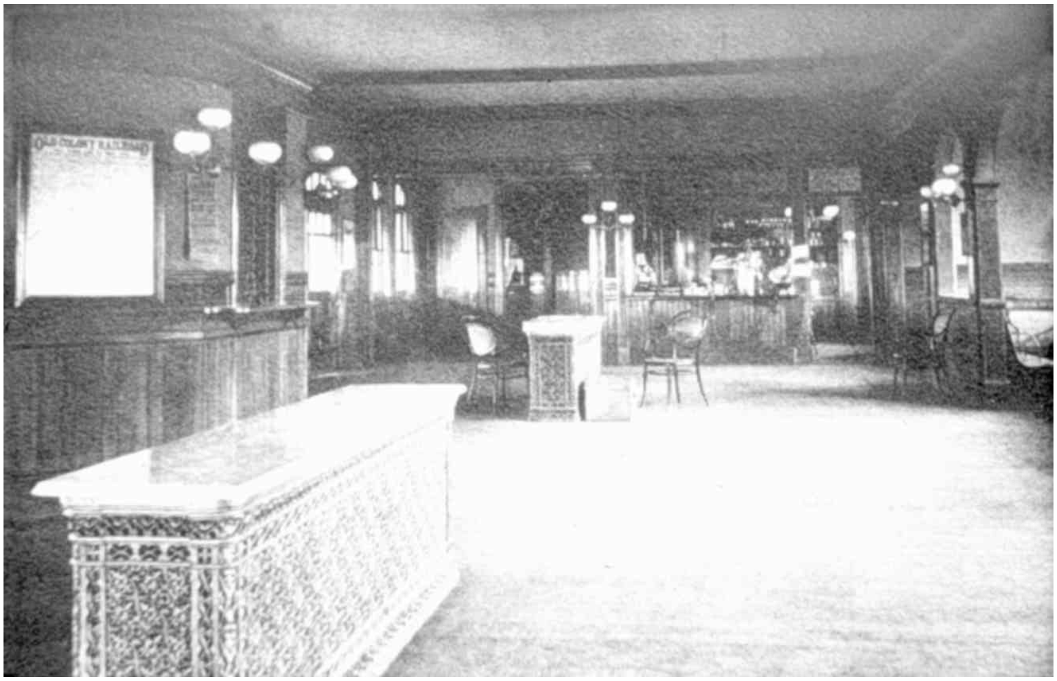
Source: Walter Thompson


Interior Middleboro Station
STATION AT
MIDDLEBORO
OLD COLONY RAILROAD.

917. Drawing Old Colony Railroad Station Interior

John Rockwell found this drawing along with the following photograph in a book titled “Great Railroad Stations of the World”. The drawing depicts the outside of the station and the insert the interior.

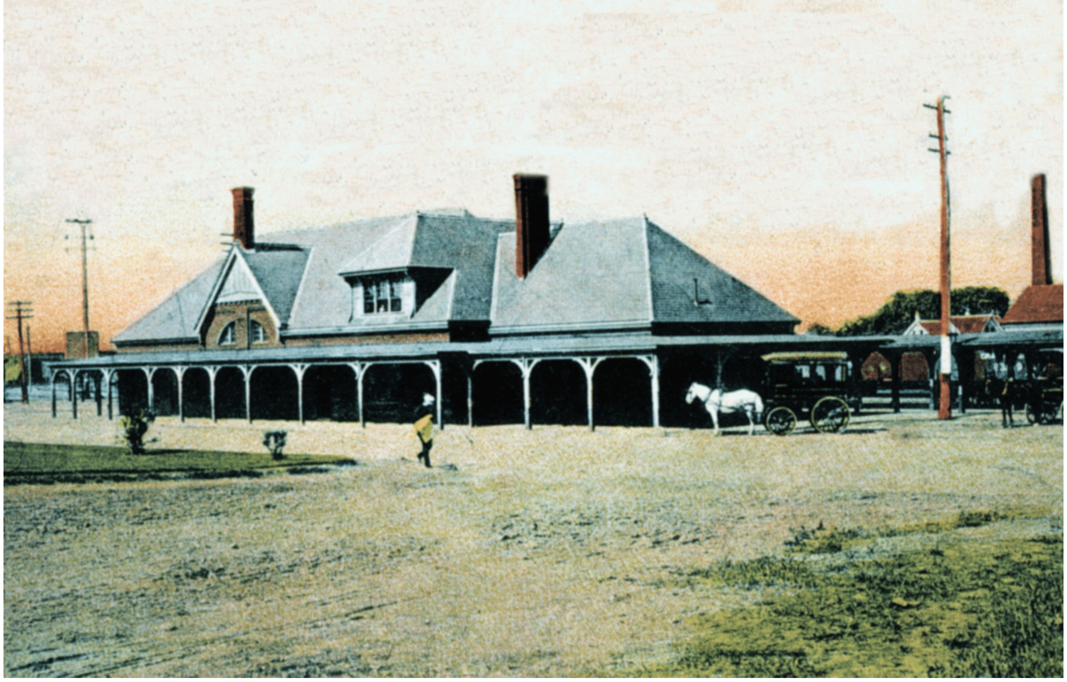
Source: Walter Thompson



918. Old Colony Railroad Station

This photograph of Middleborough's Railroad Station's interior seems to be the only visual evidence of this station in existence.

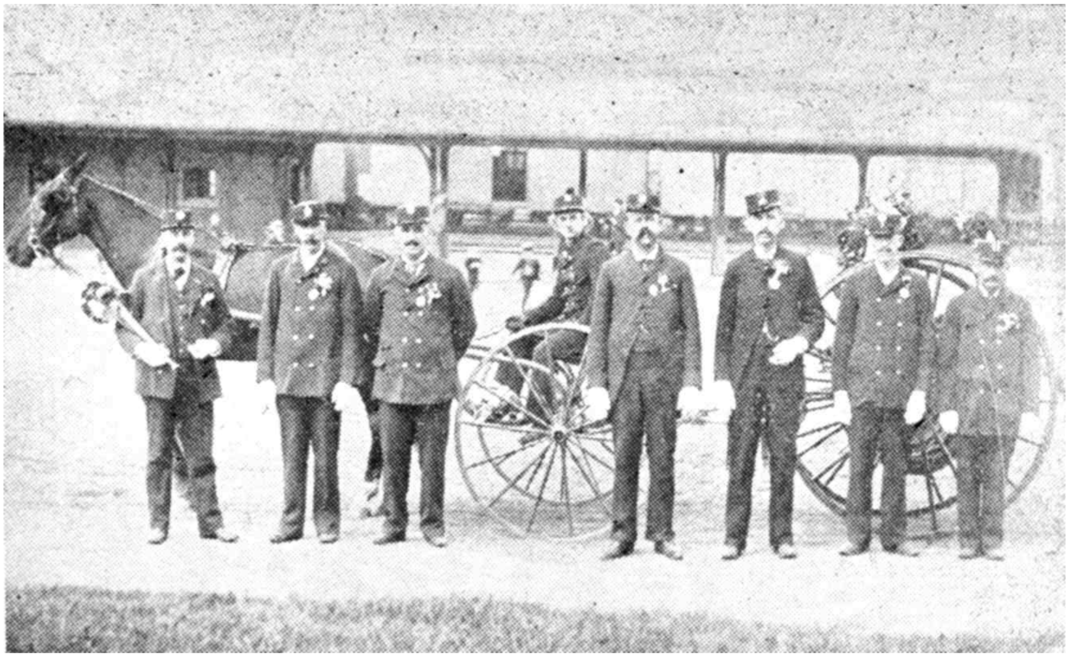
Source: Walter Thompson



919. Rail Station

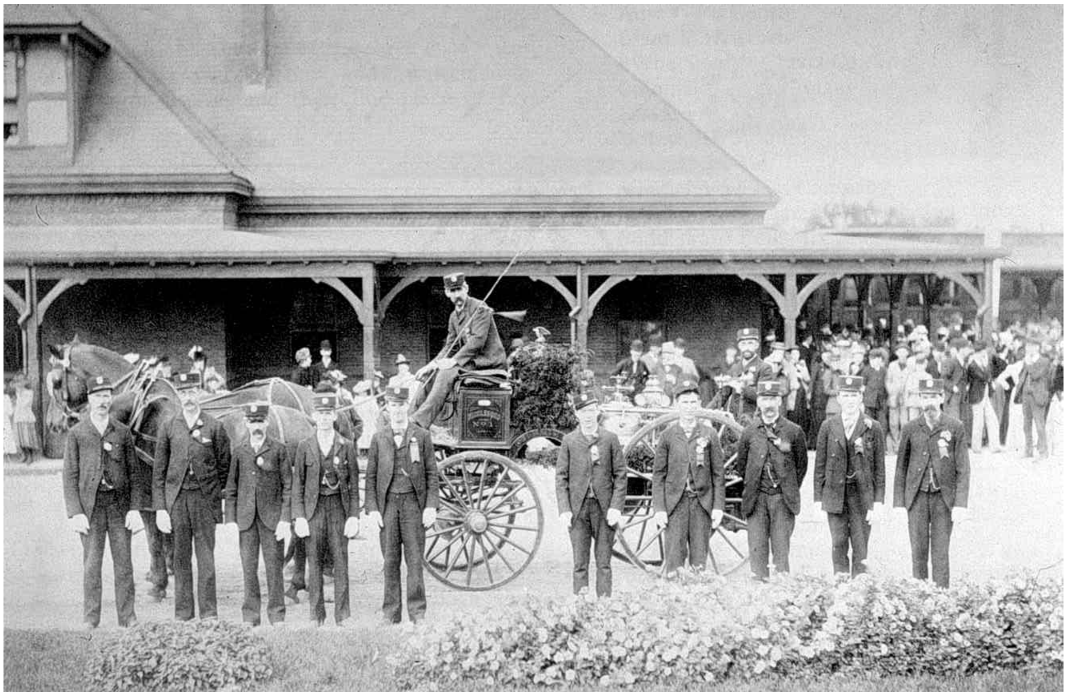
This typical photo shows “Bill” Murphy’s back and large white horse, which he used on his daily rounds between the station and the Nemasket House. This dutiful horse was killed in a fire at C.W. Thomas Livery Stable in 1905.

Source: Walter Thompson



920. Old Hose No. 3 at Depot

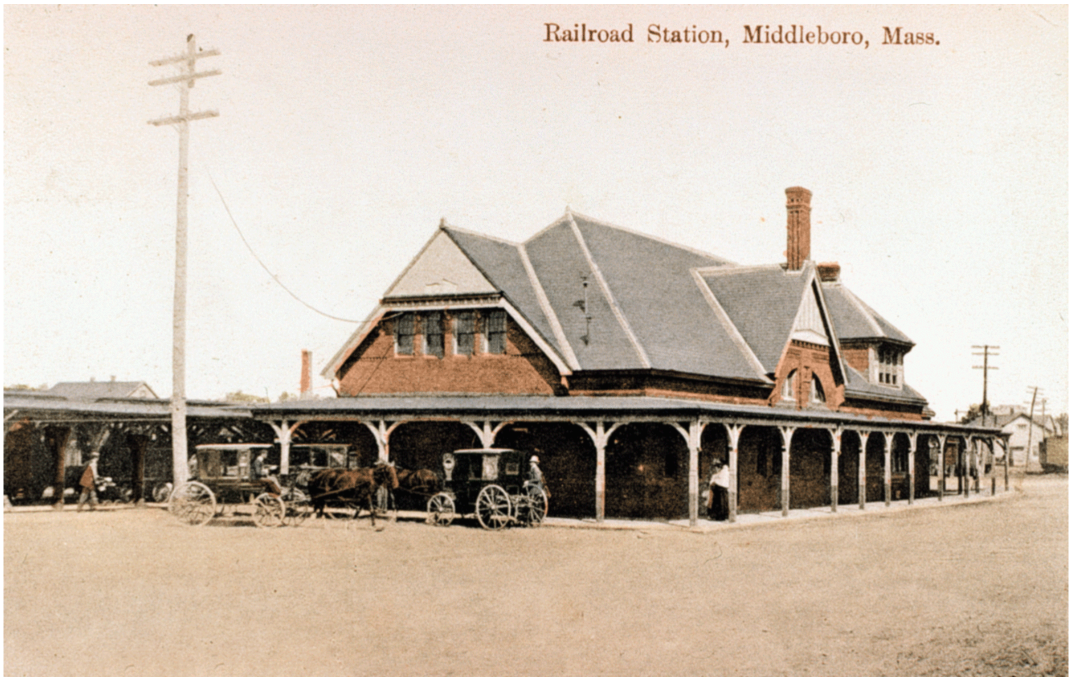
Middleborough's firemen are shown with their horse drawn fire wagon in front of the Middleborough Depot. They are here in all of their finery to greet the "out of town" fire teams for an annual muster. This engine was housed in the small station behind Sacred Heart Church.



921. Middleborough Fire Department

“This picture of the Middleborough Fire Department in its early years was given to the Middleborough Historical Museum by Mrs. Florence Cornell who was told this piece of apparatus was kept in the small fire house on Oak Street, known as “The Sixes”, built in 1886 and demolished in 1964 to make way for the expanding facilities of Sacred Heart Church. The occasion that prompted the display of the apparatus and members is not known, but it was evidently important enough to draw a large crowd.”

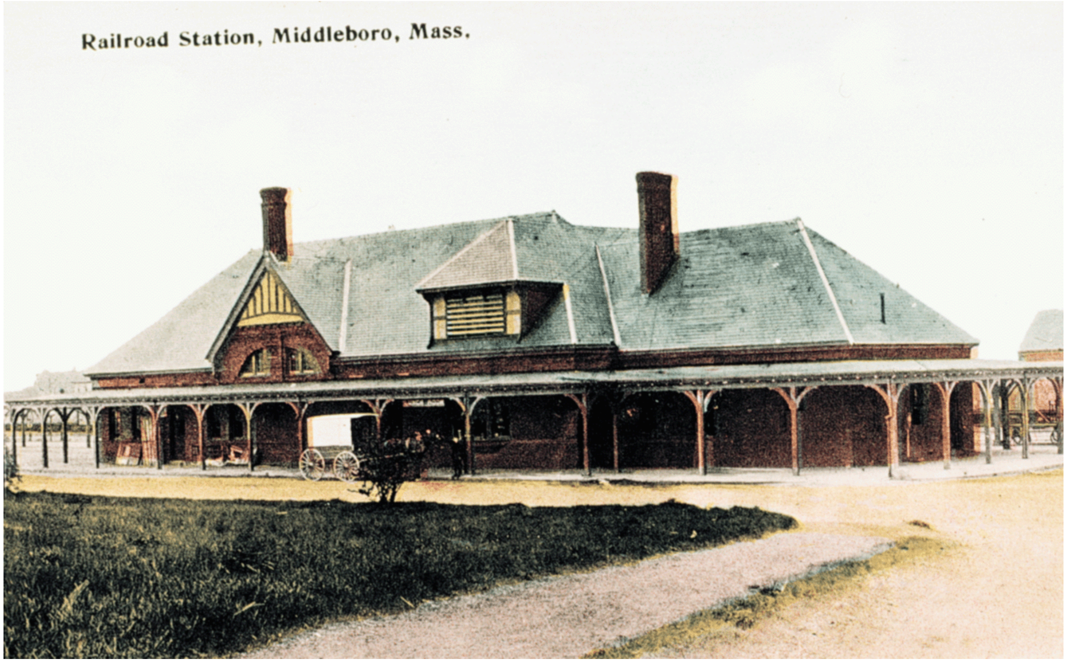
Source: Mertie Romaine Quote
The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXI, November 1981, Number 3, pg. 3


Railroad Station, Middleboro, Mass.

922. Railroad Station

This beautiful photo of the station shows the wagons that were the taxi cabs of their day ready to pick up their fares. On the right of the picture may be seen the old freight house, which for many years now has been the CP Washburn Plumbing Shop.

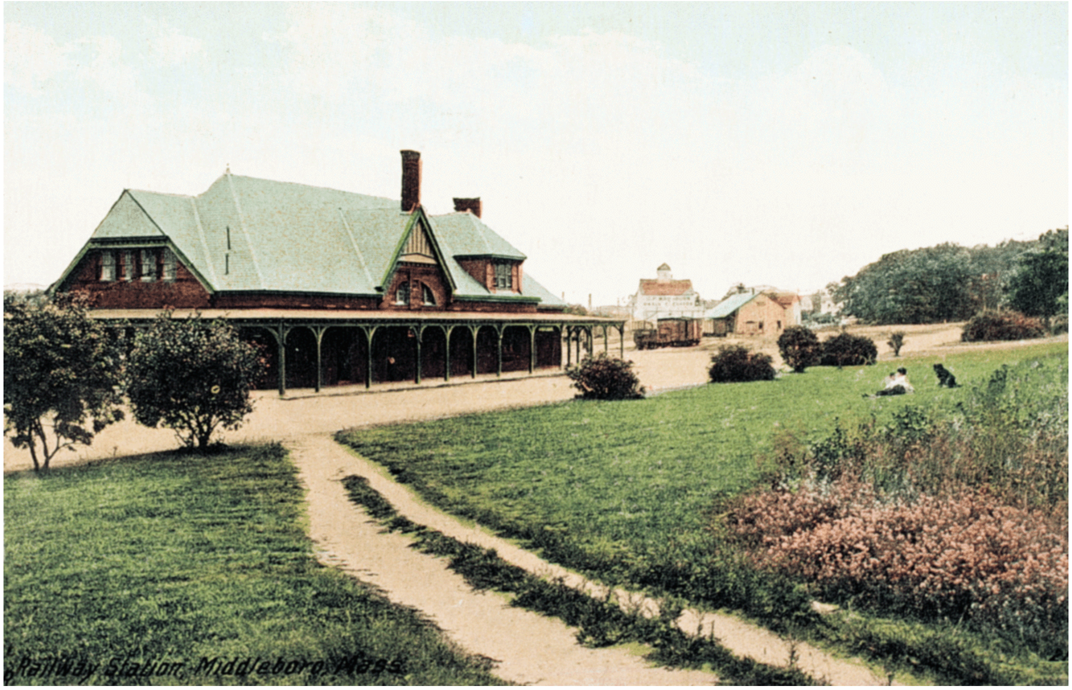
Source: Walter Thompson


Railroad Station, Middleboro, Mass.

923. Railroad Station

The Station looks as if it should be in a quaint English town. One can note the green lawn on the left and the side walks coming down from Elm Street.

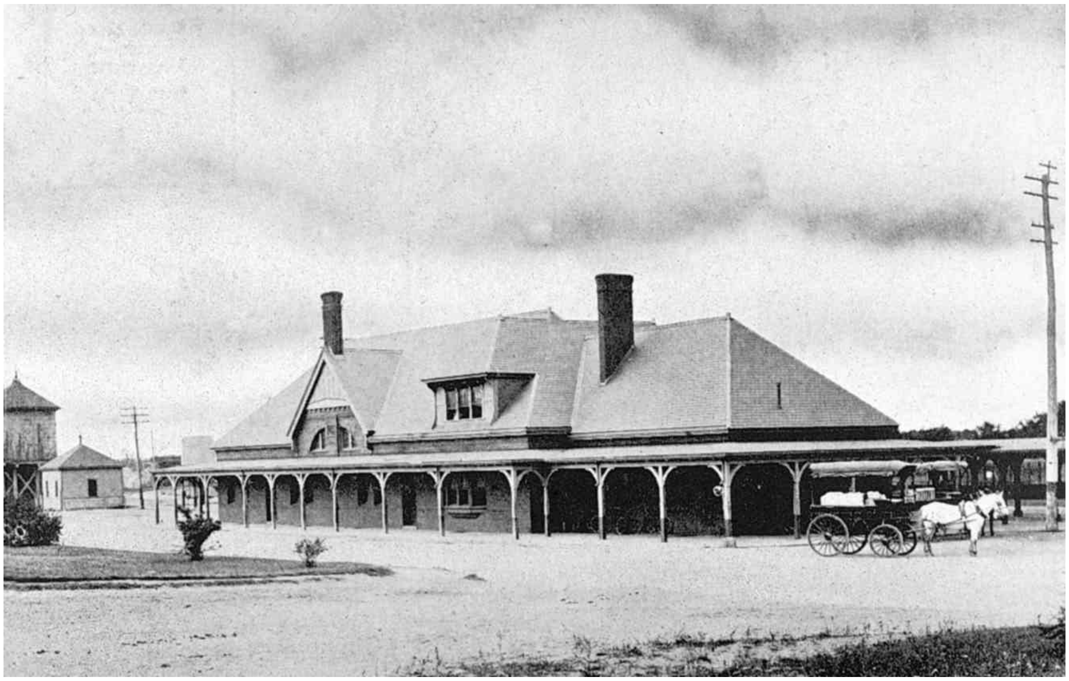
Source: Walter Thompson



924. Railroad Station

This gorgeous view shows the green lawns and flower beds that the New Haven Railroad took such pride in. The railroad had a special landscaping crew that went from station to station keeping everything green and healthy. In the distance may be seen the old freight house and C.P. Washburn Grain Mill.

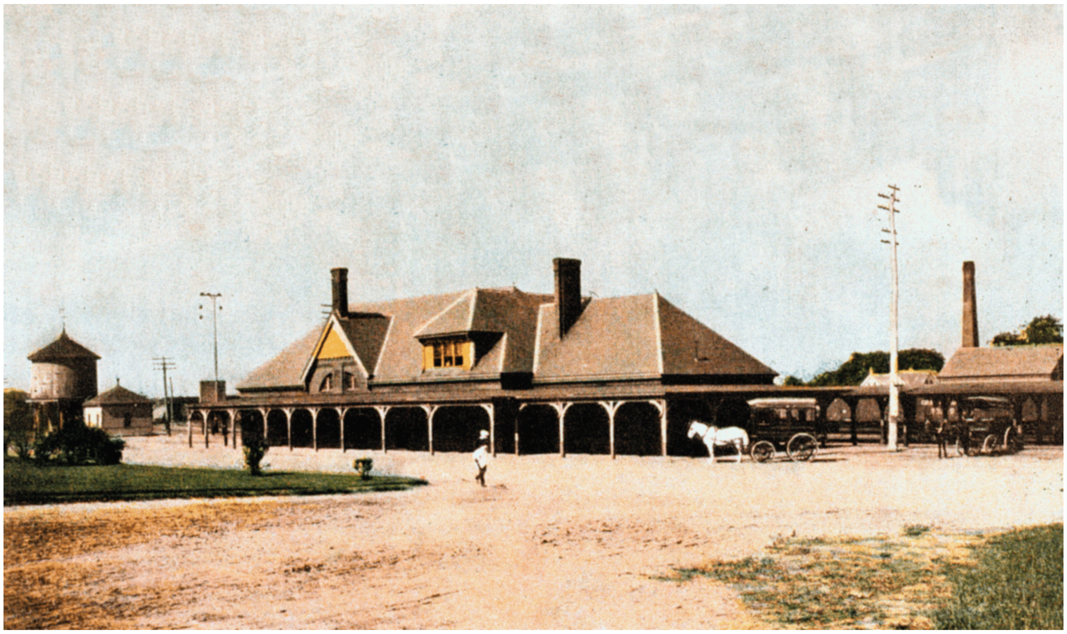
Source: Walter Thompson



925. Railroad Station

This early view of the station depicts the engine water tower on the left and “Bill” Murphy’s cab taking off for the Nemasket House.

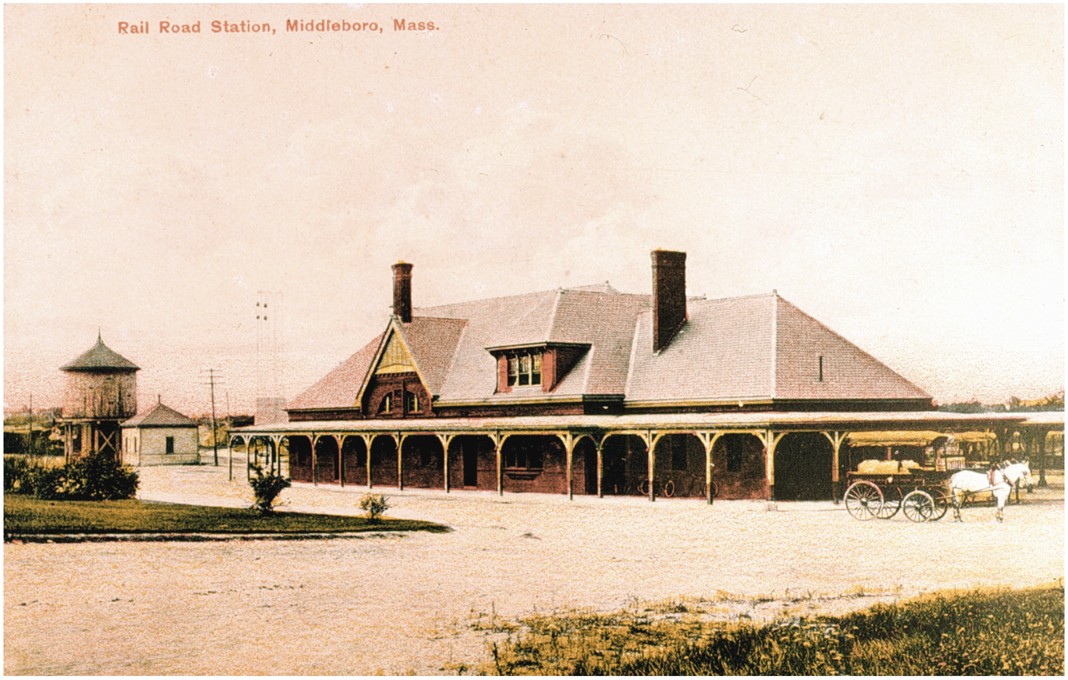
Source: Walter Thompson



926. Railroad Station

This may well be the original negative that was used by so many postcard companies. The original being taken by Walter Beals.

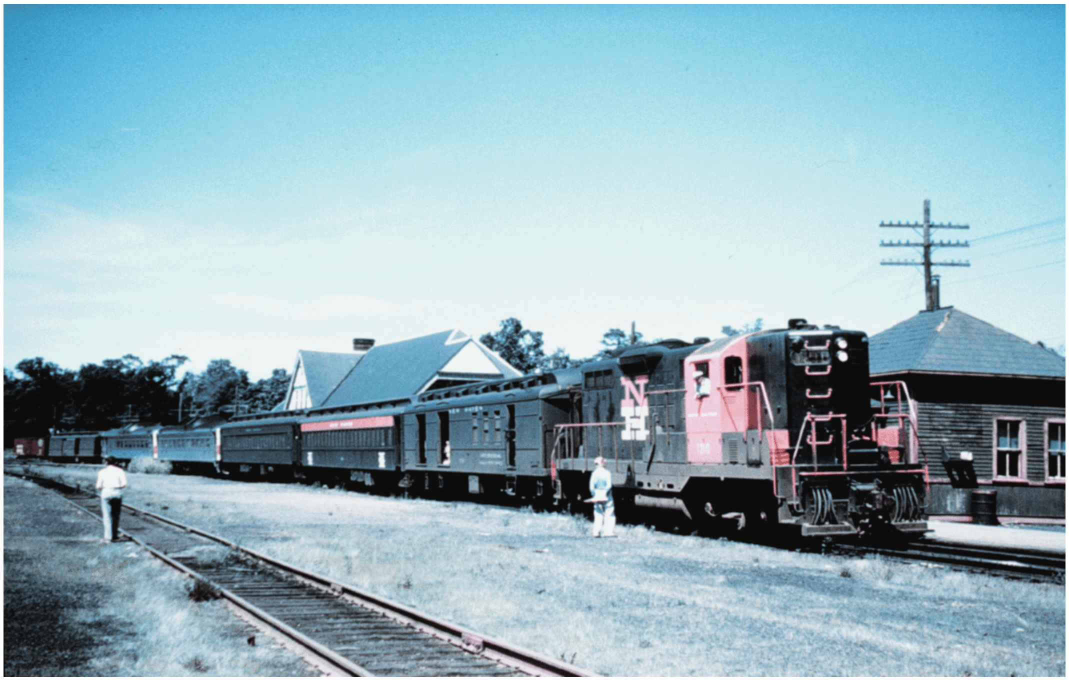
Source: Walter Thompson


Rail Road Station, Middleboro, Mass.

927. Railroad Station

This particular picture is probably one of the copies of the original Beal’s photo.

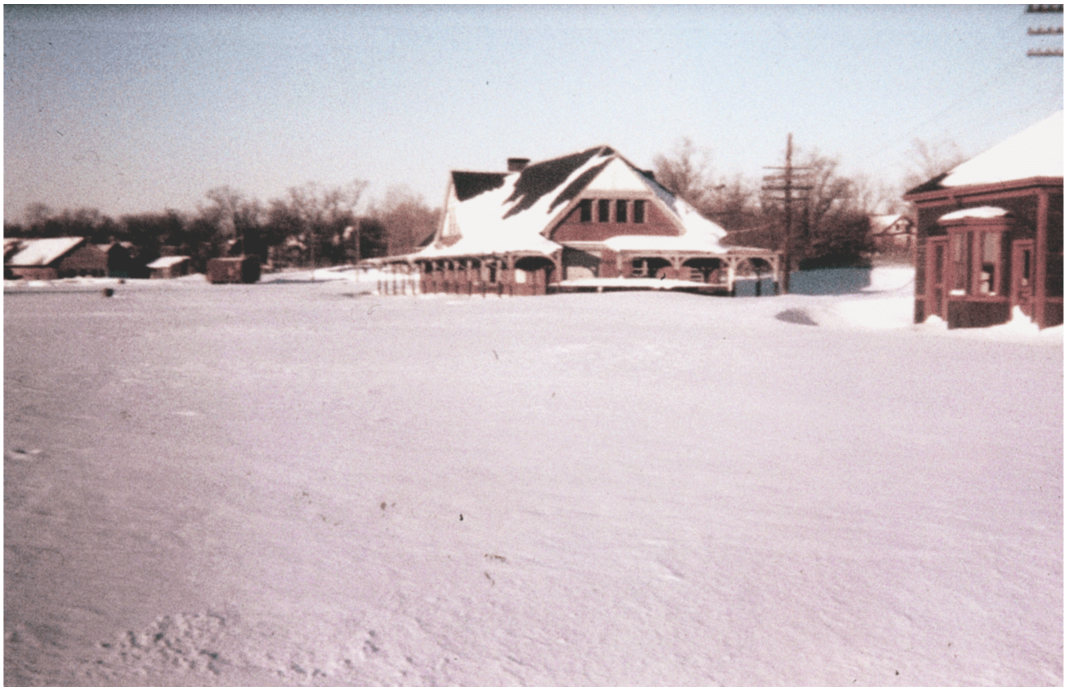
Source: Walter Thompson



928. Railroad Station

This was a very sad day in Middleborough’s history for this was the last day that New Haven had a train stop at the station. The photo shows train 773-795 going from Boston to Cape Code.

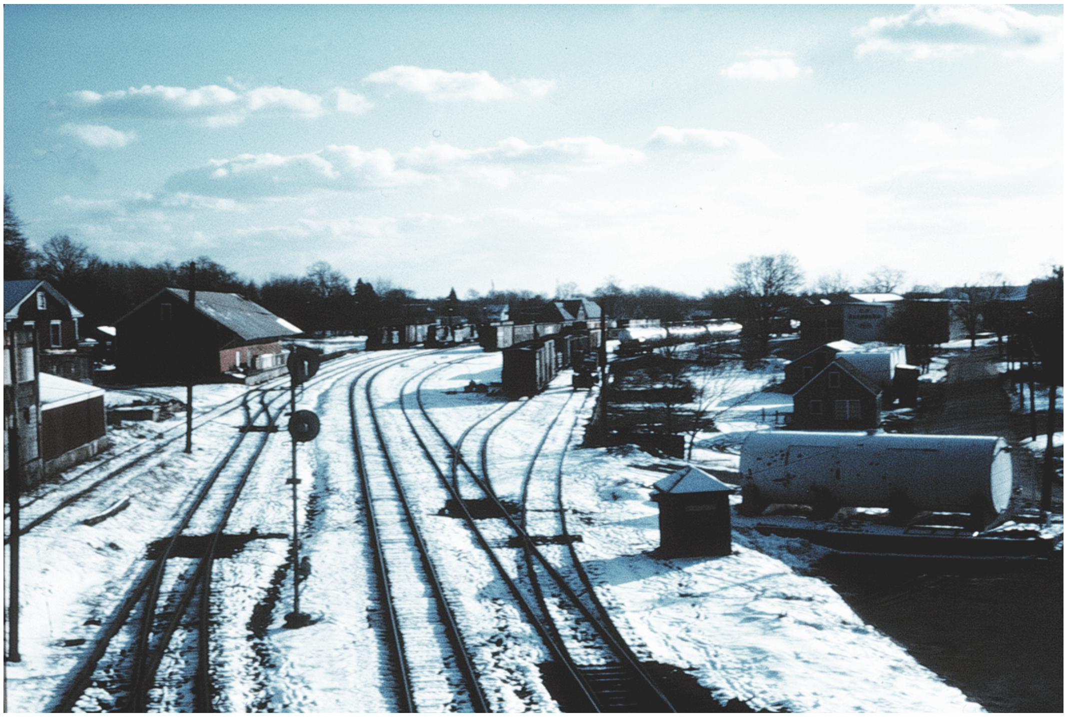
Source: Walter Thompson



929. Unplowed New Haven Rail Yard

In 1961, after a major snowstorm, the New Haven Railroad yard was not plowed for the first time in its history.

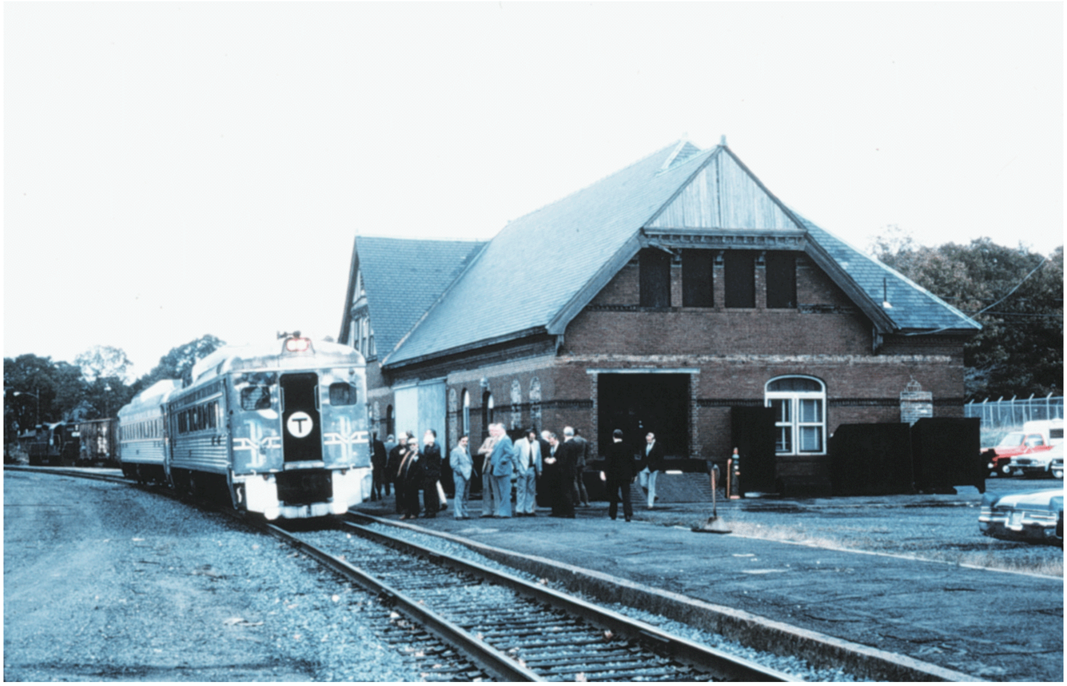
Source: Walter Thompson



930. New Haven Rail Yard Looking South

1976 brings you this view of the railroad yards showing what was left of the once very busy passenger and freight railway system.

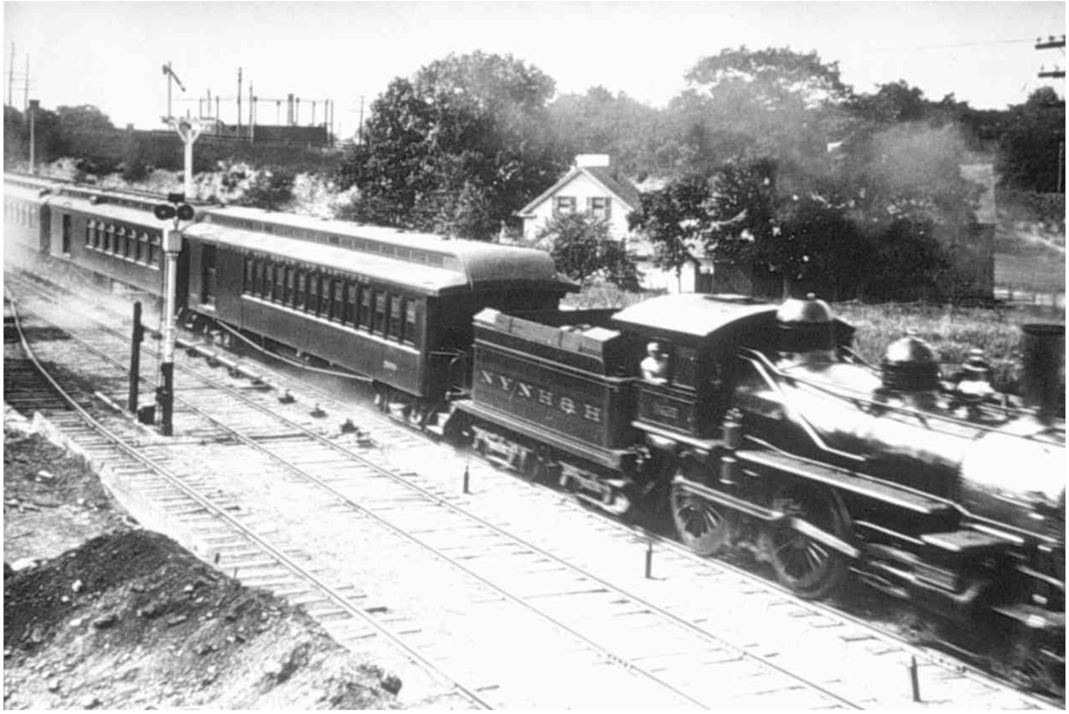
Source: Walter Thompson



931. Bud-Line at Depot

The “Bud-Liner” is picking up train enthusiasts from this sad looking Middleborough station, for a trial run.

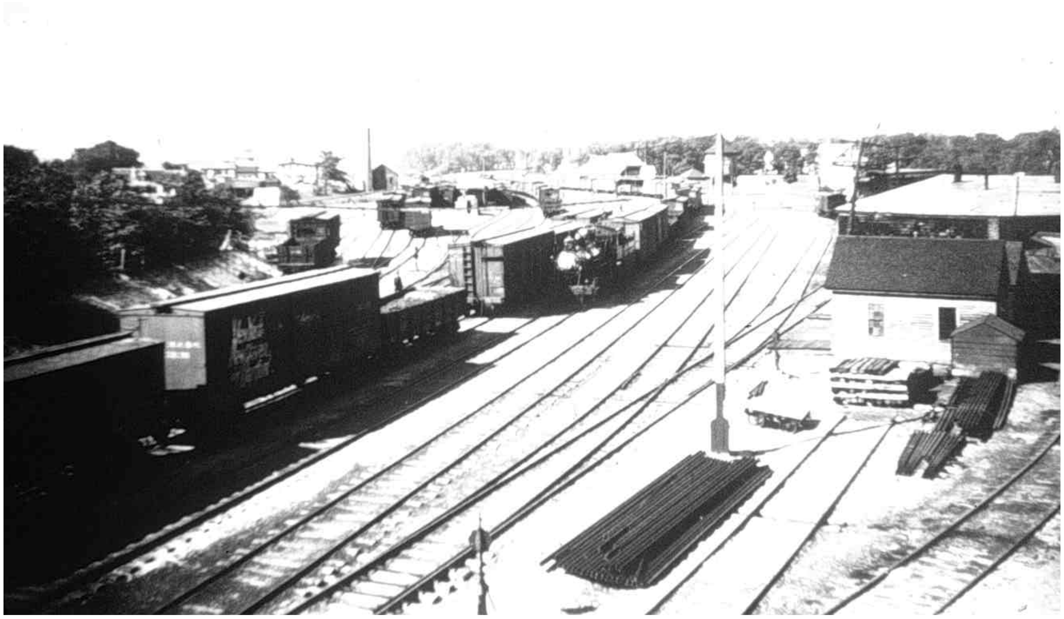
Source: Walter Thompson



932. New Haven's "Flying Dude"

The "Flying Dude", passing through Middleborough.

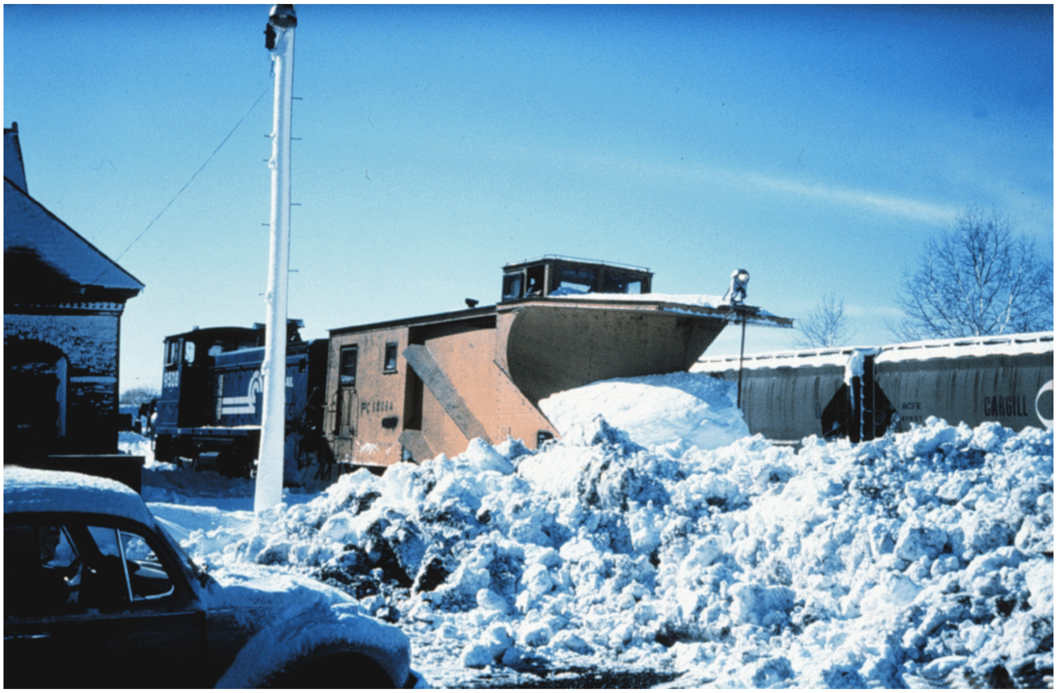
Source: Walter Thompson



933. New Haven Railroad Yard

A view from the West Grove Street overpass to the station.

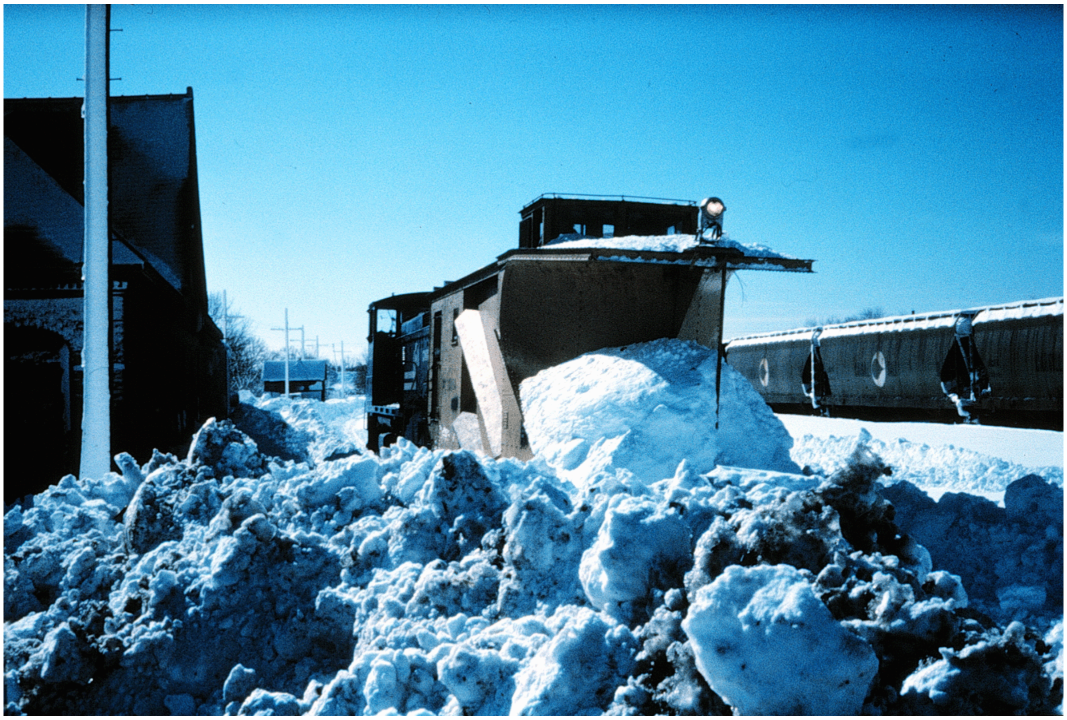
Source: Walter Thompson



934. Russell Snow Plow

This 1978 photo shows a Russell snowplow (EX NYC-PC #60084) clearing the tracks in front of the old station.

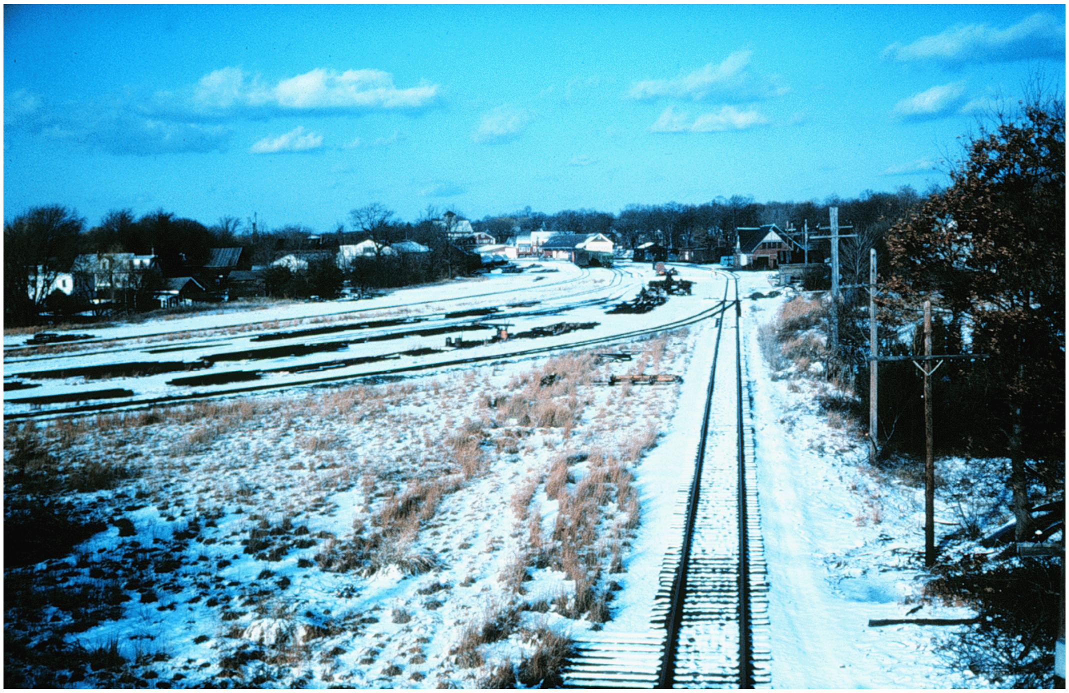
Source: Walter Thompson



935. New Haven's Russell Plow

The New Haven Russell Snowplow clearing the station.

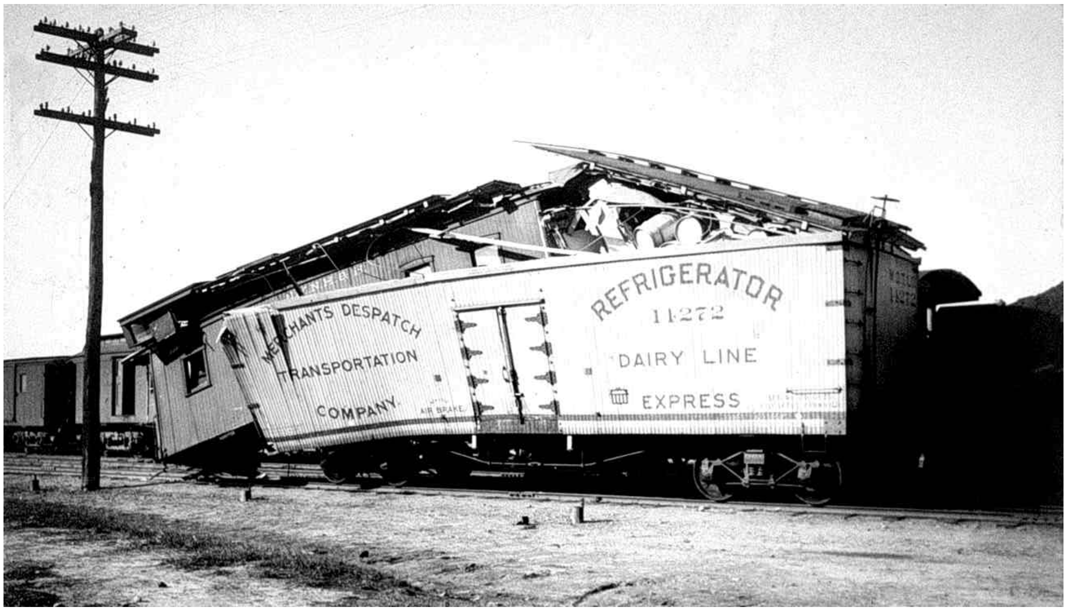
Source: Walter Thompson



936. Railroad Yard Looking North

This great view taken from the West Grove Street overpass looks down toward the old station grounds.

Source: Walter Thompson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TRANSPORTATION
COMPANY
AIR BRAKE
REFRIGERATOR
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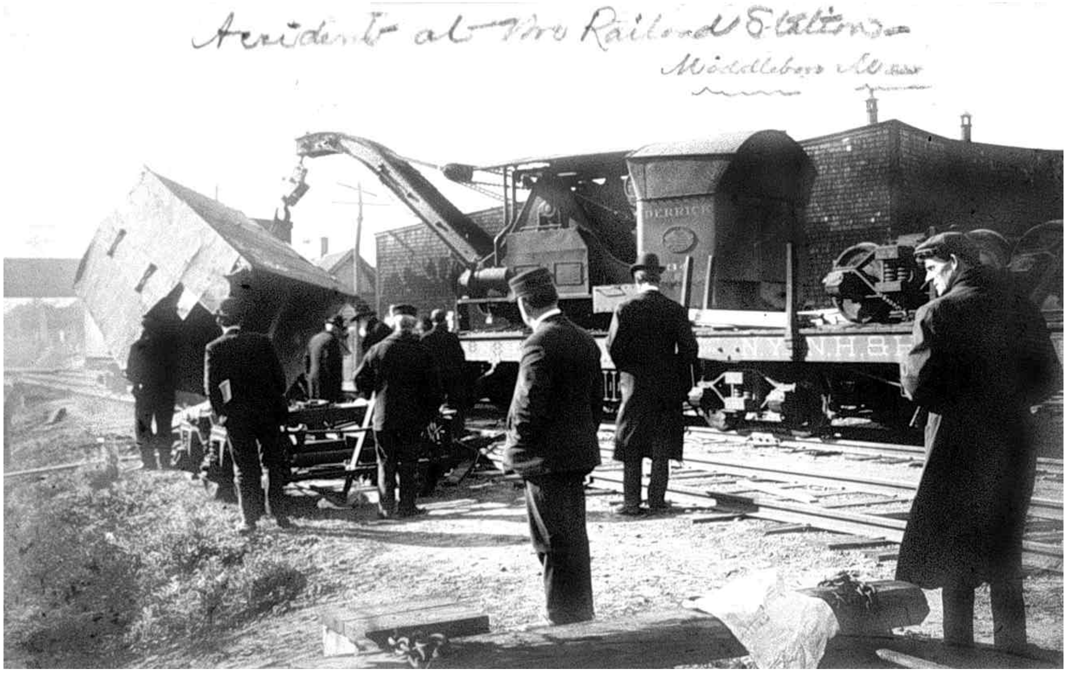
DAIRY LINE
EXPRESS

937. Train Wreck

This “one of a kind” accident at the Middleborough Yard, shows the crumpled railroad car after an accident.

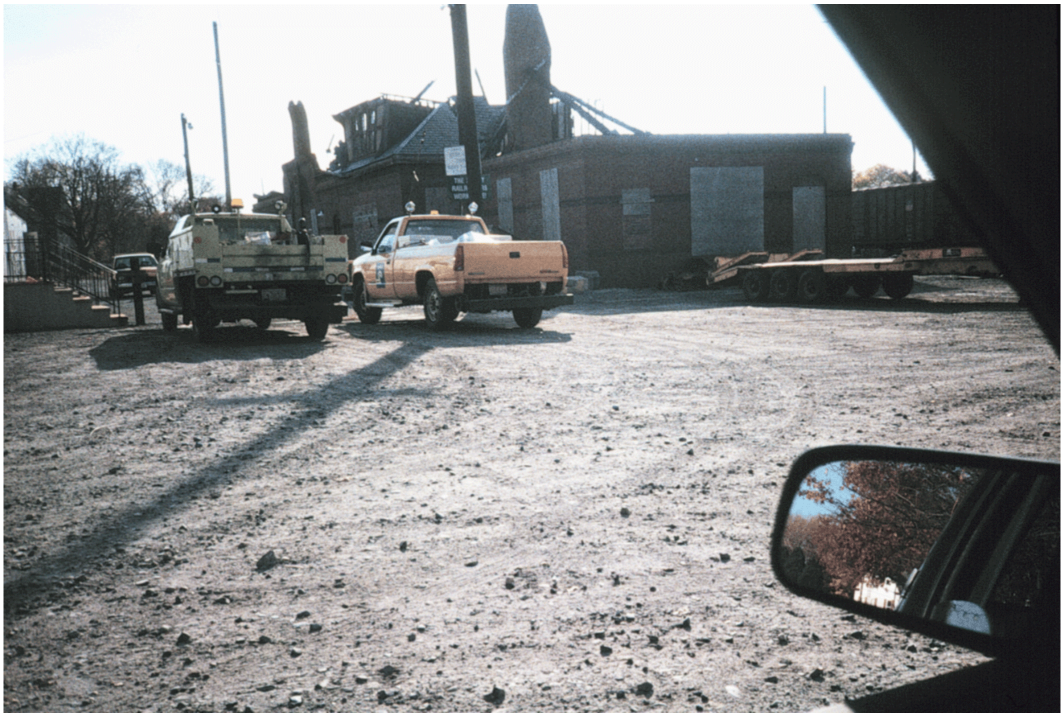
Source: Walter Thompson


Accident at the Railroad Station
Middleboro Mass
DERRICK

938. Clearing Train Wreckage

This picture shows a New Haven Crane out of Boston, clearing the tracks.

Source: Walter Thompson



939. Railroad Station

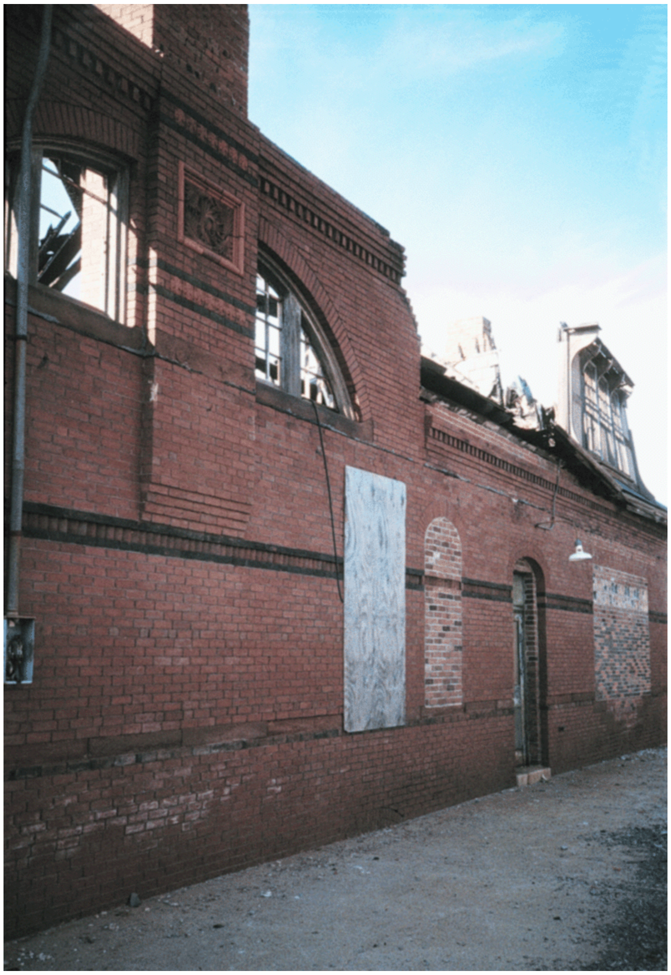
While sitting in my automobile, I took this picture of the building shell before the lot was cleaned up.

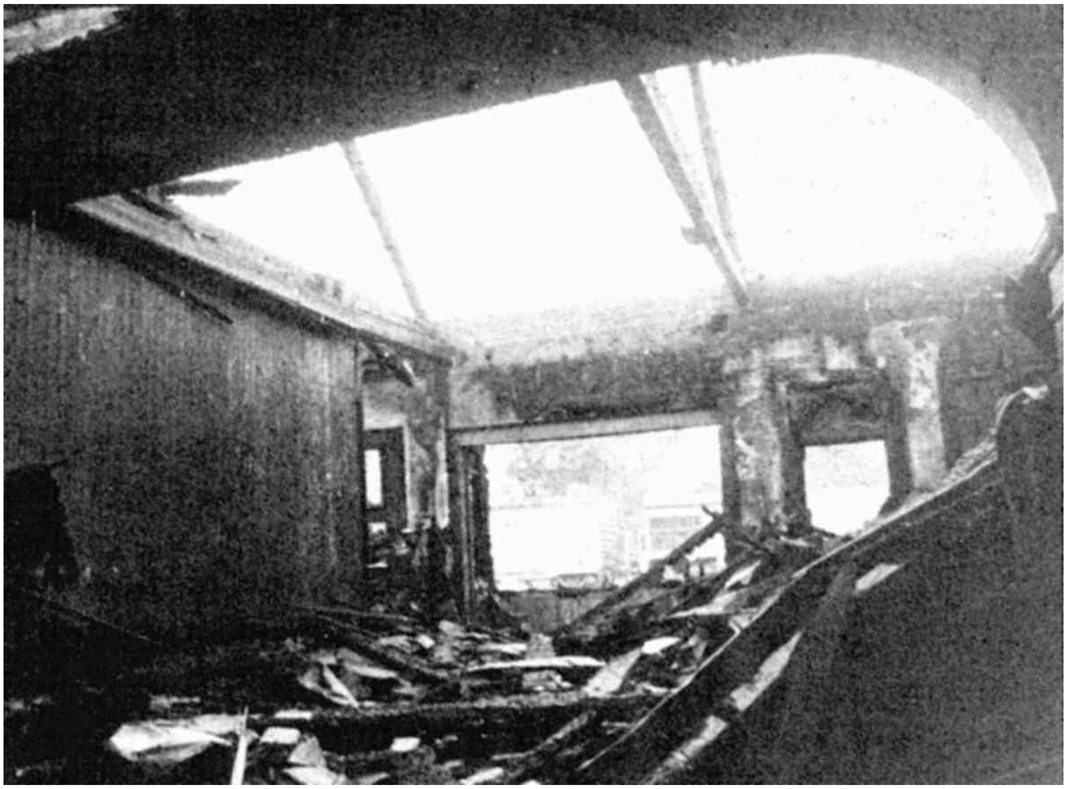
Source: Walter Thompson

940. Railroad Station Ruins

Rumors of imminent leveling of the remains of the train depot some two years after the disastrous fire prompted Walter to capture this one of the last good photo views of the 100-year-old depot shortly before it was reduced to rubble.

Source: Walter Thompson

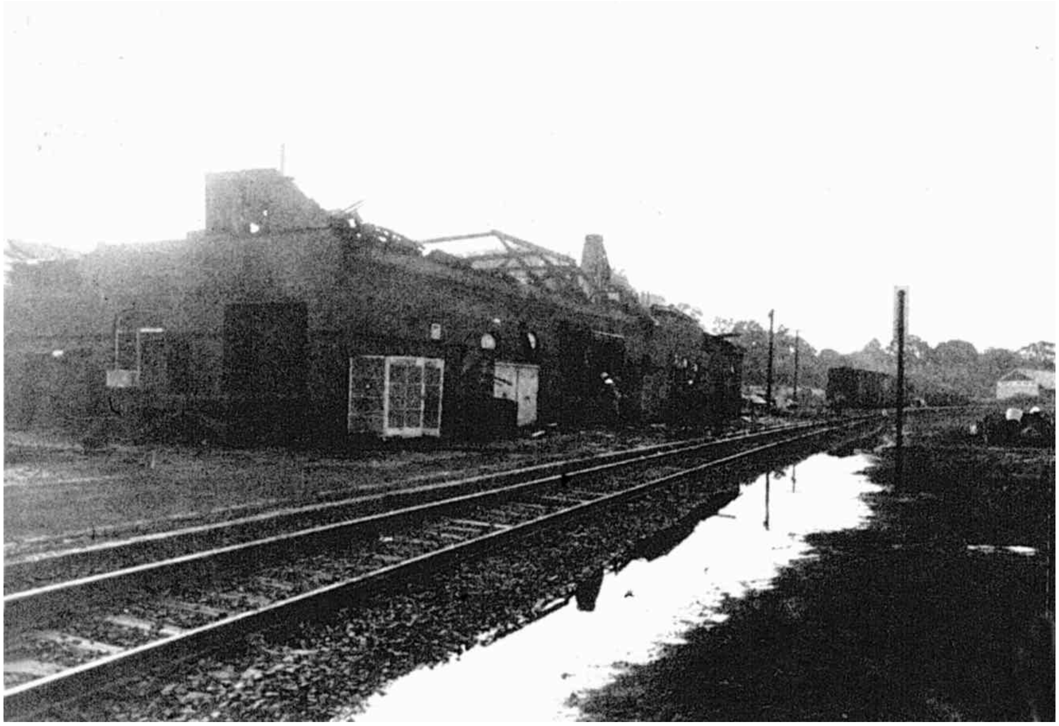




941. Railroad Station

After the disastrous 1993 fire, the shell of the station sat open to the elements and as this photo clearly shows gradually deteriorated into blackened ruins.

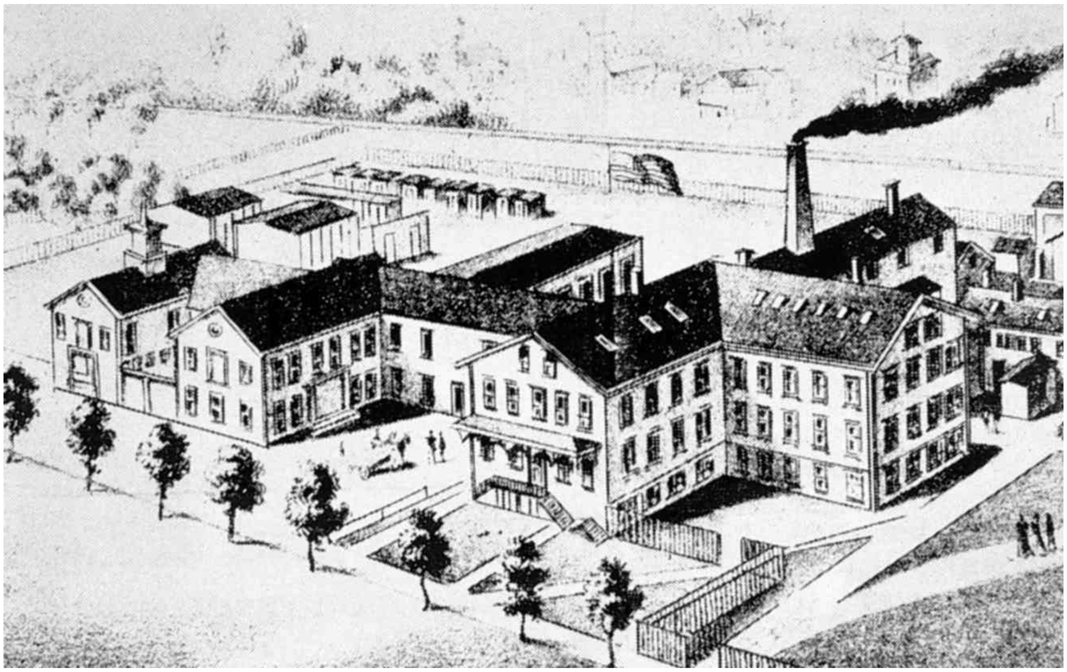
Source: Walter Thompson



942. Railroad Station

This photo taken from the trackside, shows why some citizens felt that restoration efforts might be possible. Unfortunately, for those who desperately wished preservation, the effort was never made.

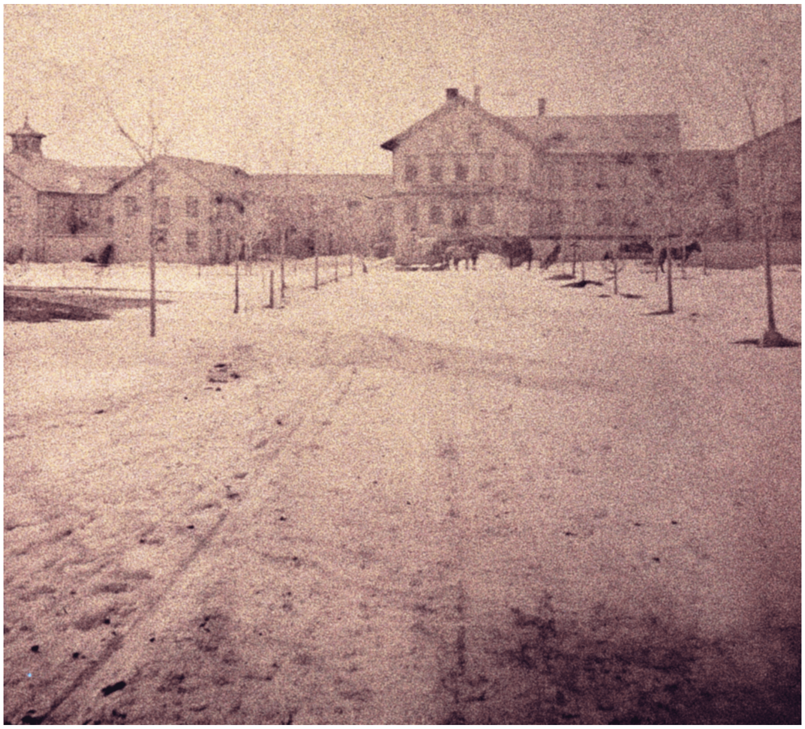
Source: Walter Thompson



943. Bay State Straw Works

Spread over 7 acres in what is now the area bounded by Courtland, Court End and Alden Street this was, by the latter years of the 19th century, the largest straw manufacturing company in the world.

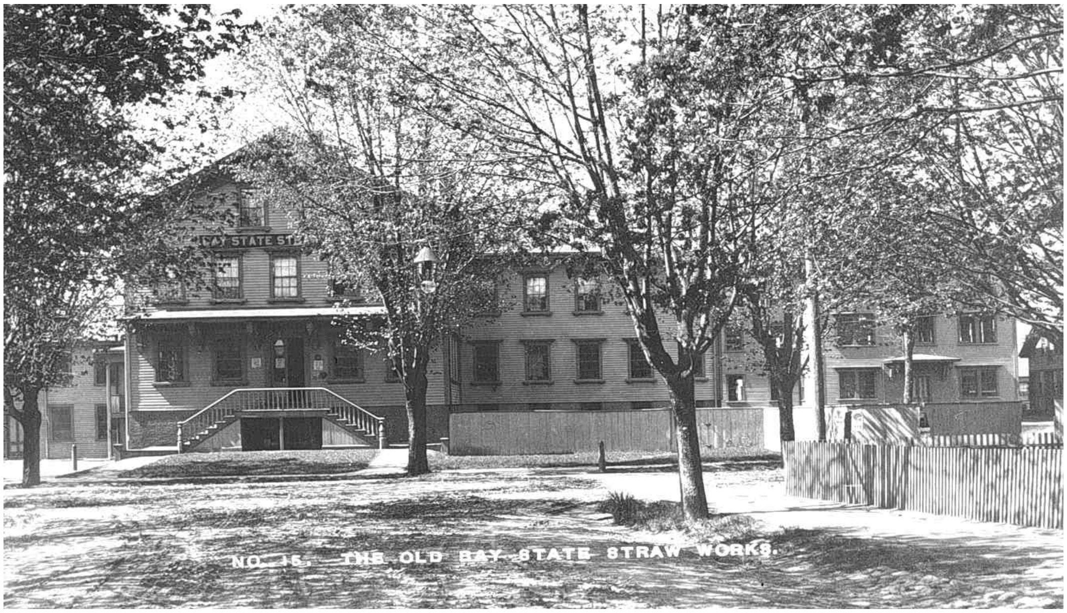
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume VI, April 1964, Number 2, pgs. 5-6.



944. Bay State Straw Works

This old stereoptic card may be in a poor condition but it still gives a powerful view of one of old Middleborough'' largest industries. As one came down Oak Street and main buildings gave off an aura by their sheer size in pre 1900. Today Alden Street goes between two of the former sections and there are others.

Source: Walter Thompson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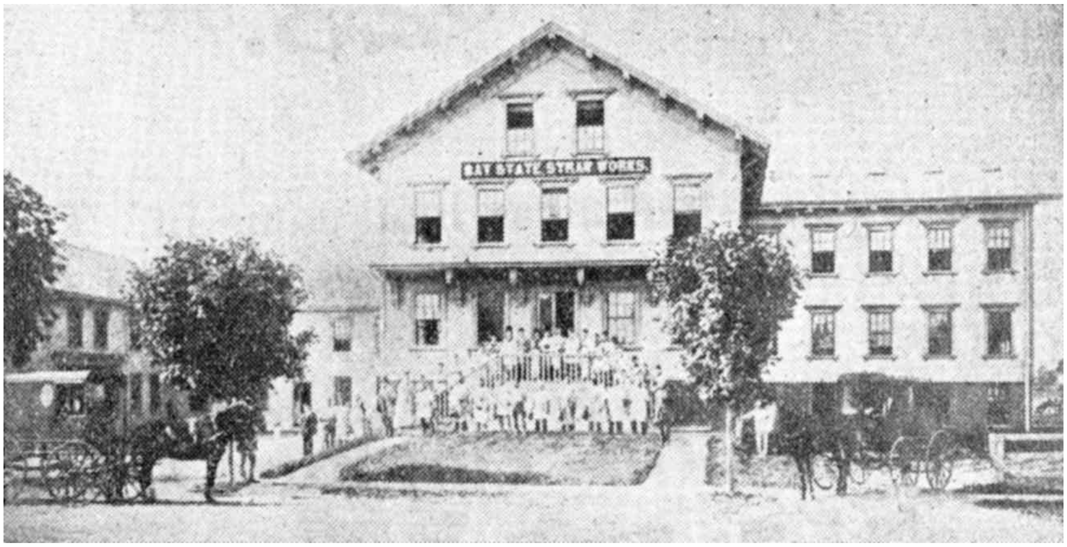
NO. 15. THE OLD BAY STATE STRAW WORKS.

945. Bay State Straw Works

Another view of the Straw Works in the Courtland Street area.

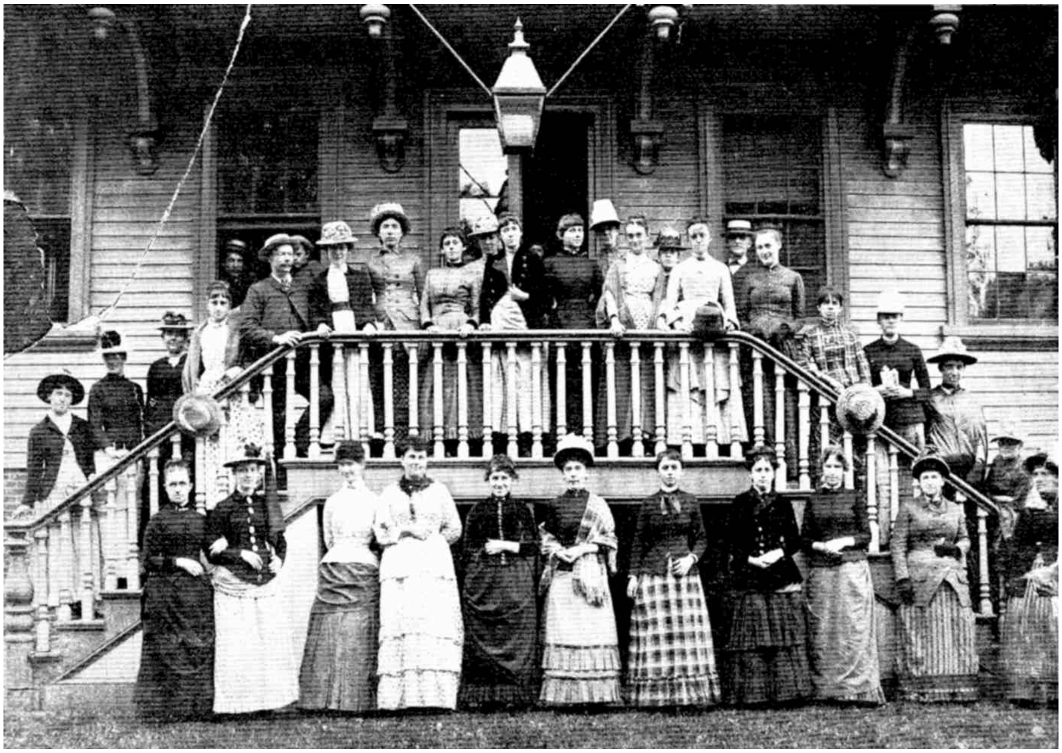
Source: Walter Thompson


BAY STATE STRAW WORKS

946. Bay State Straw Works

This photo of unknown origin apparently shows employees, including delivery wagons in the front of the Straw Works main building.

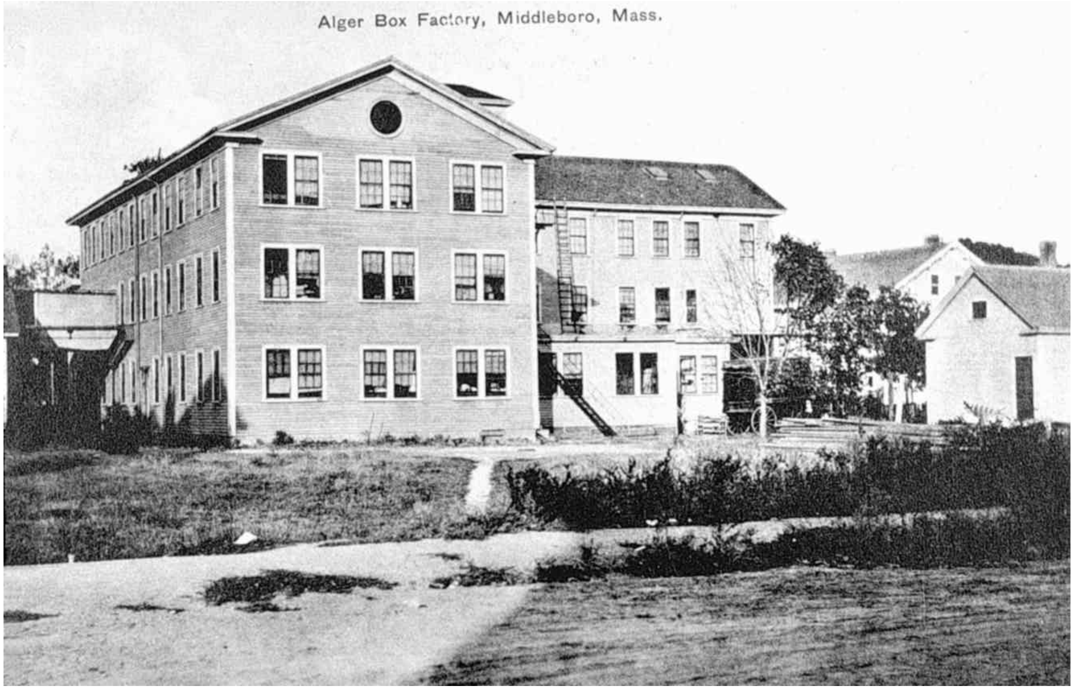
Source: Walter Thompson



947. Bay State Straw Works Workers

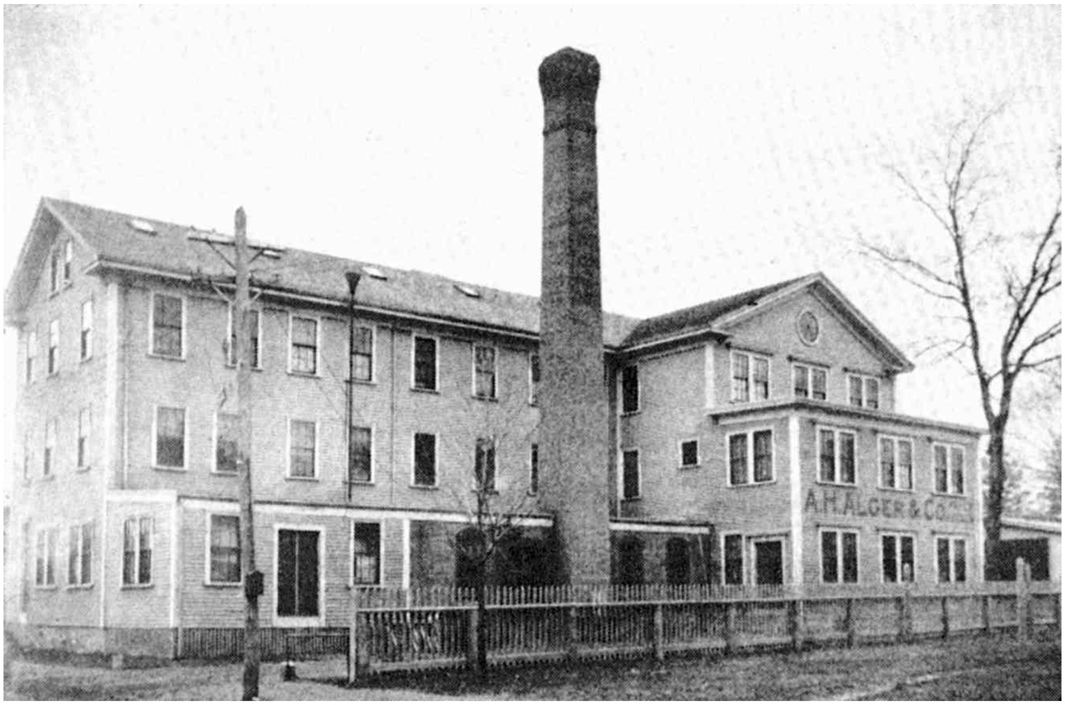
Miss Laura J. Dunbar (92 years olds, July, 1935) Hope Williams, Jennie Rogers Mansfield, Judith Harlow, Mrs. Stonehouse, Lizzie Savery, Mrs. Joseph Williams, Mr. Ed Blake, Nellie Wilbur, Nellie O'Connell, Mrs. Ada Bowman Smith, Mayo, Mrs. Mary Cudworth, Mr. Lenny Collins, Mr. Bert Vaughan, Delia Tinkham Porter, Mary True, Mrs. Hosea Leach, Mrs. Fannie Churbuck, Fannie Fowler Leonard, the Porters, and Mrs. Emma Dean. A few of the workers are not identified

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XVI, August 1975, Number 4, pg. 8-9.


Alger Box Factory, Middleboro, Mass.

948. Alger Box Factory

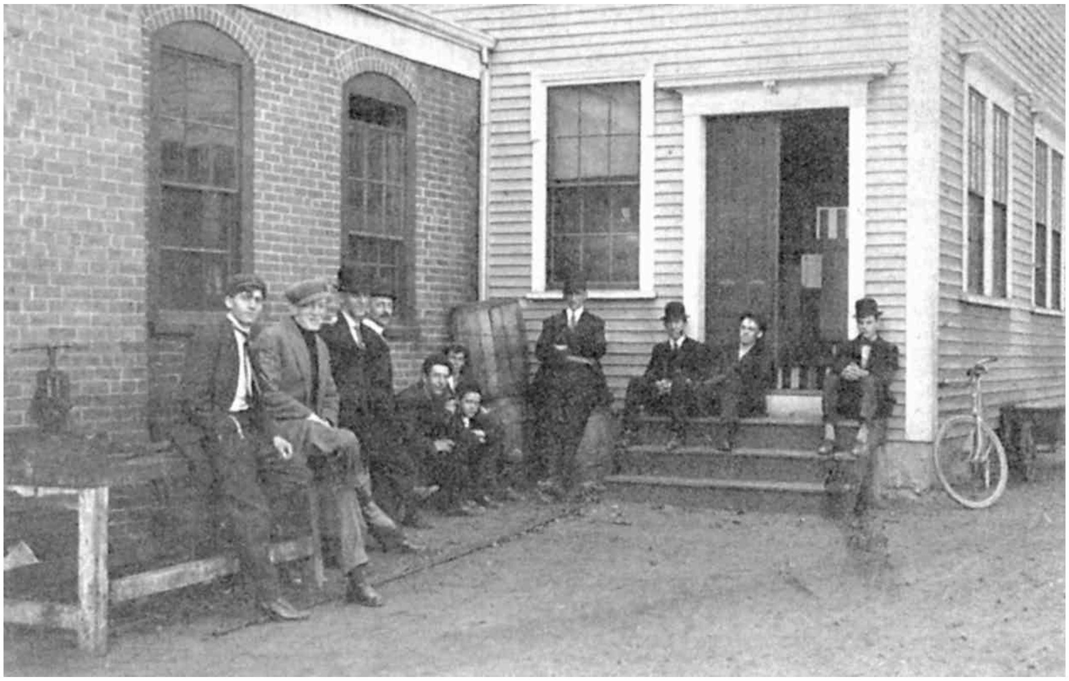
After the Bay State Straw Works closed in 1898, one of their buildings became part of the cardboard box manufacturing company’s plant.



949. Alger Paper Box Factory

At the height of the production years, this photo gives a sense of the prominence of box manufacturing. When more than 100 workers occupied this large 3-story plant on the newly created Alden Street.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXIII, November 1984, Number 4, pg. 12

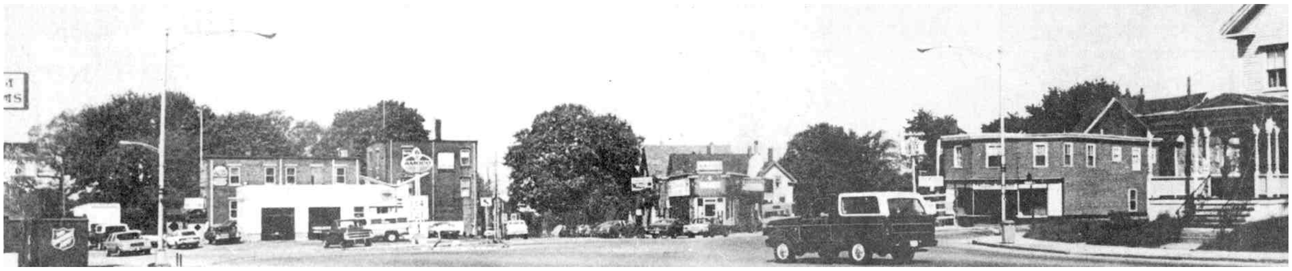


950. Alger Paper Box Factory

Workers at the Alger Paper Box Factory – two groups of men.
Picture; gift of Mrs. Irene (Perkins) Huster

Harry Littlefield
Louis Gay
Frank Stickney
Jack Snow
Glen Perkins
Pat Canovan
Ray Wright
Henry Peirce

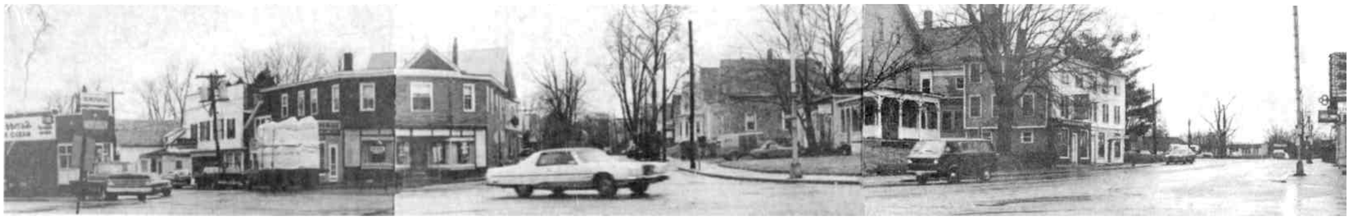
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXIII, November 1984, Number 4, pg. 12



951. Everett Square

The hub of commercial activity as one approaches the railroad depot and bridge, this confluence of six streets has carried two names in the recent history of Middleborough – Everett Square and John Glass Jr. Square.

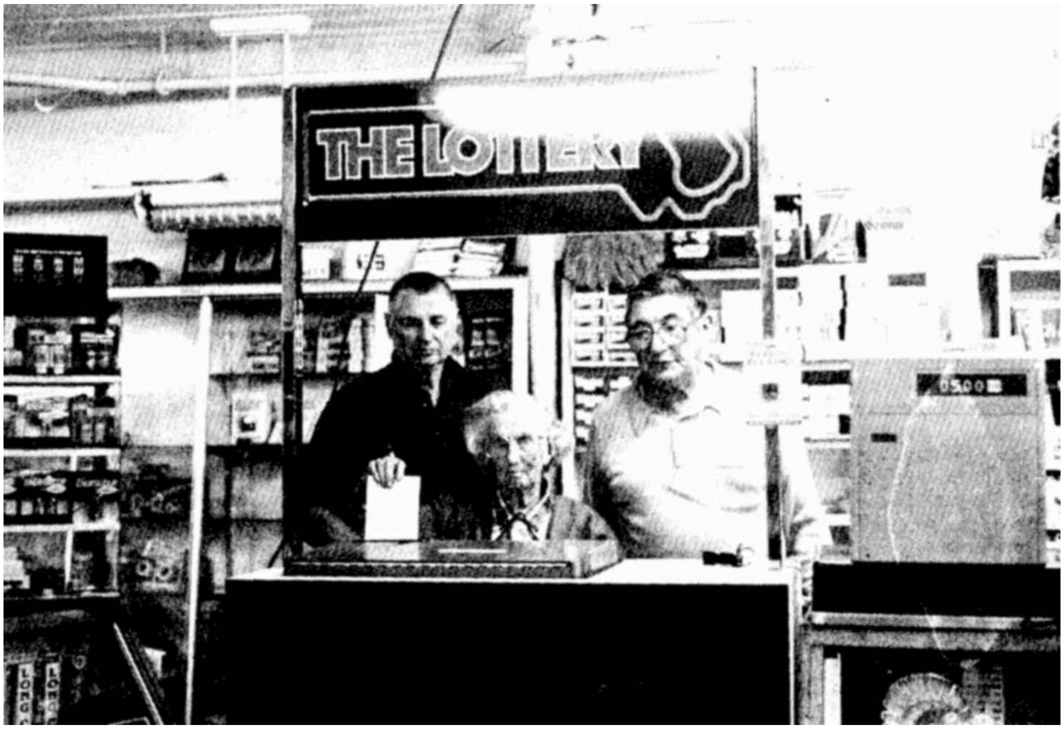
Source: Walter Thompson



952. Everett Square

Another view of the square. Everett Lincoln was the grandson of the founder of Lincoln's Blacksmith Shop on Wareham Street, who was also named Everett and for whom both the square and one of the six streets coming in to the square (Everett Street) was named.

Source: Walter Thompson



953. Farrar’s Clerk with Store Owners

Farrar’s Clerk, Hazel Hopkins, flanked by the store’s proprietors, David Reed (left) and Harry Reed will sell you a lottery ticket from the store, which is best known for its homemade ice cream. Farrar’s has been an institution in Middleborough since 1898, when the Reed’s grandfather first opened up for business.”

Source: A Direct Quote from Cynthia Ballou, Middleboro Gazette

954. Jane and Harry Reed

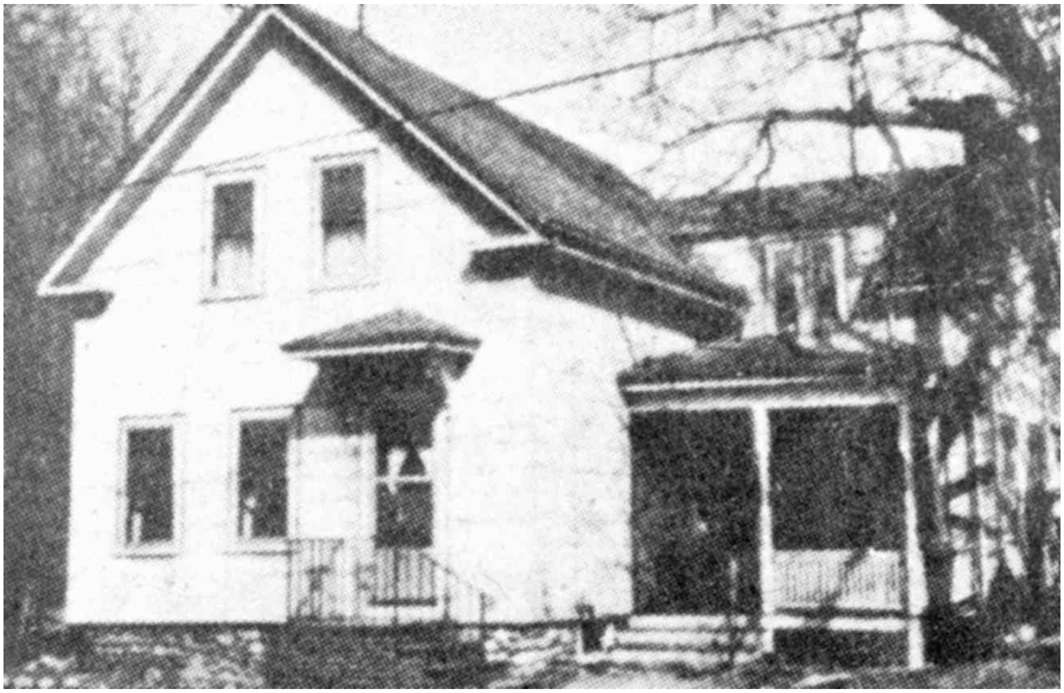
“Jane and Harry Reed are looking forward to retirement, having sold Farrar’s ice cream shop and convenience store to new owners last Friday. The Everett Square store had been in the family (Farrar and Reed) for 98 years, and was run by Harry and his brother Dave, Jane’s late husband, for many years until Dave’s death last year. The new owners planned to reopen this week with a sub and pizza shop in addition to the coffee shop and convenience store. Quote George Austin.

Source: Middleboro Gazette

955. Farrar’s

David H. Farrara, after retiring from his News-Snack Shop, sold the shop to his daughter Alice and her husband Percy Reed in 1919. They ran the business until 1960,when they incorporated with their two sons Harold and David. Harry ran it, after David’s death and has now sold the business and retired.

Source: Clint Clark’s column, By the Way, Middleboro Gazette, 1997.



956. The Timothy Leary Home

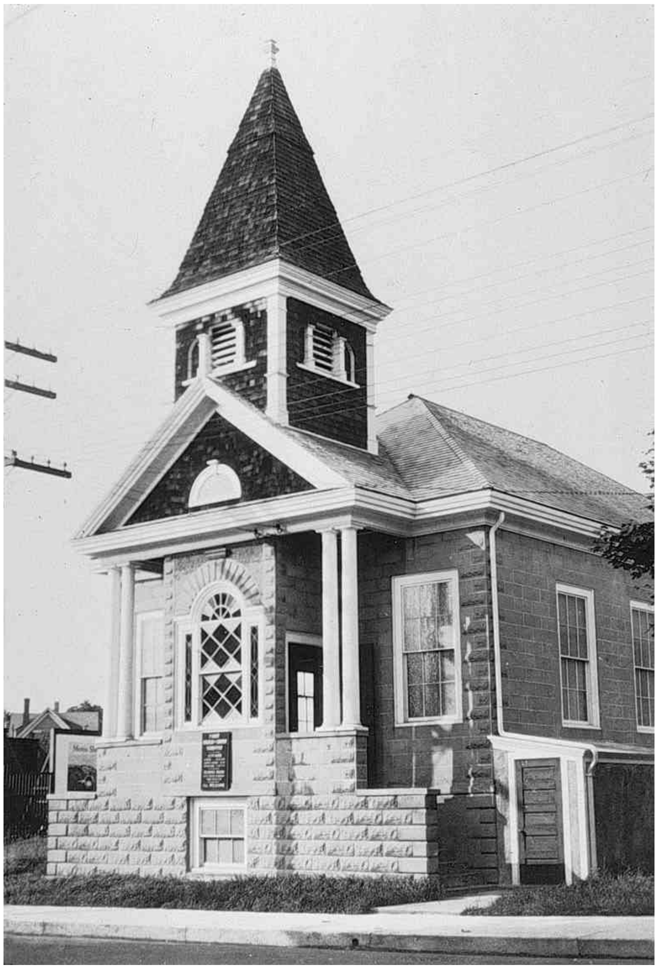
A typical home in the residential area around Everett Square.

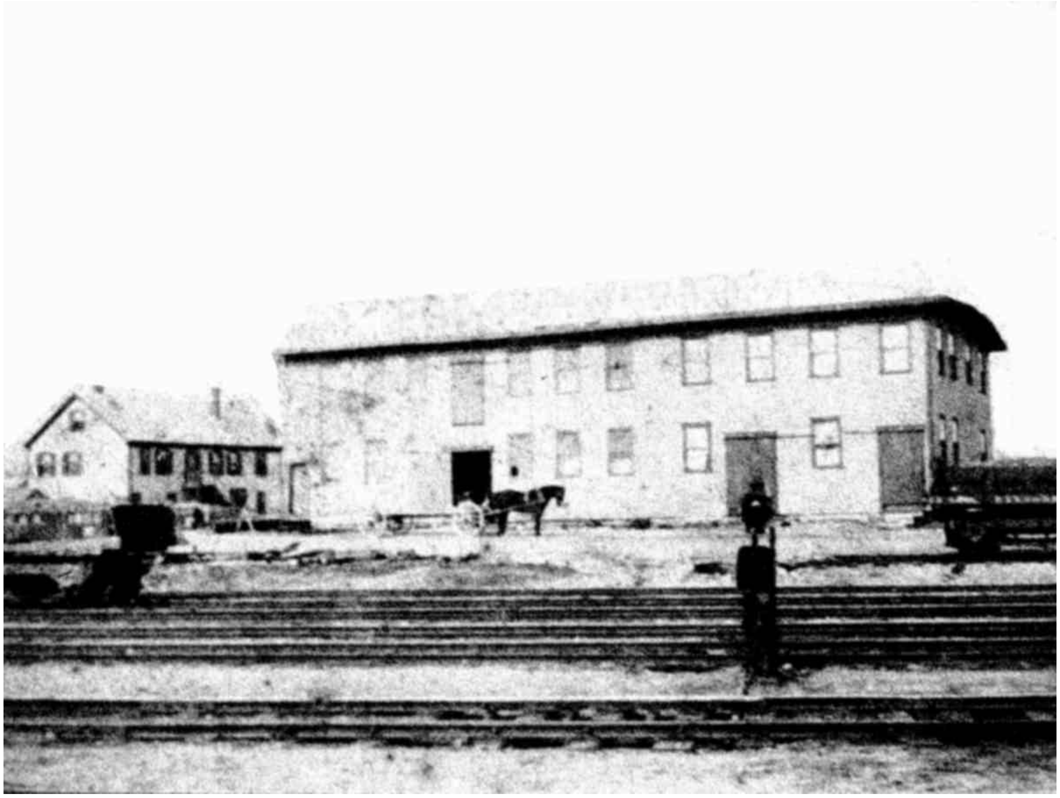
Source: Walter Thompson

957. Church of Christ, Scientist

Formerly the home of the Christian Adventists, this concrete building, vacant at the time, became the home of Middleborough's Christian Scientists in 1928. The building is just off Everett Square.

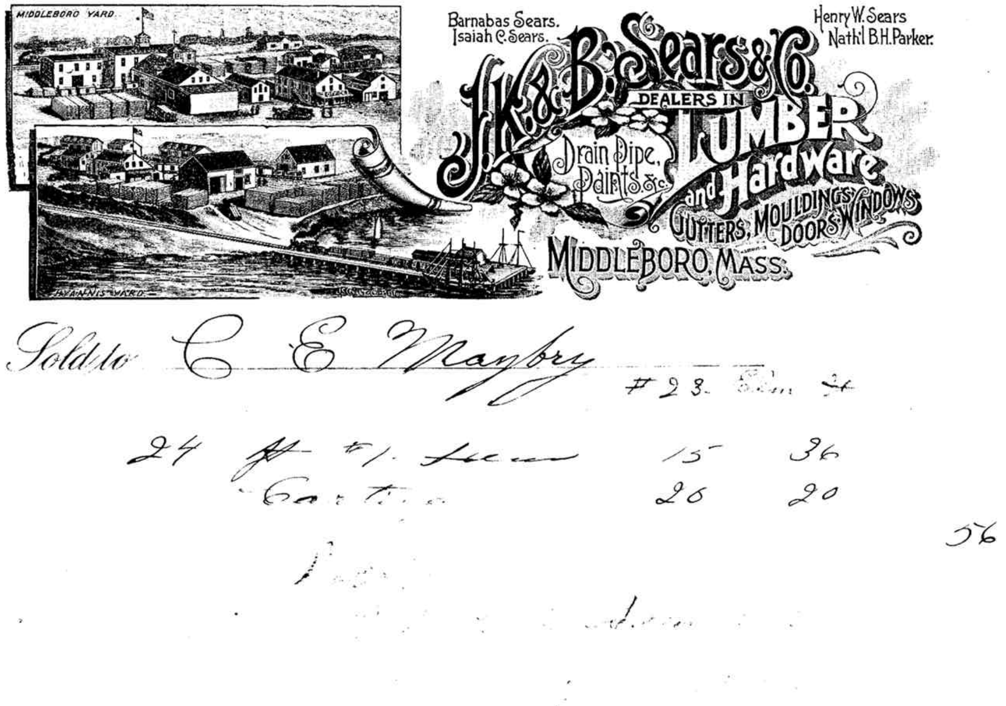
Source: Walter Thompson





958. J. K. & B. Sears & Co.

Sears Lumber Company as it appeared in the late 19th century, at the time it moved from its original location near Courtland Street.


MIDDLEBORO YARD.
HYANNIS YARD

Barnabas Sears.
Isaiah C. Sears.

Henry W. Sears
Nath'l B.H. Parker.

J. K. & B. Sears & Co.
DEALERS IN
LUMBER
and Hardware
Drain Pipe, Paints &c.
GUTTERS, MOULDINGS, DOORS, WINDOWS
MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

Sold to C. E. Maybry

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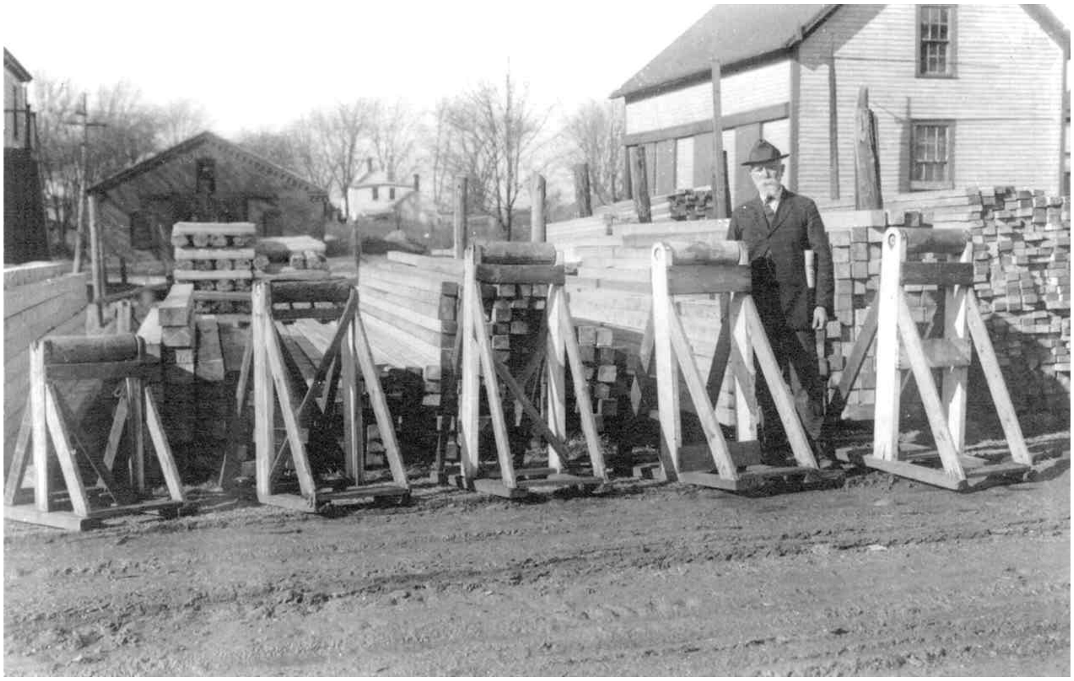
959. J. K. & B. Sears & Co.

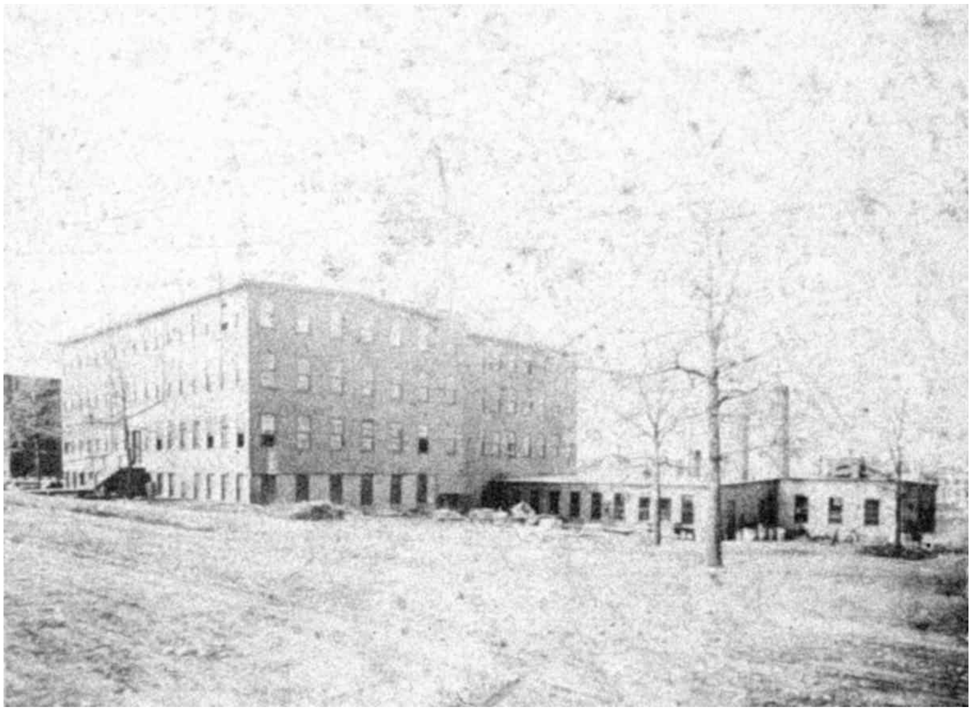
The diagram shows the complexity of the lumberyard it its day. They were one of the largest lumber dealers in this part of the state until 1949 until C.P. Washburn Company bought it out.



960. J.K. & B. Sears & Co.

The Sears Lumber Company came to Middleborough in 1878 from Hyannis. When you look at the diagram of the Bay State Straw Works, the lumber company may be seen in the upper left across from the Railroad Depot, in the area around Elm and Courtland Streets. Old Henry Sears may be seen surveying his business. The building presently housing the Colonial Brass Foundry may be seen across Vine Street.

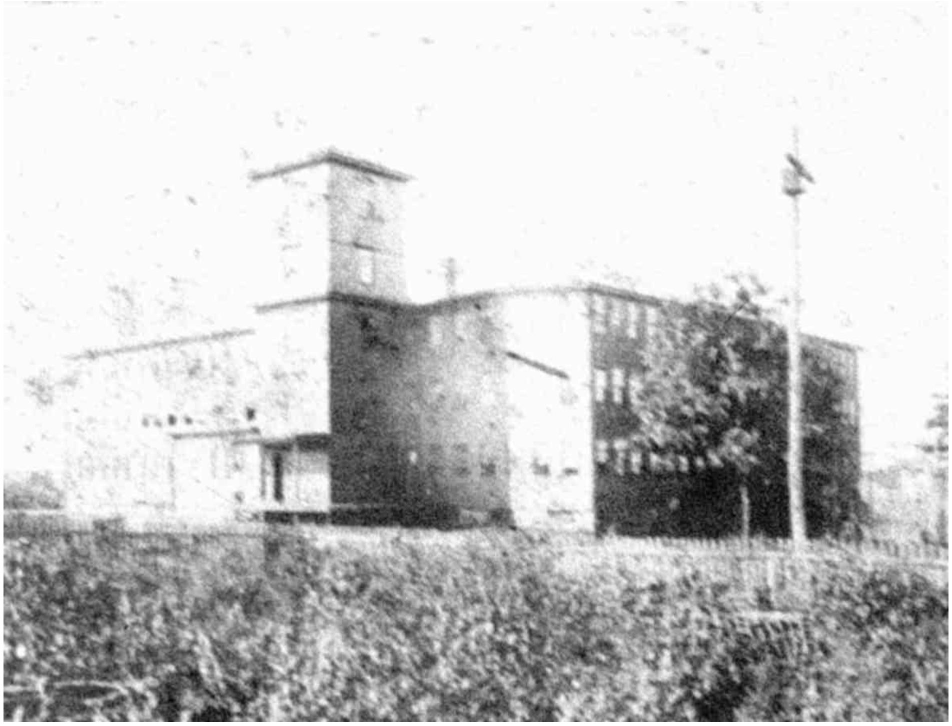
Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 36.



961. Murdock Parlor Grate Co.

Iron works and its offshoots played a major role in Middleborough's early history and by the late 19th century the Murdock Enterprise on Vine Street, pictured here, was a major derivative business still commercially important in the community.

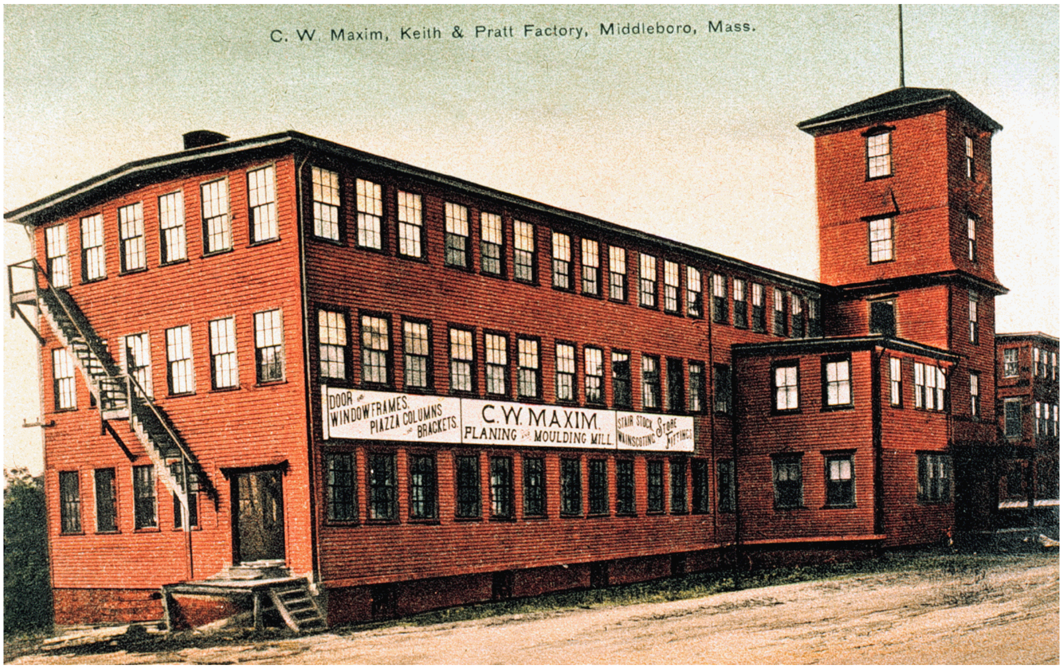
Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pgs. 38-40.



962. Hathaway Soule & Harrington

This building was destroyed by fire in the early part of the 20th century but apparently became home to many more shoemaking enterprises until the decline of shoe manufacturing in the latter part of the century.

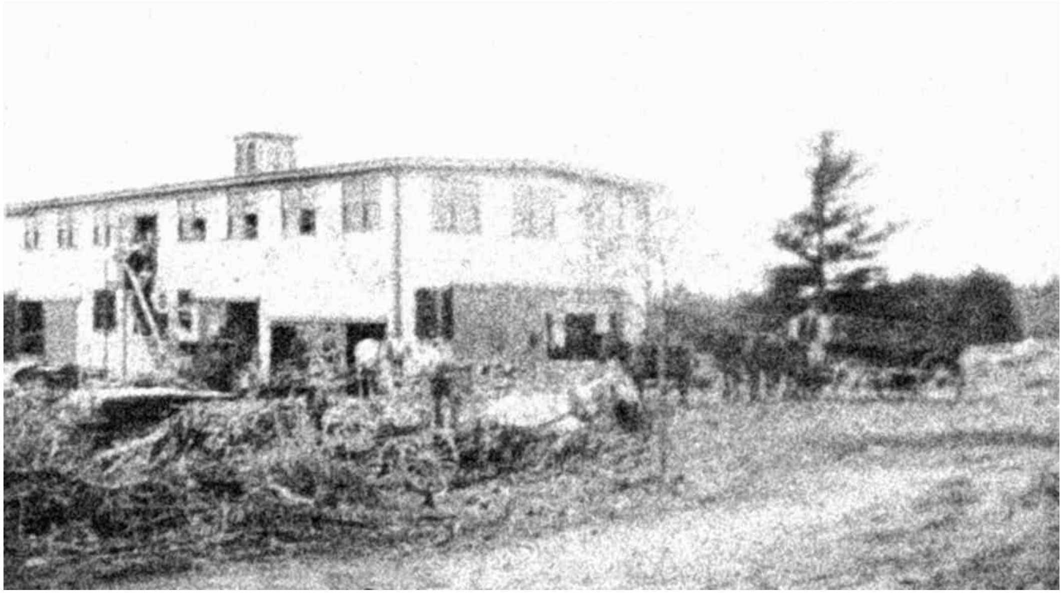
Source: Walter Thompson


C. W. Maxim, Keith & Pratt Factory, Middleboro, Mass.
DOOR and WINDOW FRAMES, PIAZZA COLUMNS and BRACKETS.
C. W. MAXIM. PLANING and MOULDING MILL.
STAIR STOCK WAINSCOTING STORE FITTINGS

963. Maxim Planing Mill

This building housed the manufacture of many wooden products used in the prosperous period in Middleborough. In the first decade of the 20th century, when at its height, more than 50 homes were built in 1906.

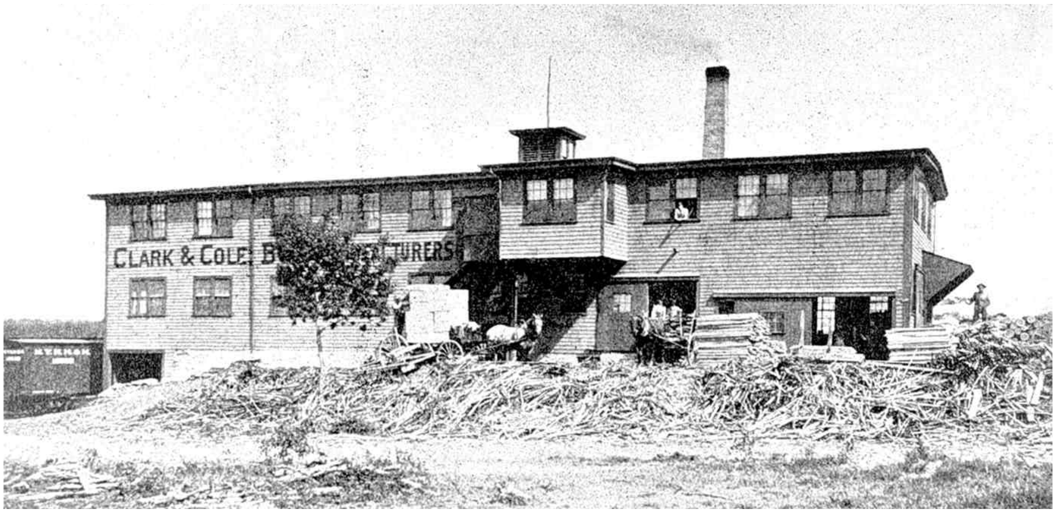
Source: Walter Thompson



964. Clark & Cole

The Partners made wooden boxes form 1888 to 1914 at a site on Water Street. When Frederick Lobl bought the property left after their business succumbed to the inroads of paper cartons, Lobl used this building on Cambridge Street.

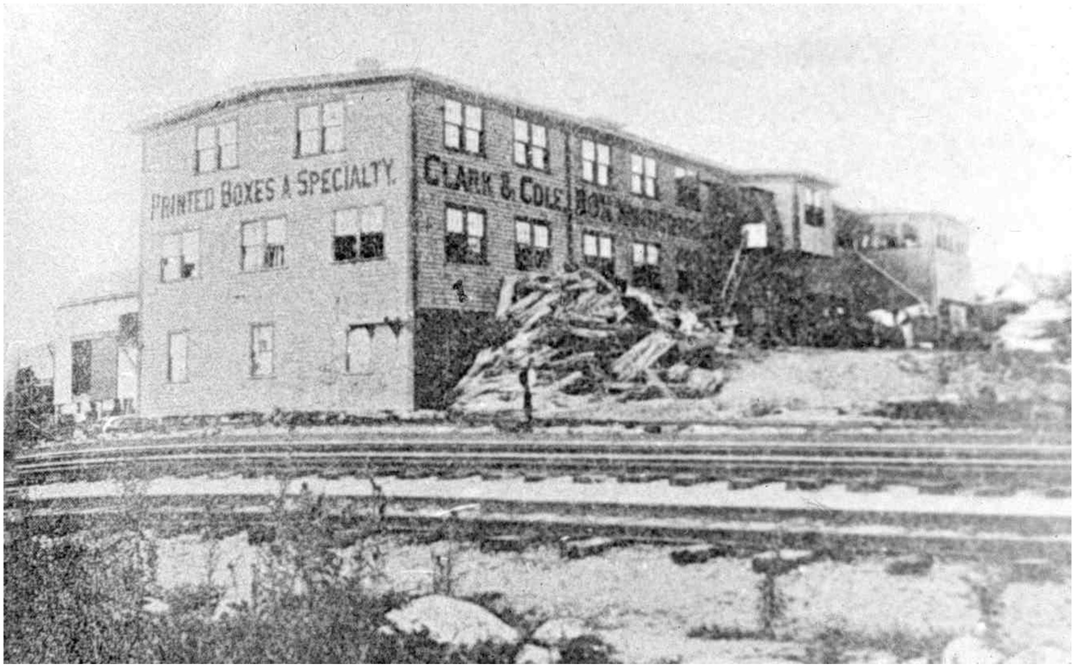
Source: Walter Thompson



965. Clark & Cole

Successfully filling the demand until the paper cartons began to replace wooden boxes, this building became Frederick Lobl’s site for manufacturing surgical supplies until the fire in 1919 destroyed it.

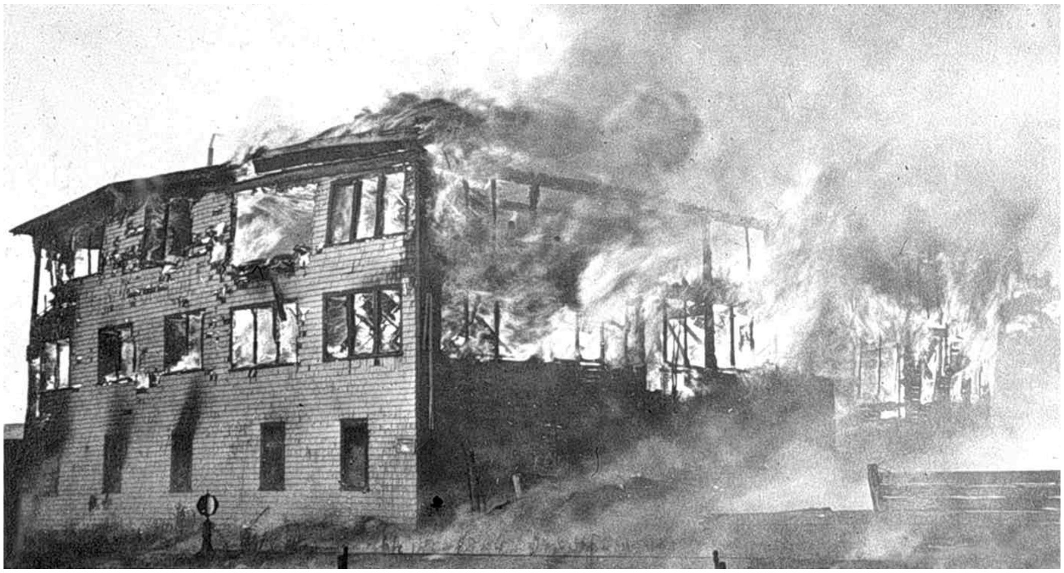
Source: Walter Thompson


PRINTED BOXES A SPECIALTY.
CLARK & COLE
BOX

966. Clark & Cole

Located well between Cambridge Street and the railroad tracks, this view is looking east from across the tracks.

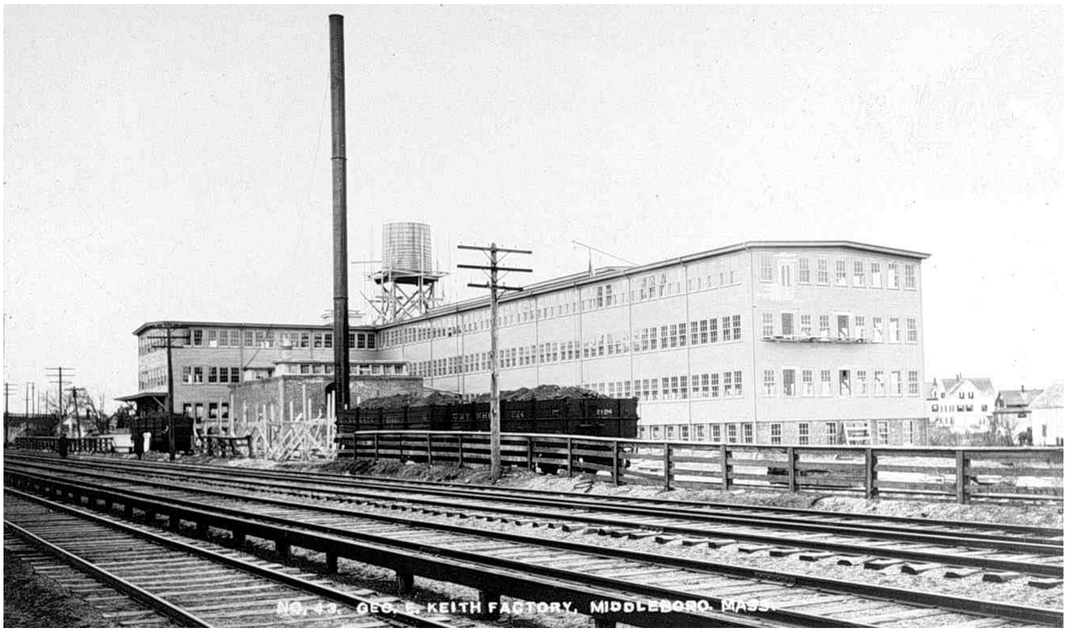
Source: Mertie Romaine’s History of Middleborough, pg. 38.



967. Lobl Company

In its infancy when fire struck, the company quickly rebuilt on the same site after a brief interlude of manufacture on Vine Street.

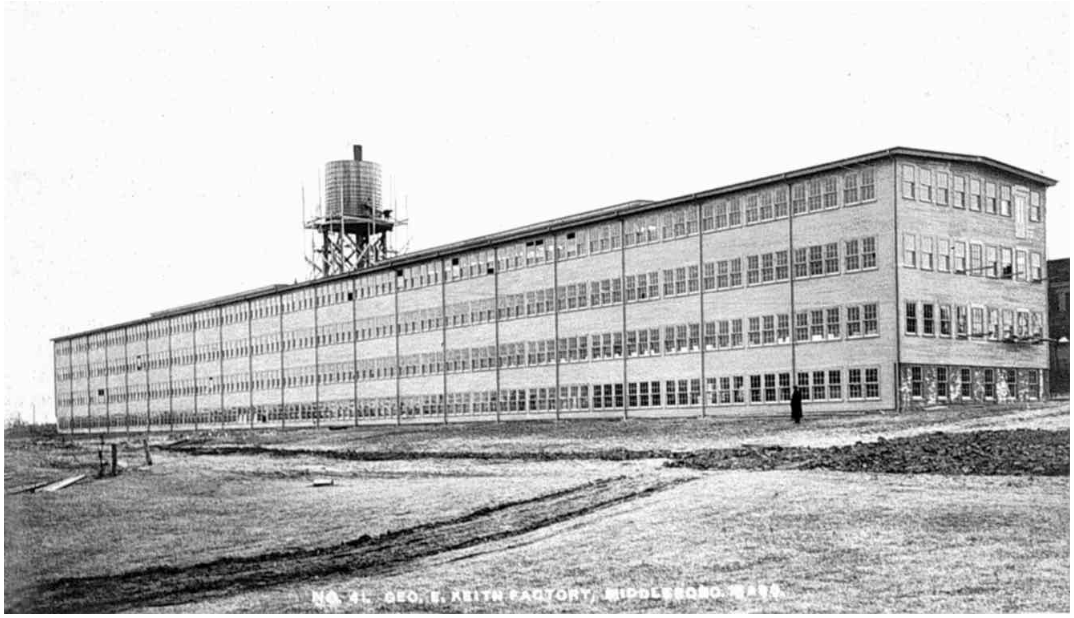
Source: Walter Thompson


NO. 43. GEO. E. KEITH FACTORY, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

968. George E. Keith

Coming from Brockton after a successful subscription drive to build this large manufacturing plant, the company was a major factor in the shoe business for decades in Middleborough.

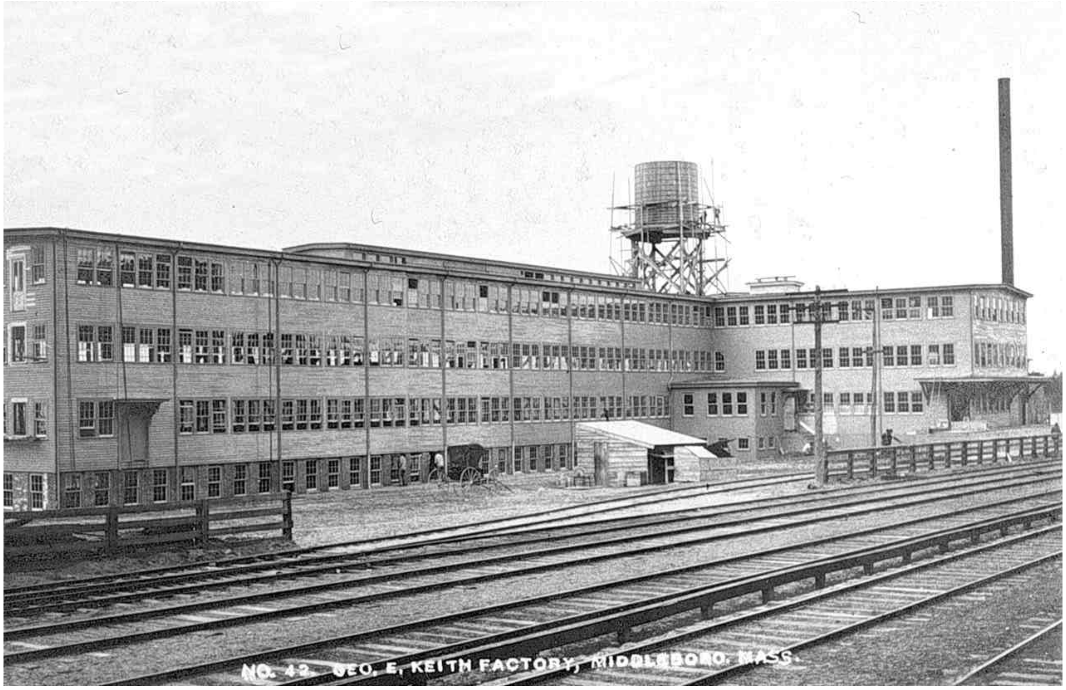
Source: Walter Thompson


NO. 41. GEO. E. KEITH FACTORY, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

969. George E. Keith

Looking east from Lane Street we get the impression of the true immensity of this handsome manufacturing structure.

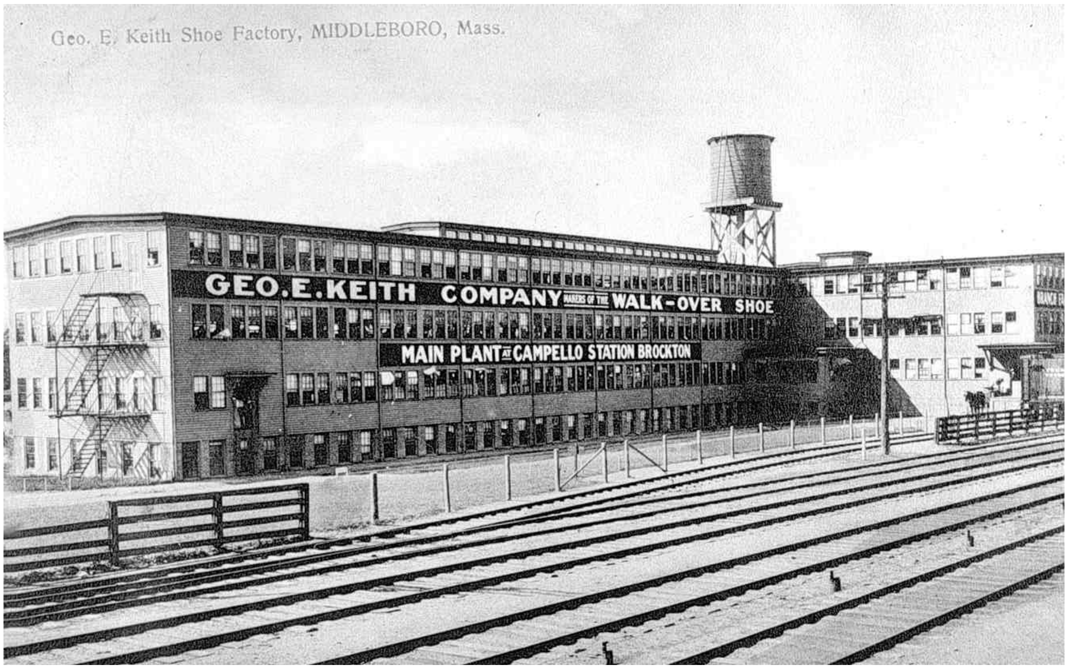
Source: Walter Thompson


NO. 42. GEO. E. KEITH FACTORY, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

970. George E. Keith

This factory building was dedicated on January 9, 1906 and all the local people over fifteen received an invitation to a reception for George E. Keith with dancing after. Trolley cars ran from Tripp's Waiting Room to the factory every ten minutes from 6:30 p.m. until midnight.

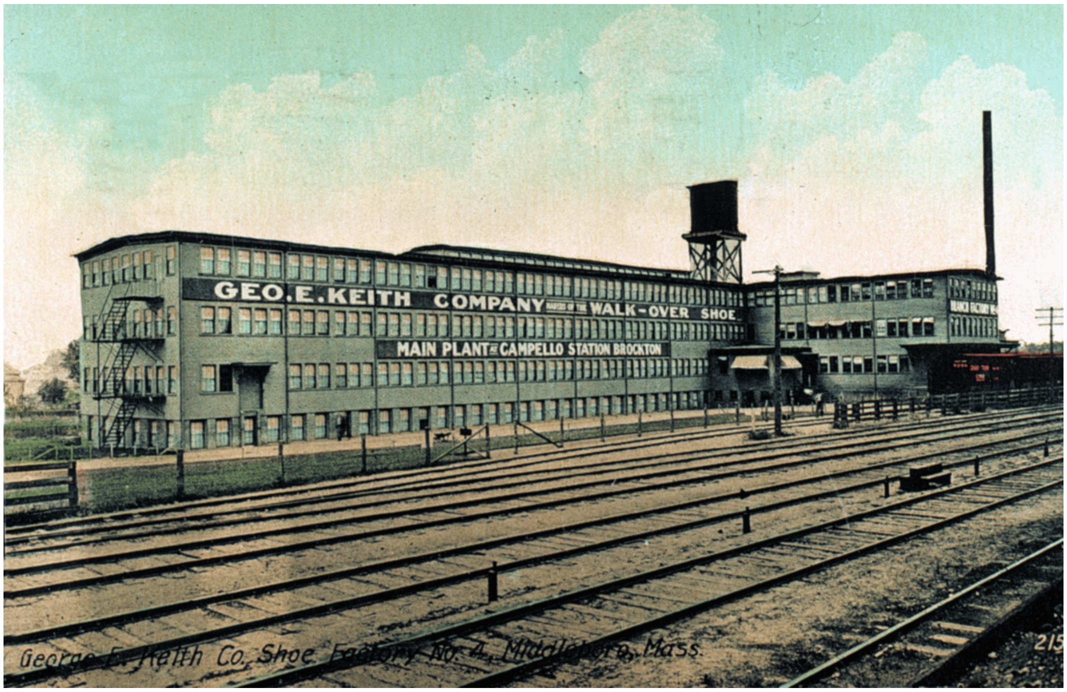
Source: Walter Thompson


Geo. E. Keith Shoe Factory, MIDDLEBORO, Mass.
GEO. E. KEITH COMPANY MAKERS OF THE WALK-OVER SHOE
MAIN PLANT AT CAMPELLO STATION BROCKTON

971. George E. Keith Co.

The Middleborough Commercial Club brought the George E. Keith Shoe Co. to town through a subscription drive. The citizens of Middleborough had to foot this bill of $50,000, but as they usually do in such instances, the Peirce Trustees gave $30,000.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough


GEO. E. KEITH COMPANY MAKERS OF THE WALK-OVER SHOE
MAIN PLANT AT CAMPELLO STATION BROCKTON
BRANCH FACTORY No
George E. Keith Co. Shoe Factory No. 4, Middleboro, Mass.
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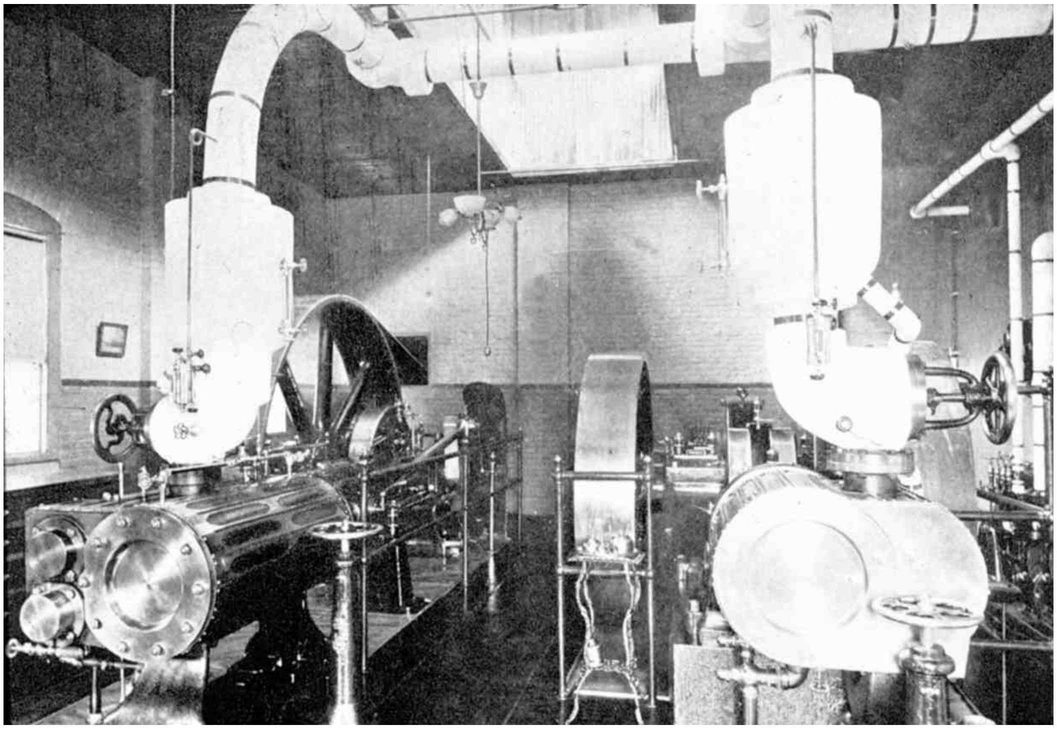
972. George E. Keith

Middleborough's shoe factory environment gave the local people a good standard of life and a happy one for most.

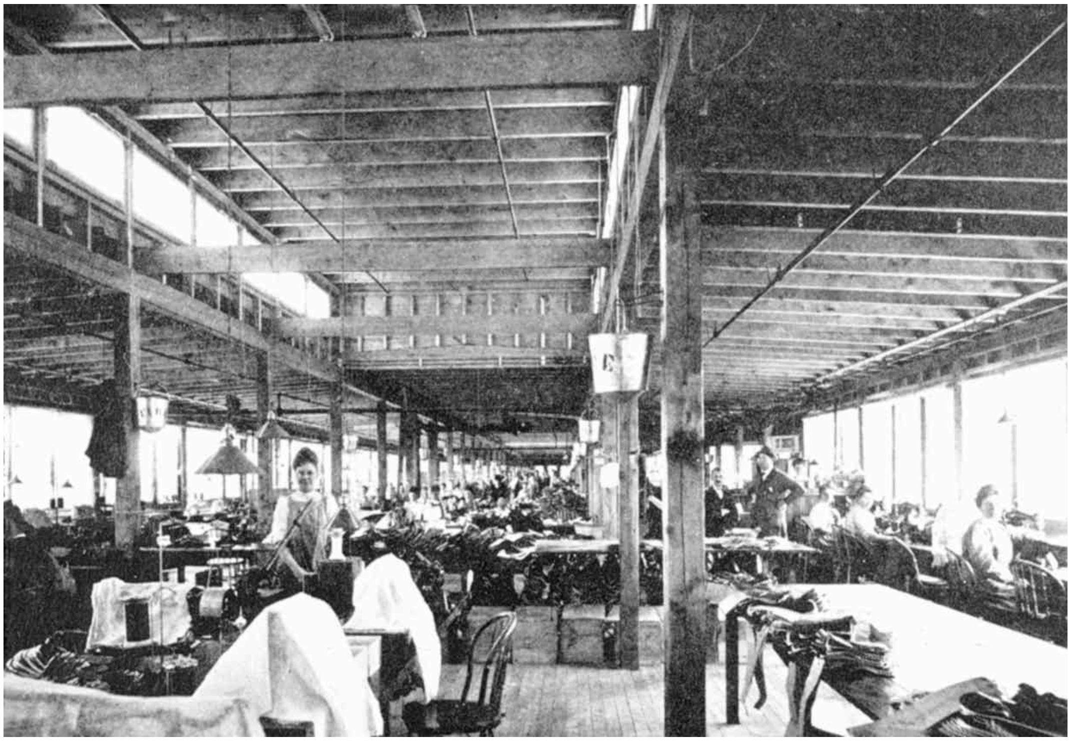
Source: Walter Thompson



973. George E. Keith Engine Room

This engine room is one segment of the power plants that controlled this huge factory for the running of its machines and heating.

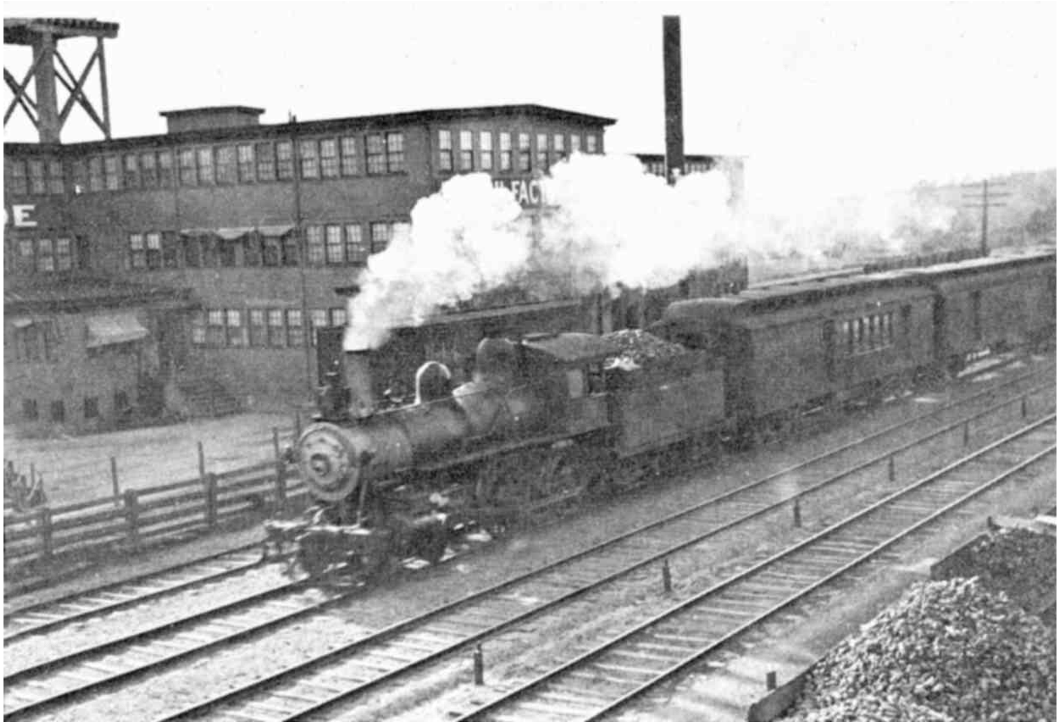
Source: Walter Thompson



974. George E. Keith

The ladies worked on either side of the stitching rooms at their sewing machines with light coming in on either side from the large windows. The leather uppers can be seen on the cutting tables in the middle of the room, all ready to be sewn. Note the buckets hanging form the posts that were filled with sand to be used in case of fire.

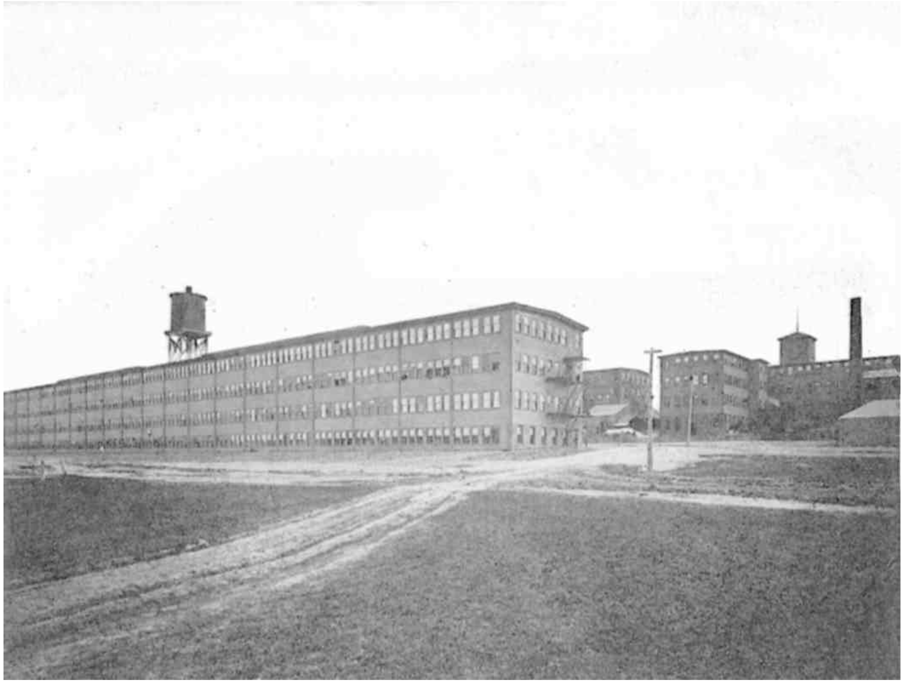
Source: Walter Thompson



975. George E. Keith Company

This is one of my favorite photos of the factory area because it shows a steam locomotive under full power heading for the depot.

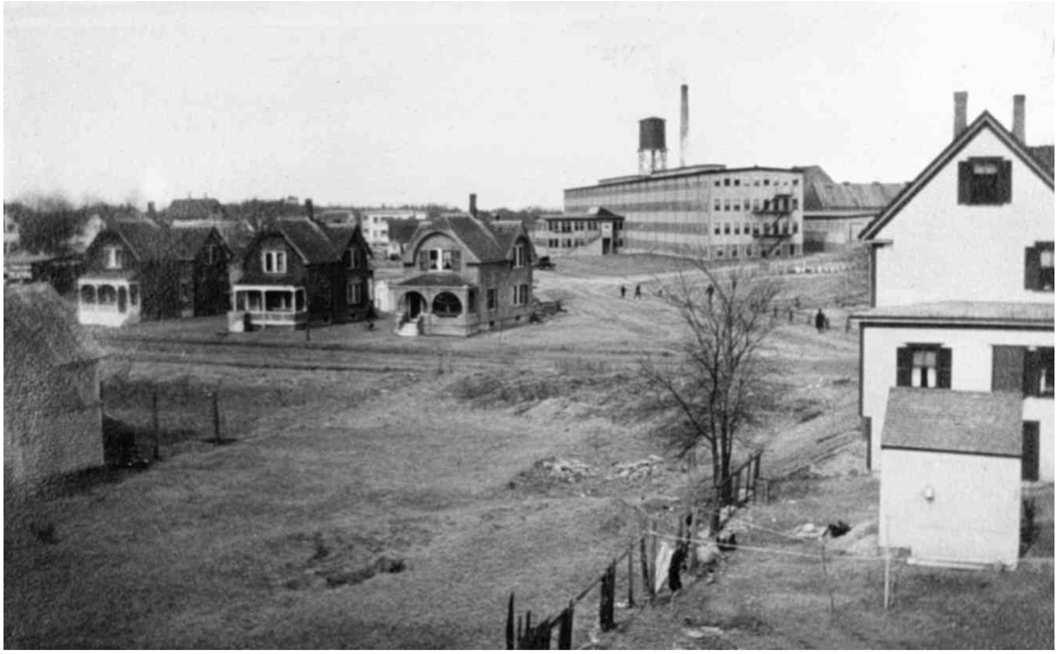
Source: PLDE Middleborough Calendar, 1976
Lorenzo C. Judge & Clinton E. Clark, Publishers
"Steaming Into Middleborough"



976. George E. Keith

This wonderful shot of the rear of the factory shows its great length, and it also shows what we knew, as the Lobel Surgical Manufacturing plant; and to the right is the Albert Shoe Factory.

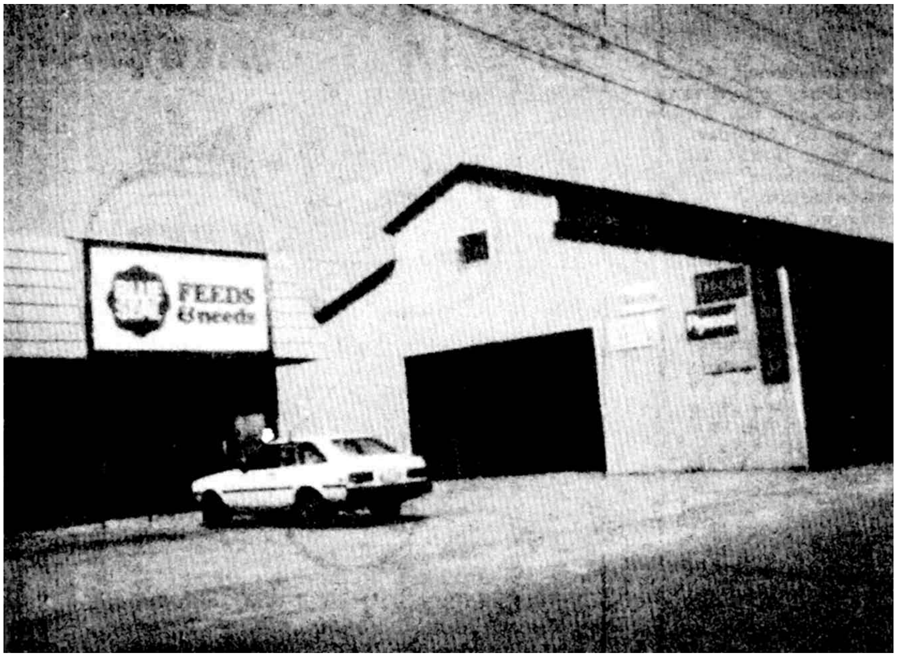
Source: Walter Thompson



977. George E. Keith

In this view from Lane Street toward the factory we may see on the left three houses which George Shurtleff built near his lumberyard. The first house on the left was his residence.

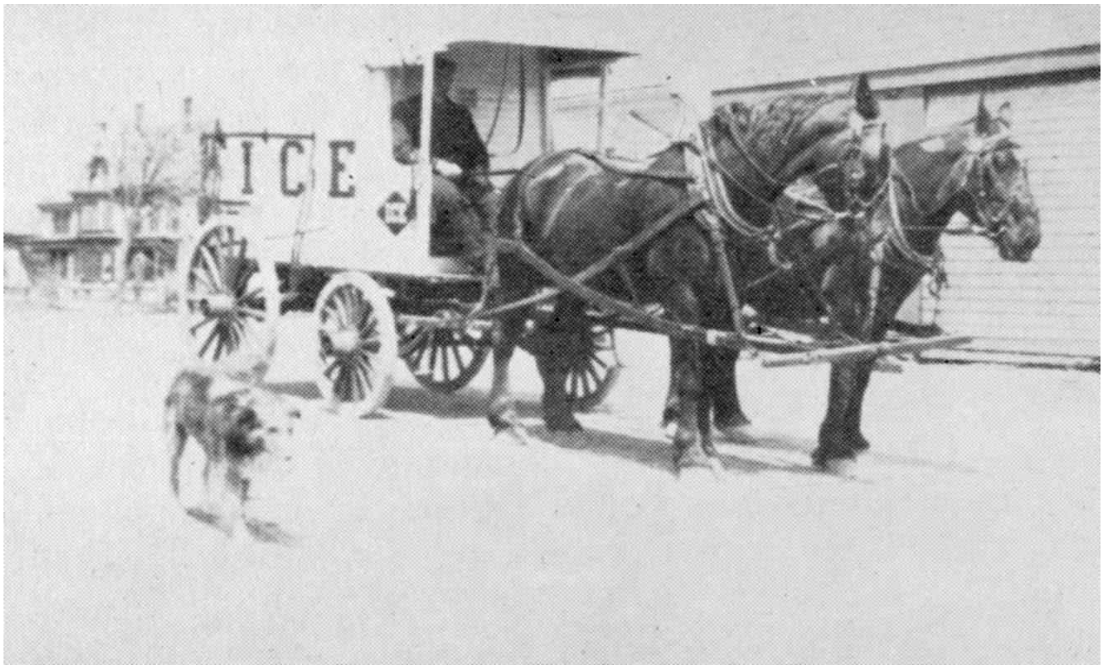
Source: Walter Thompson



978. Middleborough Home Center

This is the former lumber yard that George Shurtleff had built on Lane Street. The picture depicts the newer building that was built in the early seventies; there were also three houses, the first of which the Shurtleff family lived in. In 1985 Peter Keegan of Newton bought the entire package and named it the Middleborough Home Center.

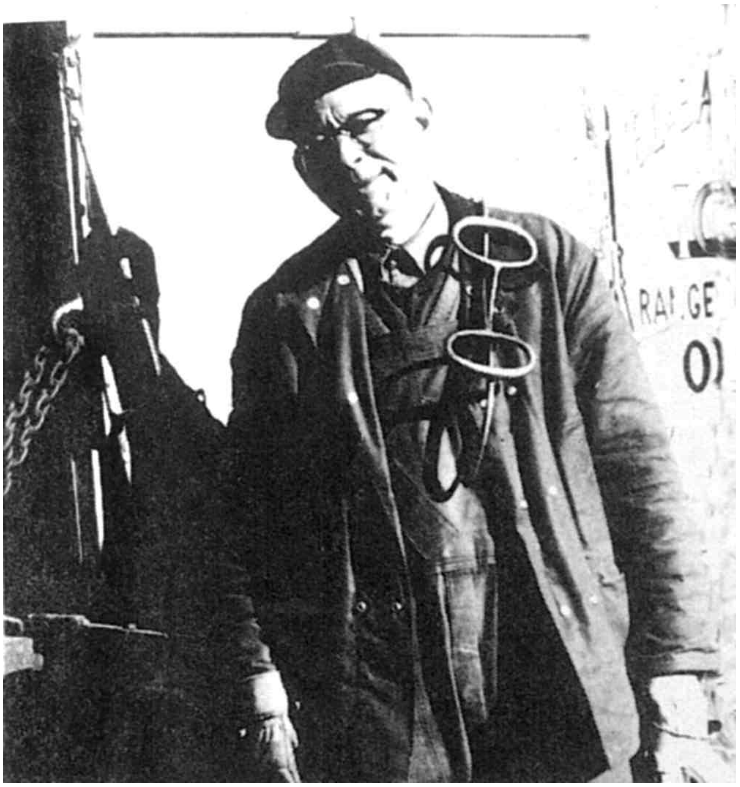
Source: Walter Thompson



979. Ernest Pratt Ice Wagon

The old Pratt Farm on East Main Street had many enterprises going for it, one of which was an ice business. This two-horse team used by the Ernest S. Pratt Co. was used to deliver ice to homes and businesses alike before the advent of the electric icebox. The Ernest Pratt business began in 1908.

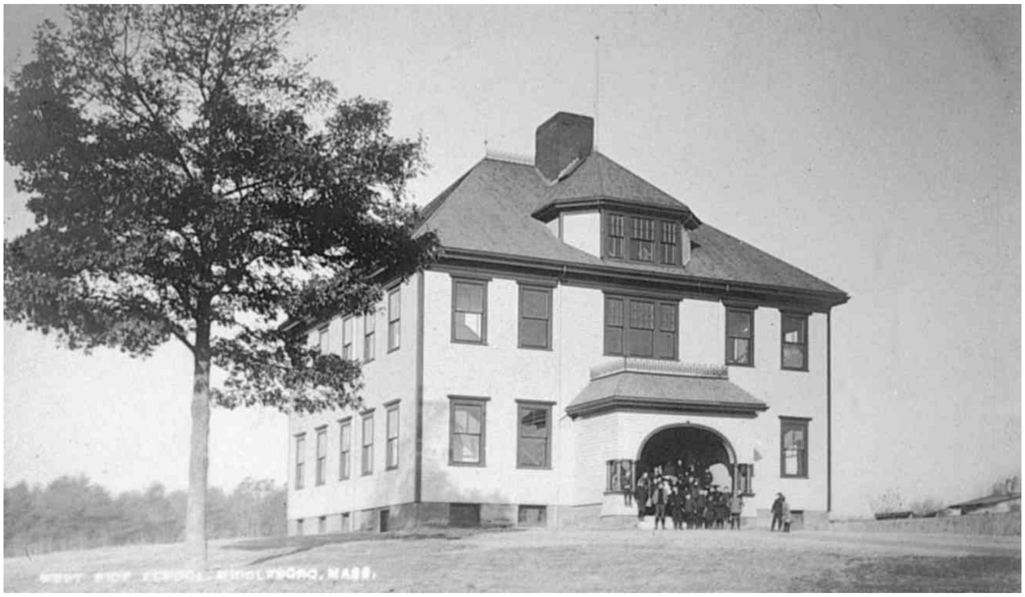
Source: Mertie Romaine’s “History of Middleborough” pg. 47.



980. Joseph Jacintho, Iceman

This delightful picture shows the guise of a very typical iceman. Joseph Jacintho is shown standing beside the LeBaron Ice Truck with the ice tongs hanging over his left shoulder.

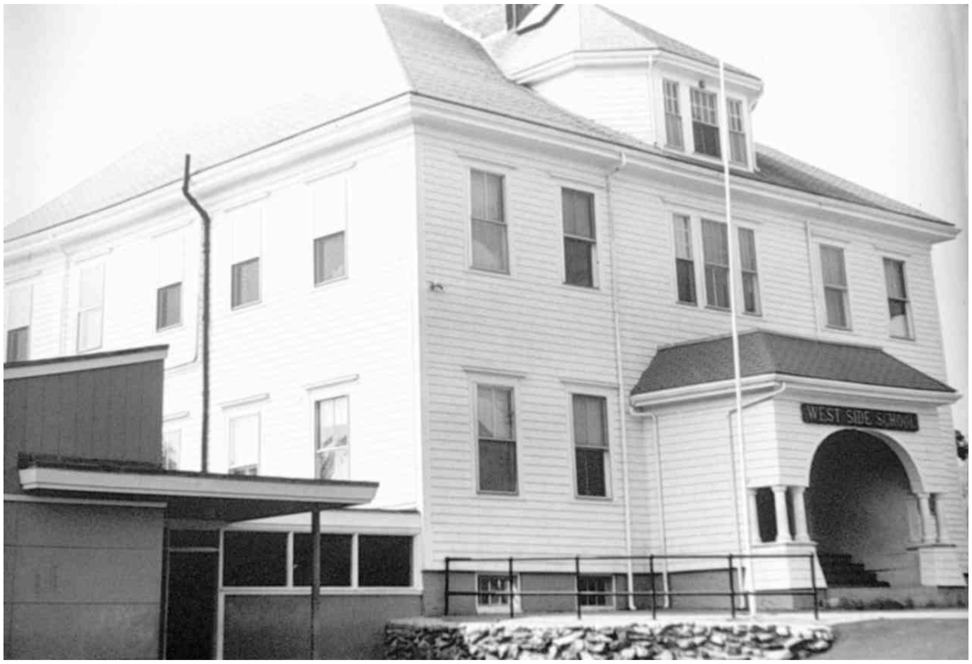
Source: Walter Thompson



981. West Side School

March 6, 1893 the town meeting voted to build a school on the West Side. The new school was dedicated on October 19, 1894 and served the town well until 1920, when a portable addition was built to meet the needs of a growing population. The addition was destroyed in the 1938 hurricane, which was great because it was not needed since the new Union Street School had been built.

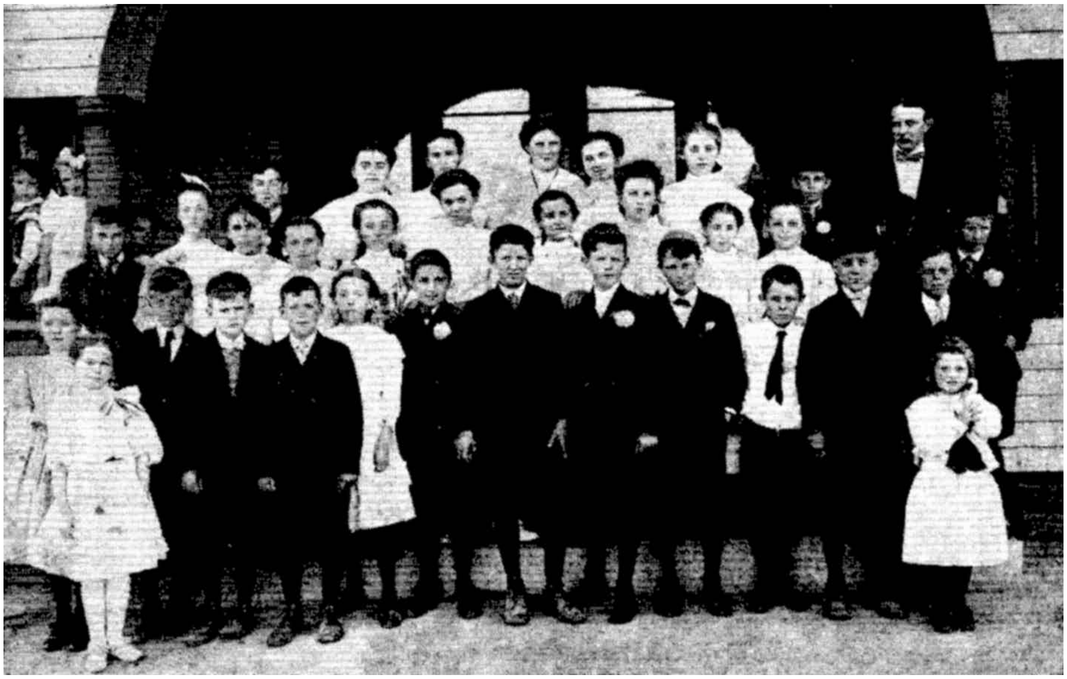
Source: Walter Thompson



982. West Side School

On April 28, 1952 the town meeting gave $25,000 to build a four-room addition. A later special town meeting, August 4, 1952 gave an additional $24,500. The new addition was opened on March 30, 1953.

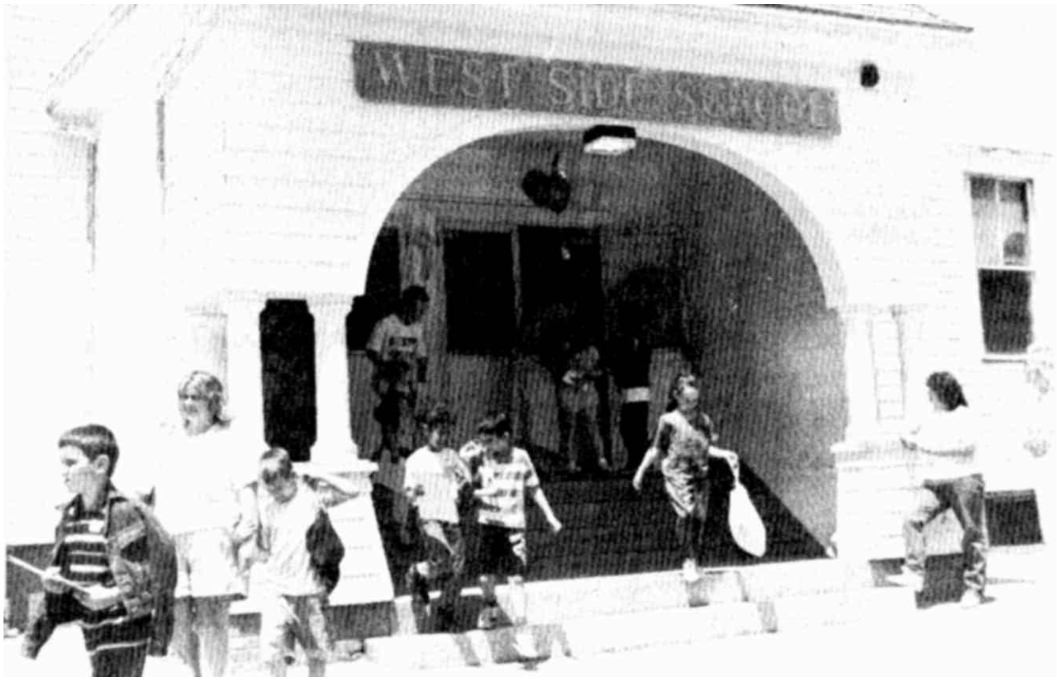
Source: Mertie Romaine’s History of Middleborough



983. 1907 West Side Class

“West Side School alumnus Granville Fuller, whose family lived on Lovell Street for several years, has kept this 1907 photograph of his classmates. Pictured are, front row from left, two girls, Ernest McCarthy, Bill Sullivan, Granville Fuller, unidentified girl, Hervey Bissonette, Howard White, Cary Whitty, Leon Morrisey, Cormi Beech, Joe Rose, Albert Bernier, unidentified girl, Madeline Wiley, Alice Bernier, Josephine Boucher, Elsie Benn, Mary Bernier, Margaret Houlihan, unidentified girl, Verna Hopkins, Frank Rosen, Cornelious Houlihan,; back row, Herman Fuller, (Mr. Fuller’s brother, Alice Keyes, unidentified girl, Ruby Perry, Rose Corsini, Sophie McDonald, James Houlihan, Mr. Randall, (the teacher). In the left-hand corner, behind the pillars are Gladys Benn and Agatha Fuller, Mr. Fuller’s sister; both four years old. At right of pillar is Mr. Fuller’s mother, Alice.”

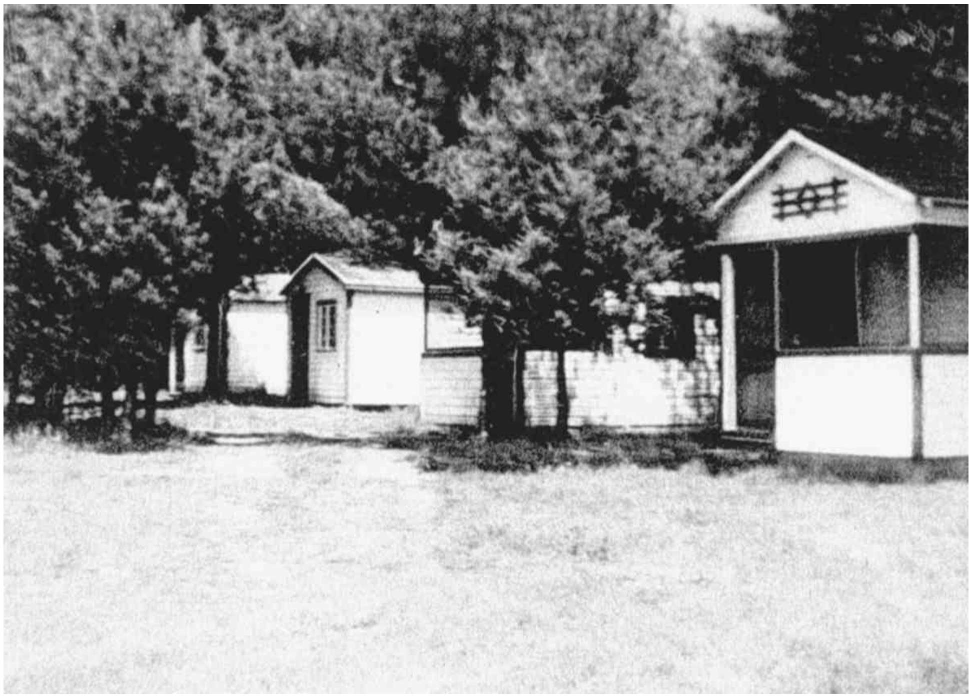
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, Reflections, September 20, 1984, pg. 22



984. West Side School

“Children, parents and teachers leave the West Side School for the last time as the school year ends Tuesday. The school is to be closed. One of seven neighborhood schools being closed down to save money. Children in grades 1-6 will attend school in the Mayflower Burkland School complex in the fall.”

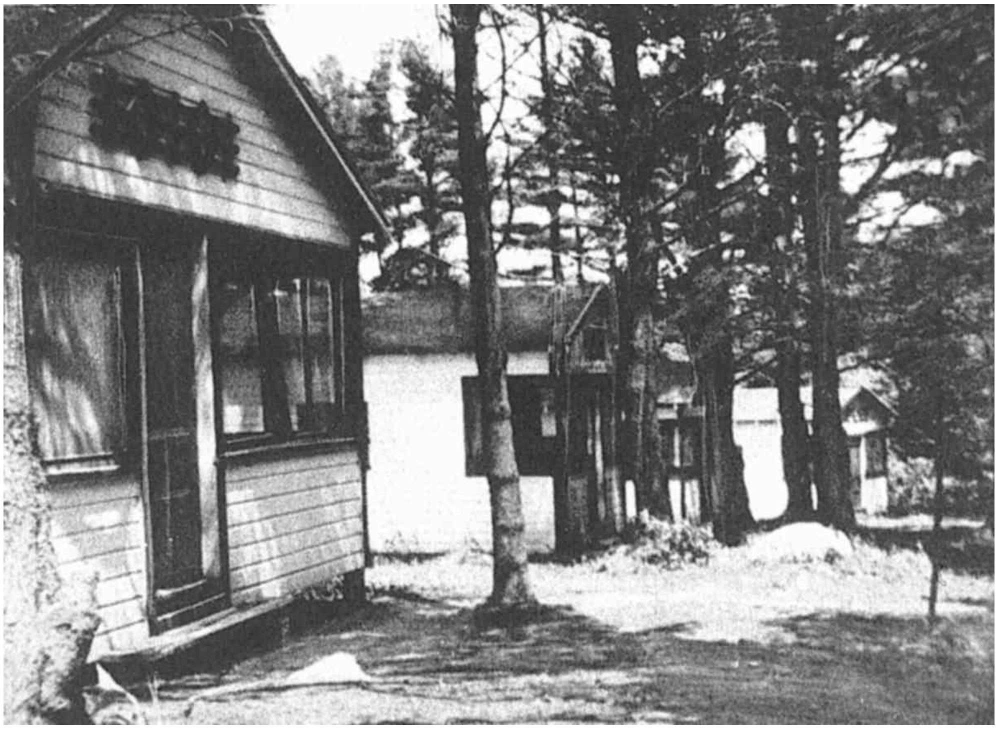
Source: A Direct Quote – Middleboro Gazette, June 1991, Beth Brooks



985. Russell’s Grove Cabins

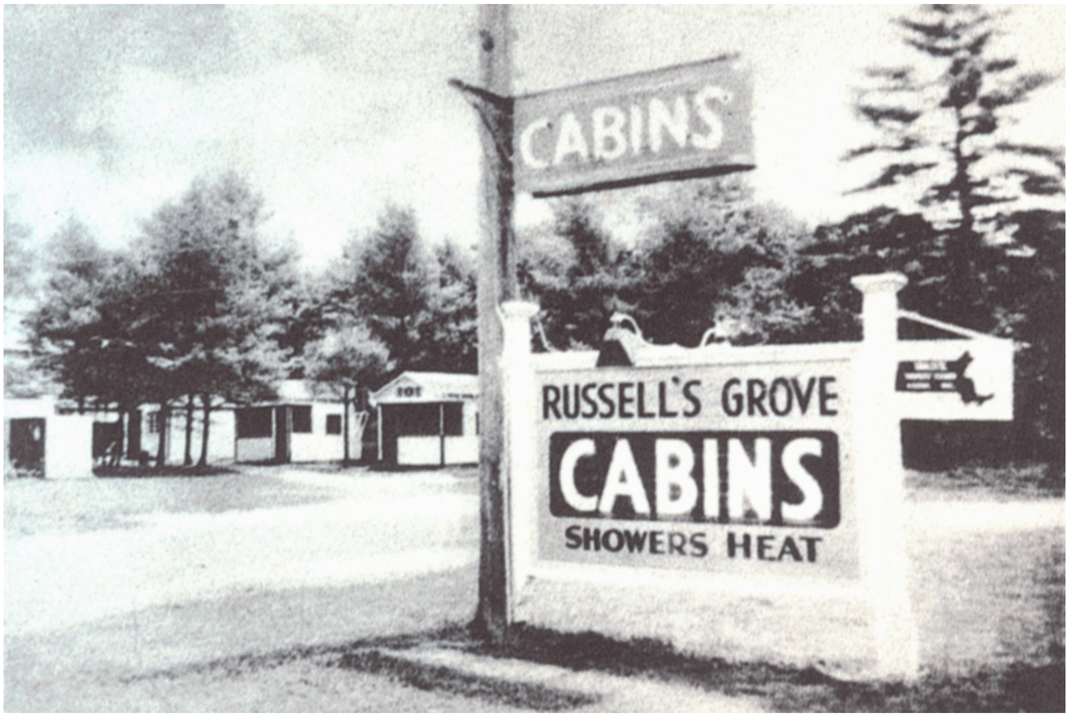
During the late 1920’s and 1930’s cabins such as these were the typical roadside fare for the weary traveler.

Source: Walter Thompson



986. Russell's Grove Cabins

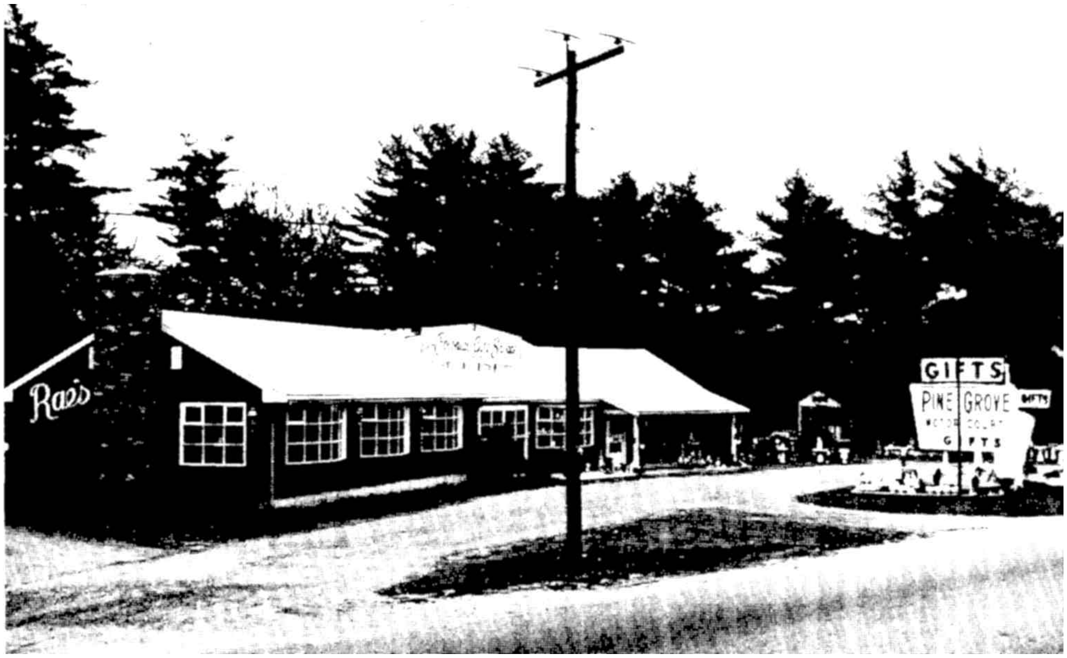
The sign noted that that Russell's Grove Cabins actually had heat and showers. In the earlier days, rather than a "vacancy" or "no vacancy" sign, a lighted "cabins" sign meant a vacancy. An unlit "cabin" sign meant no vacancy.


CABINS
RUSSELL'S GROVE
CABINS
SHOWERS HEAT

987. Russell's Grove Cabins

Russell's cabins were just one of the several cabins on Rte. 28 in Middleborough at that time. By today's standards it was like camping out.

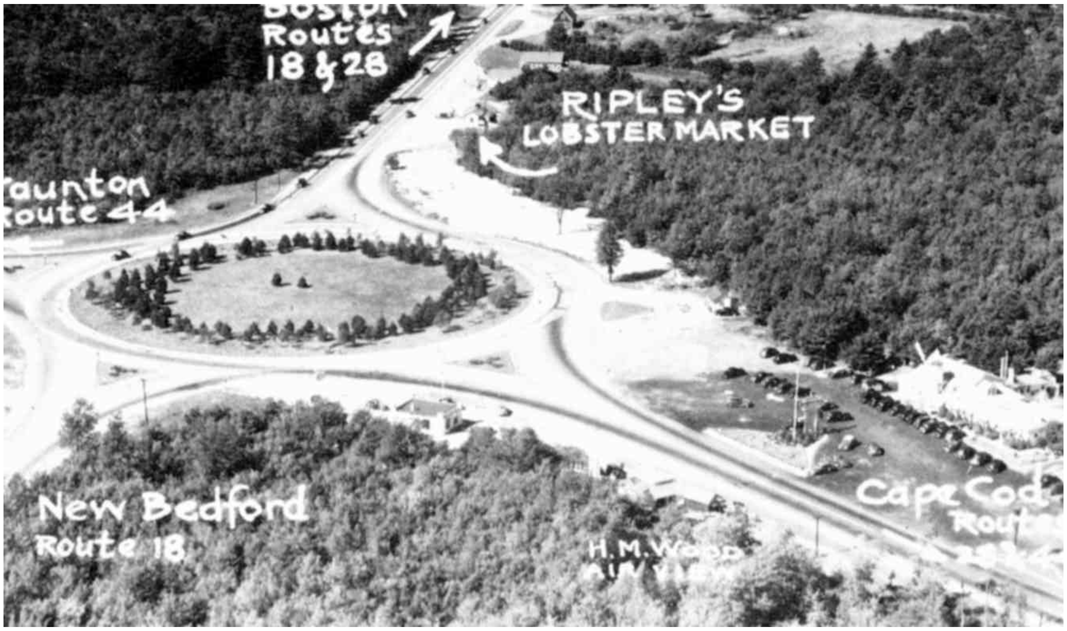
Source: Walter Thompson


Rae's
GIFTS
PINE GROVE
GIFTS

988. Rae's Colonial Gift Shop

Rae's Colonial Gift Shop sits on the site of Russell's Grove Cabins. The cabins are still at the rear of the store. The shop has been here for many years, selling quality furniture and gift items.

Source: Walter Thompson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18 & 28
RIPLEY'S
LOBSTER MARKET
aunton
oute 44
New Bedford
Route 18
H.M. Wood
Air View
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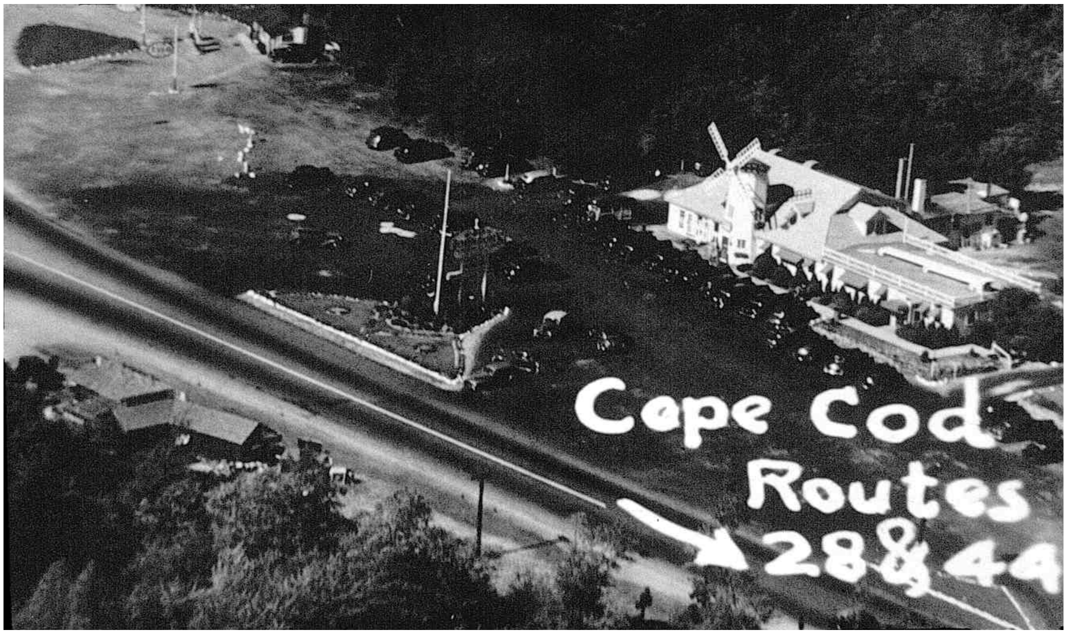
989. Middleborough Rotary

Middleborough’s one and only rotary circle completed in 1932, when Ripley’s was the best place to buy lobsters and before the new Route 44 to Plymouth was constructed.

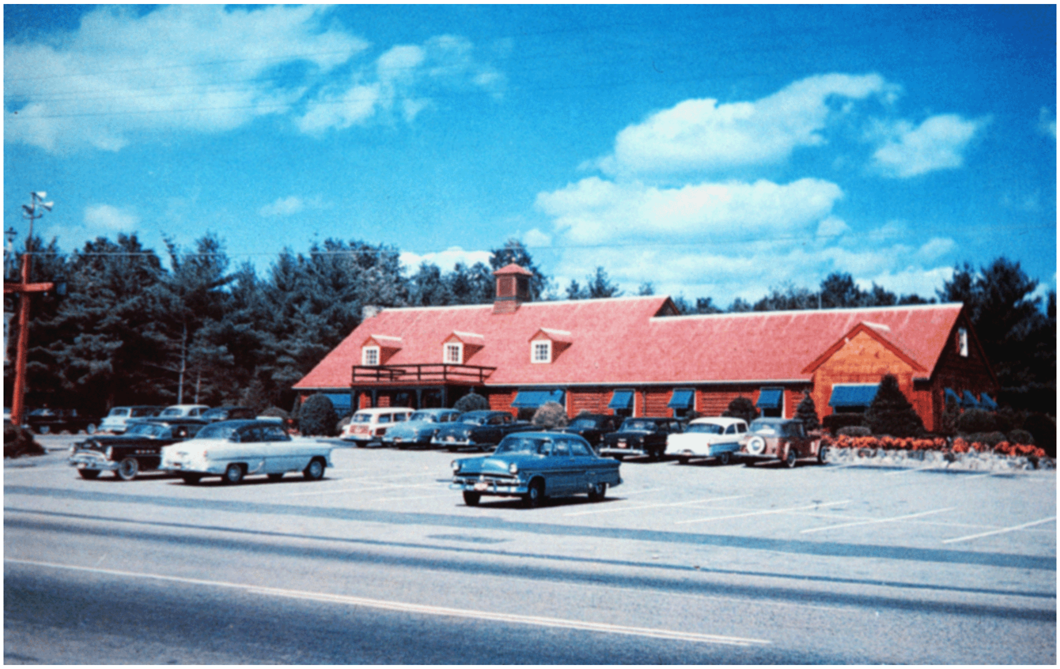
Source: Walter Thompson



990. Howard Johnson’s

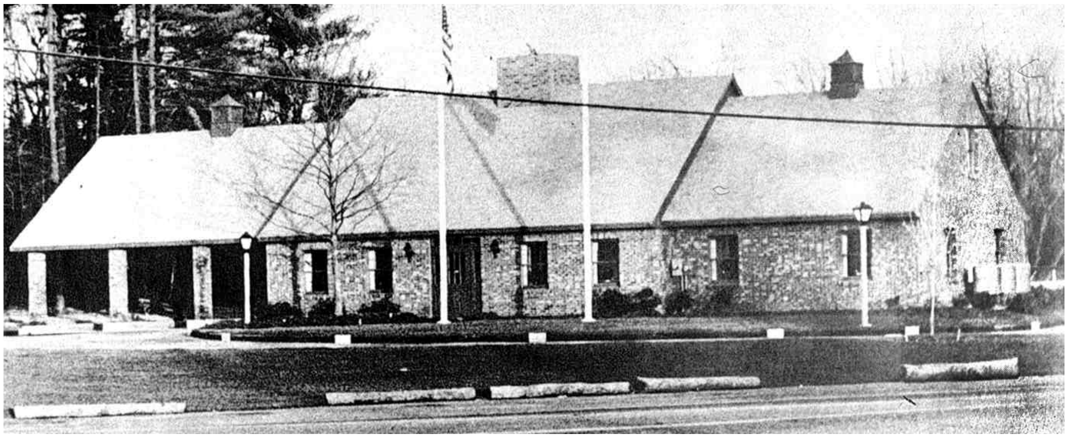
The former Dutchland Farms Restaurant was probably the first business located on the new 1932 rotary. Bill Keough can remember as a teenager working across the street climbing to the second floor of the mill section to collect his week’s pay. In this photograph, Howard Johnson’s has taken over the business, but has not taken down the mill section.

Source: Walter Thompson



991. Red Coach Grille

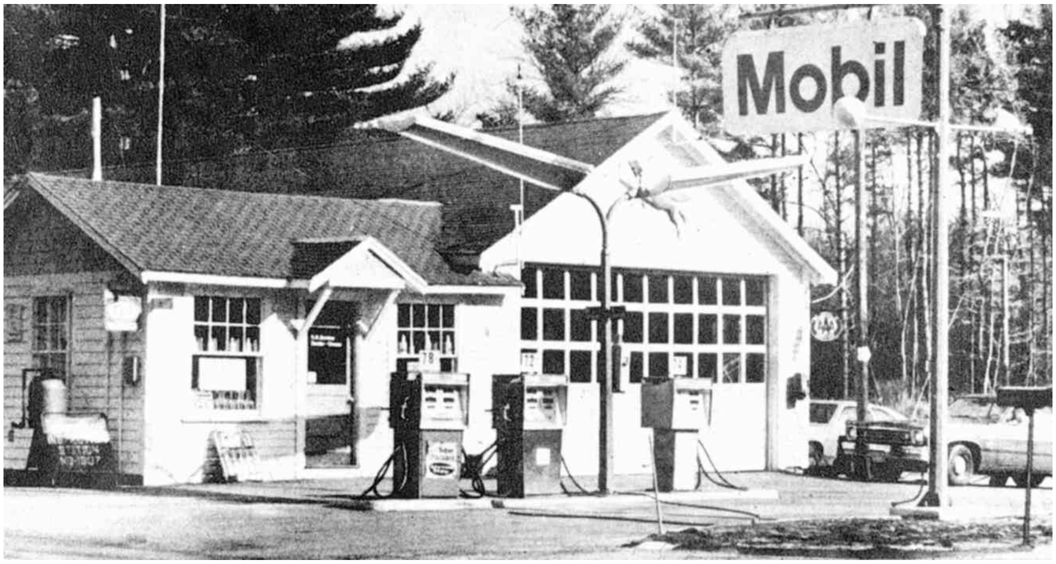
Later after Howard Johnson took over the Dutchland Farms Restaurant it was converted into a Red Coach Grille. The restaurant enjoyed a phenomenal success and became a Middleborough landmark before it burned to the ground in the mid 1950's. It was rebuilt on the other side of the rotary off of Bedford Street.



992. Bridgewater Savings Bank

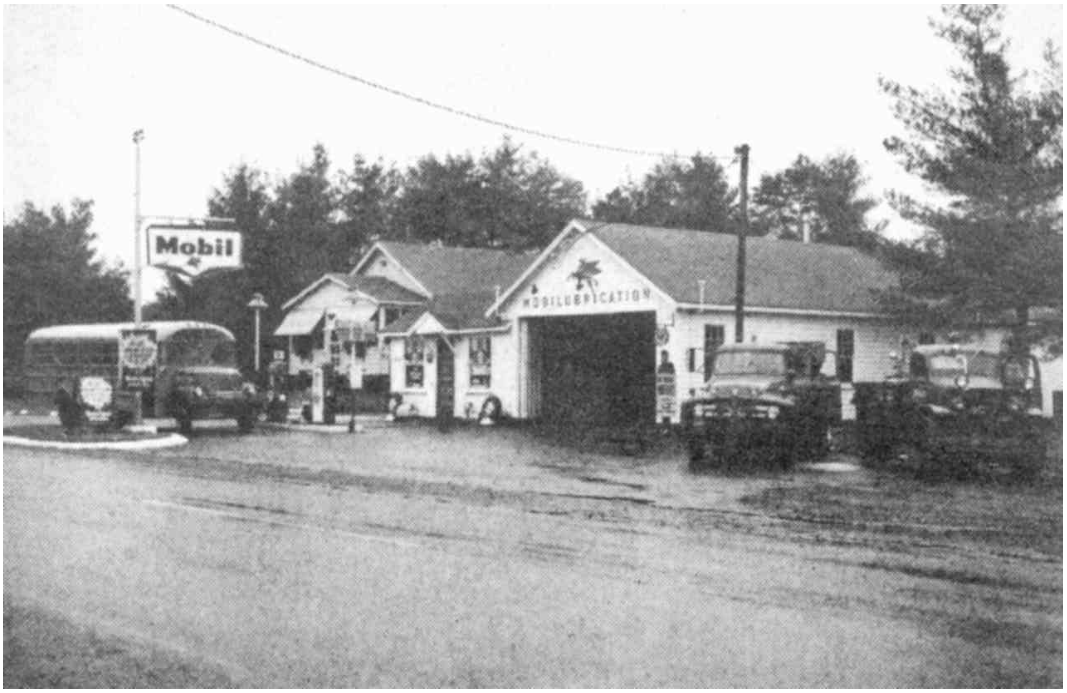
After the Red Coach fire, the land sat vacant for many years until the new section of Rte. 44 came up behind the site. In 1986 the Bridgewater Savings Bank was built on that parcel of land.

Source: Walter Thompson



993. Dunbar’s Service Station

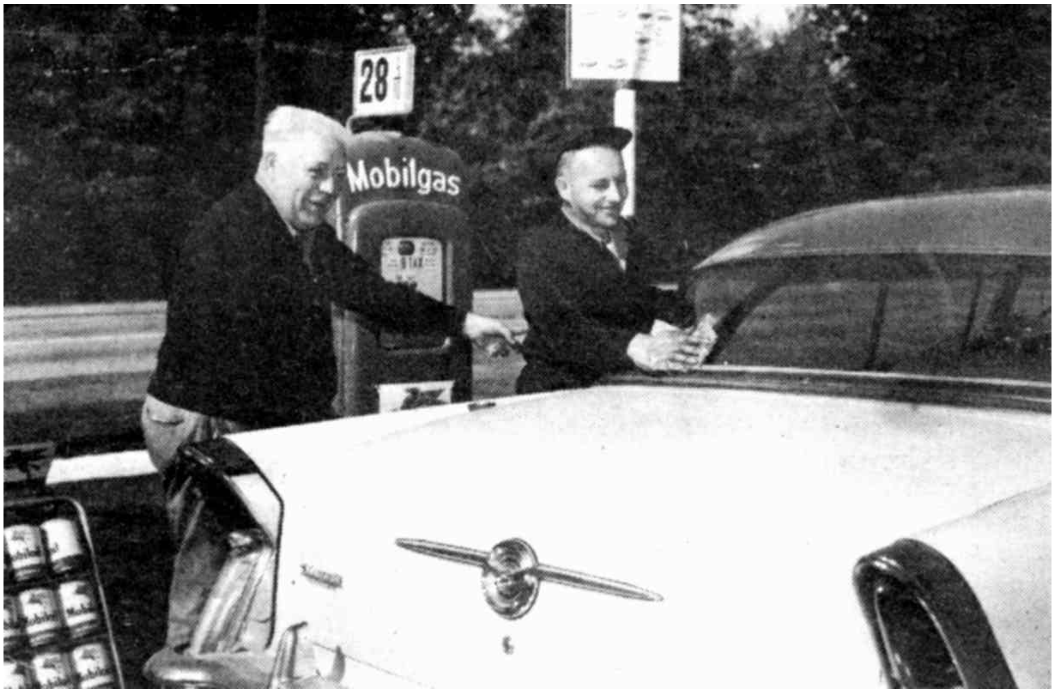
Walter Dunbar for many years operated his service station next to his home near the rotary and was a well known Middleborough business man, along with his mechanic, Nick Roberts, he had the school bus contract for the school department for many years.


Mobil
MOBILUBRICATION

994. Dunbar’s Socony

Dunbar’s Socony, later Mobile station, served customers on Rte. 18 for more than 50 years until it closed last April.

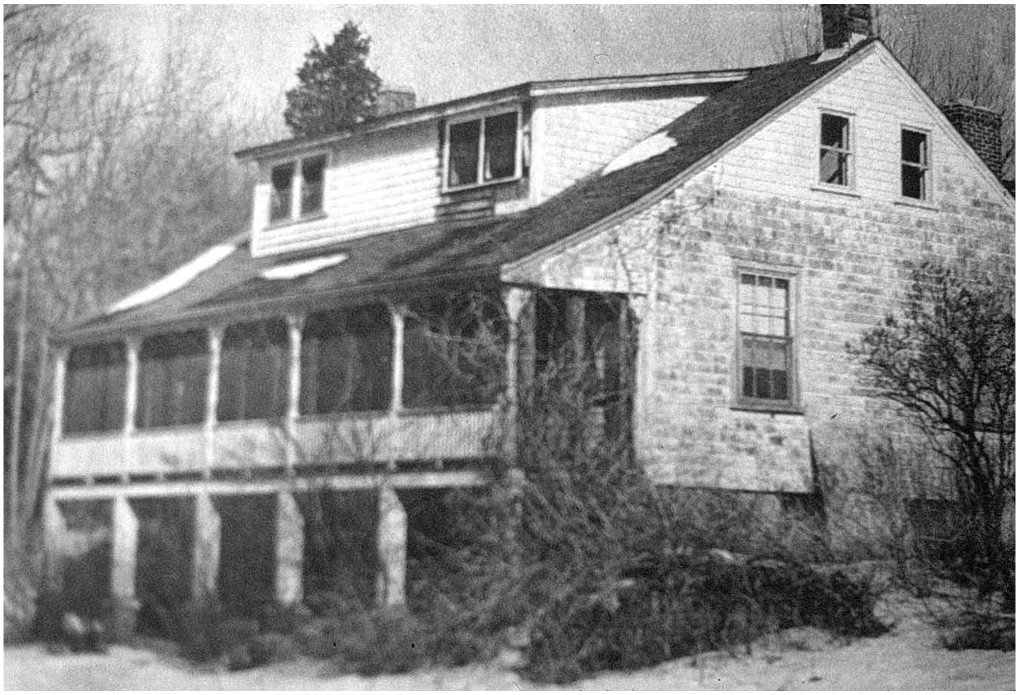
Source: A direct quote from Middleboro Gazette Reflections



995. Dunbar's Mobile Station

"Richard Dunbar left, owner of Dunbar's gas station for more than 50 years and Nick Roberts an employee for 38 years, pumped countless gallons of gasoline for Cape tourists and area residents."

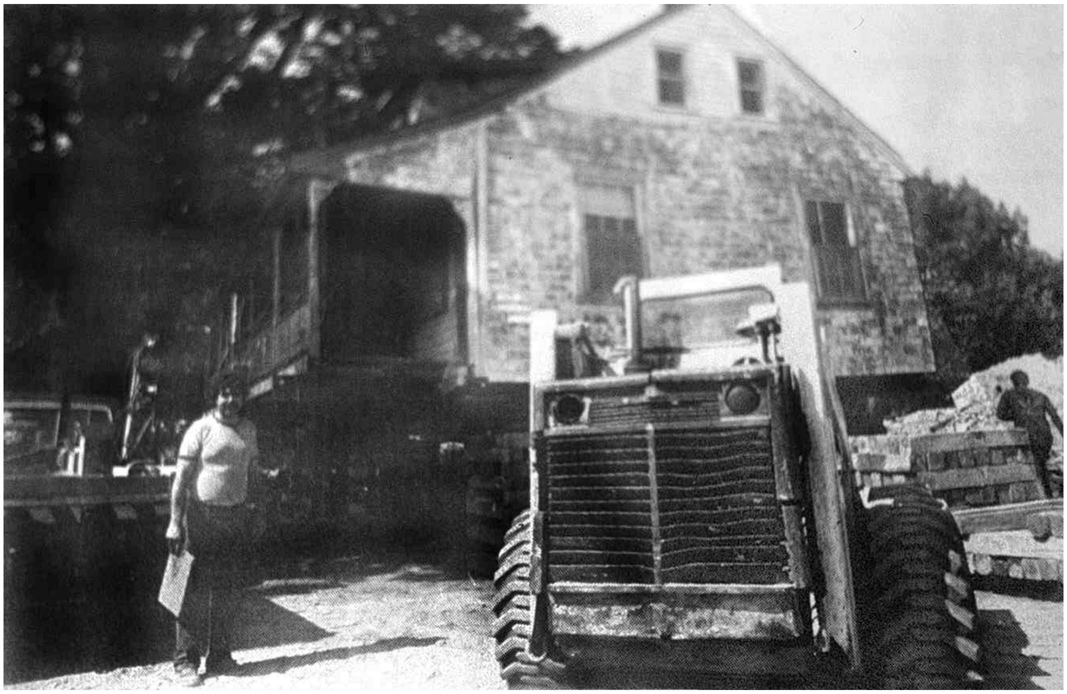
Source: A Direct Quote from Middleboro Gazette Reflections



996. The Perez Leonard House

“Built at a time when the road in front of it was a turnpike to Boston, this federal period house on Rte. 18 in Middleborough is now on the site of Middleborough Park at 495. Its fate is uncertain.”

Source: Jane Lopes Quote – Middleboro Gazette, July 9, 1987.



997. The Perez Leonard House

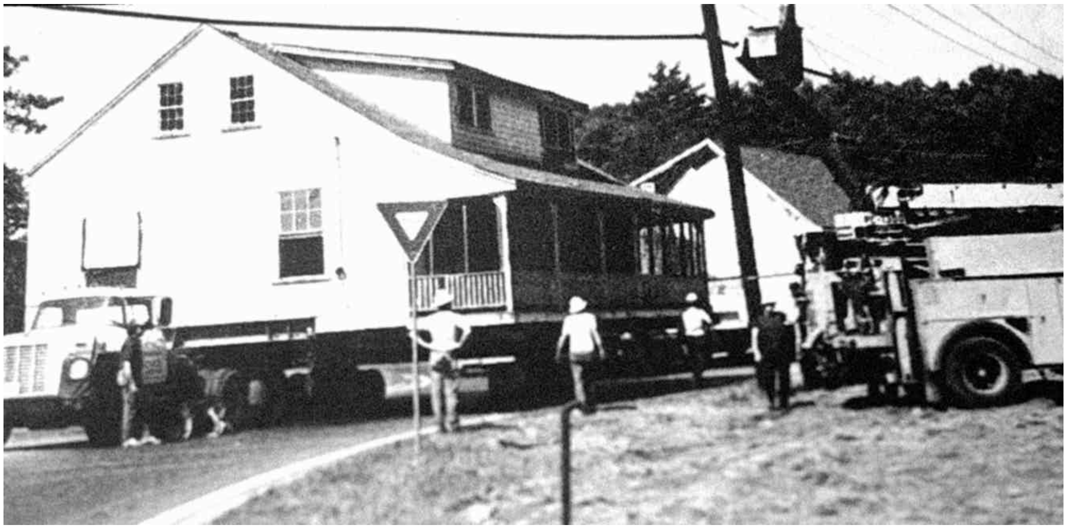
“On Its Way”
“Several Feet in the air, the historic Flood House is raised by the Gary Sylvester Building Movers Company of Falmouth as they prepare to transport the building from its current location on Bedford Street near the Rotary to the corner of Centre and Clay Streets. The house is being moved at the expense of Middleborough Park Associates, the owners of a 115-acre industrial park now underway in the Development Opportunities district, where the building has stood since the 1800’s.”

Source: Cynthia Ballou Quote, The Middleboro Gazette, July 9, 1987.

998. The Perez Leonard House

The cellar of the Flood House contained a fireplace beehive oven that was made of the small hand-made bricks of that era. It was destroyed when the house was jacked up and moved.

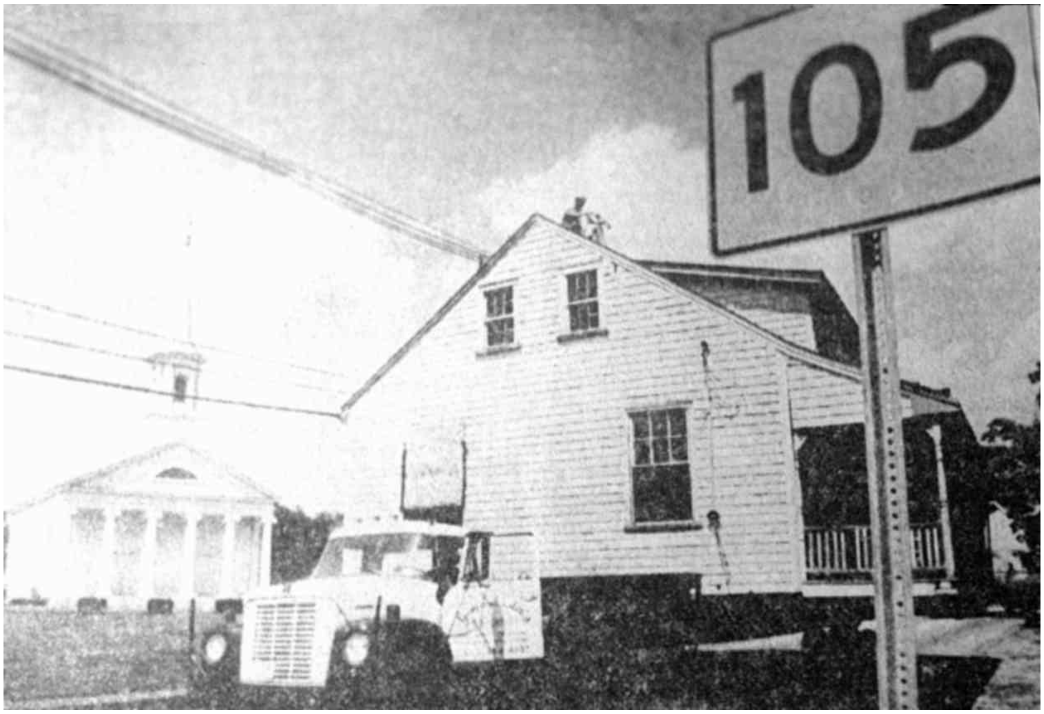
Source: Walter Thompson



999. The Perez Leonard House

The Federal Period House, once located near the Rotary, known as the Flood House is on its way to a new home on Rte. 105 behind the Green School. The developers of Middleborough Park at 495 have offered matching funds to help restore the house, which was moved from the entrance to their Industrial Park.

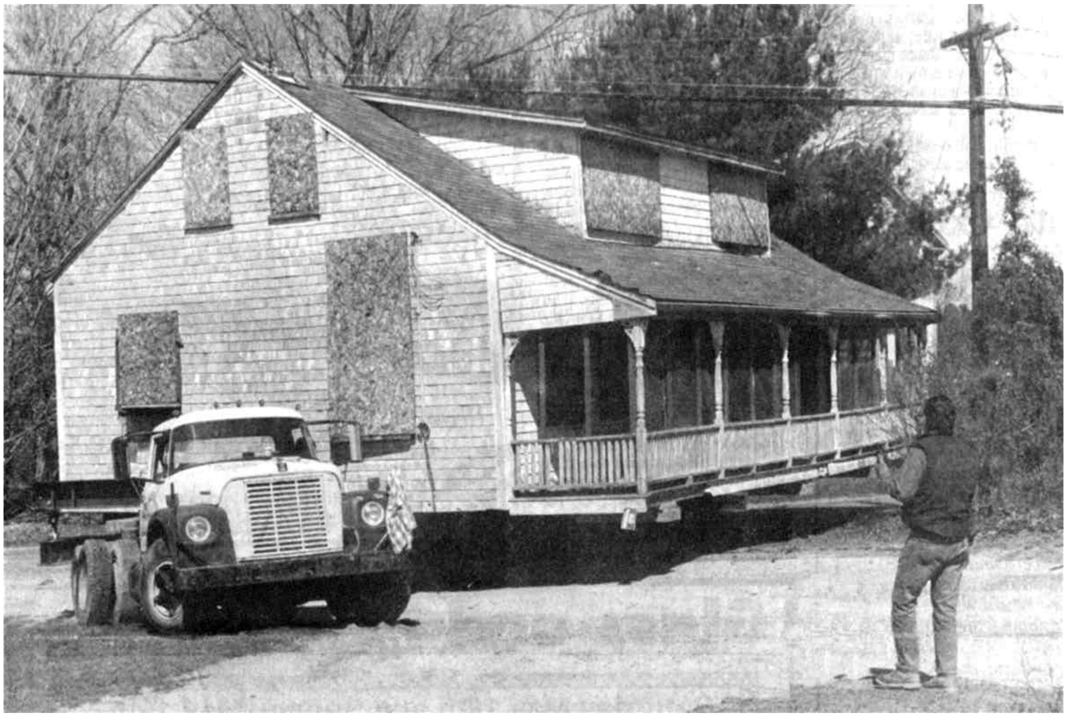
Source: Jane Lopes Quote, The Middleboro Gazette, August 20, 1987



1000. The Perez Leonard House

“Movable Feat - Middleborough’s historic way station was moved yesterday from the industrial park to a new site on Wood Street.”

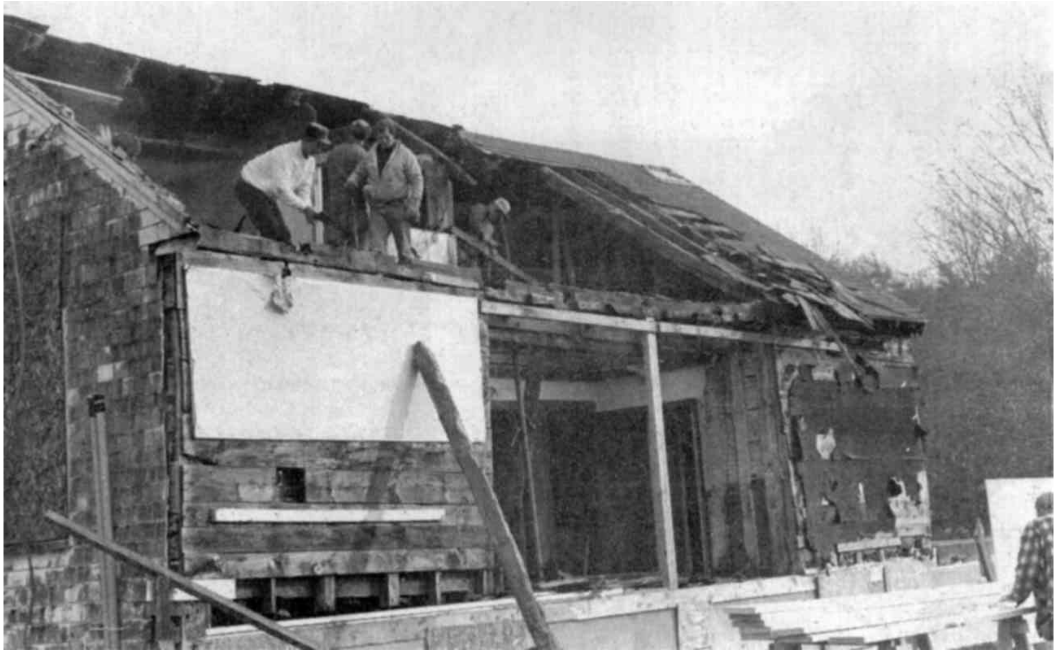
Source: Craig Murray Quote, The Brockton Enterprise, August 12, 1987



1001. The Perez Leonard House

“House movers Gary Sylvester guides the Leonard House into the Pratt Farm where it will serve as the headquarters for the town-owned conservation area. The history of this “impossible dream” is chronicled in “This Week in Middleborough”.

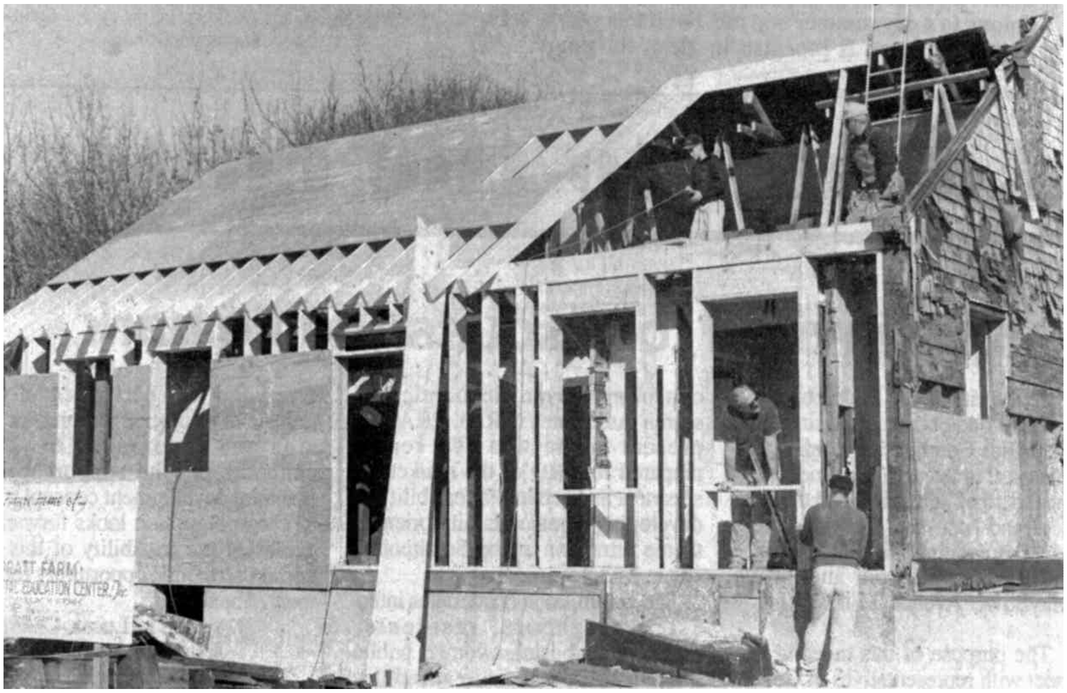
Source: Jane Lopes Quote, The Middleboro Gazette, April 18, 1991



1002. The Perez Leonard House

“The Leonard House at Pratt Farm is stripped of its damaged room and rear wall as workers prepare last weekend for the most ambitious aspect to date of renovations to the circa 1825 building that will serve as headquarters for the town owned conservation area.”

Source: Jane Lopes Quote, The Middleborough Gazette, 1992-1993.


GATT FARM
EDUCATION CENTER, Inc

1003. The Perez Leonard House

“Framing of the new roof and wall are underway.”

Source: Jane Lopes Quote, the Middleborough Gazette, 1992-1993

1004. The Perez Leonard House

"Leonard House Committee members Jack Lucas and framer Tom Howes put the finishing touches on the tarpaper for the new roof. Construction of a one-story addition to the house is underway this week. Since last spring, volunteers including Lucas, Neil Rosenthal, Roger Brunelle, and Lee Smith, working with donations of materials and funds ranging from a $5,000 grant from the Peirce Trustees to $450 raised from the sale of snacks at the Pratt Farm Fall Festival have replaced sills, floor joists and beams and structurally stabilized the building."

Source: Jane Lopes Quote, The Middleboro Gazette, 1992-1993.

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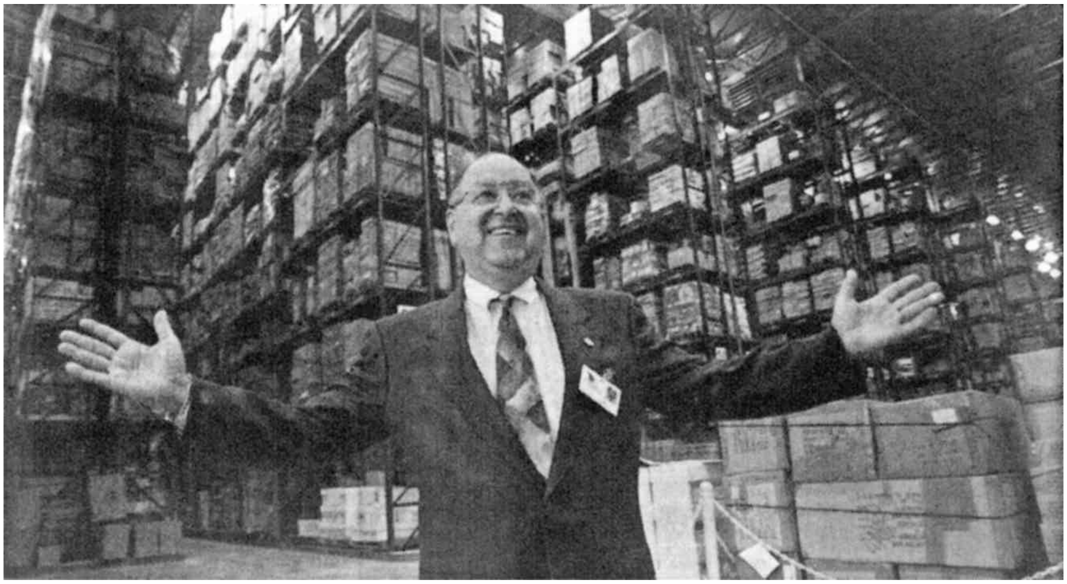


1005. Christmas Tree Shops

“Chuck Bilezikian shows off his latest accomplishment at the distribution center in Middleborough.”

Source: Bert Lane Direct Quote, The Brockton Enterprise

1006. Christmas Tree Shop Distribution Center

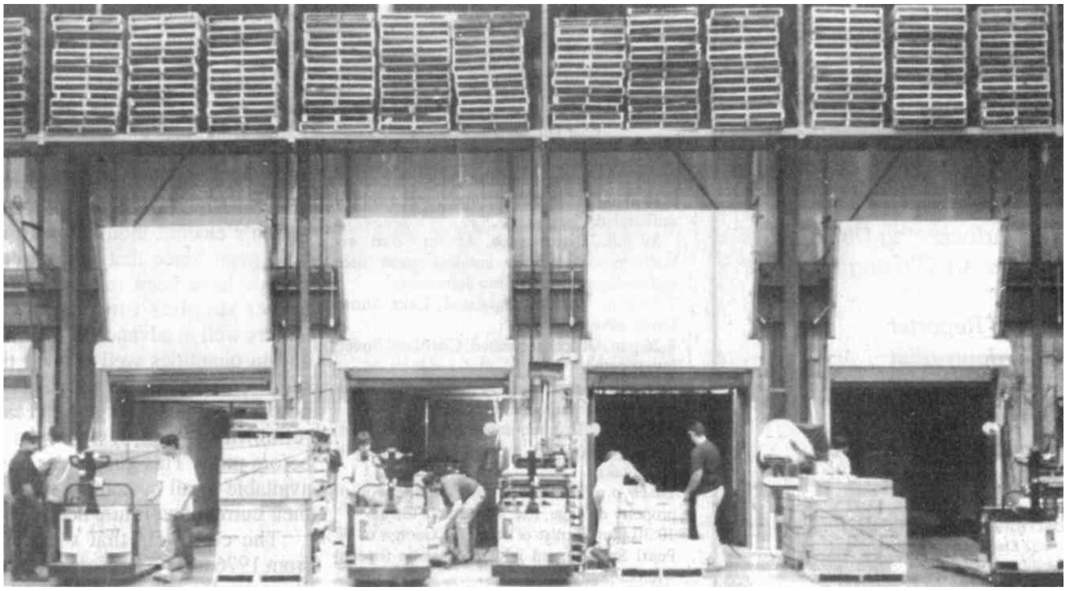
"Local officials and service club members, craning their necks like visitors admiring big city skyscrapers tour the Christmas Tree Shops' six story, 250,000 square foot distribution center in Campanelli business Park last week. The facility currently holds about 39,000 pallets stacked with stock items for 17 store outlets.

Source: Jane Lopes Quote, Middleboro Gazette, September 5, 1996.

1007. Christmas Tree Shop Distribution Center

“To infinity from the visitor’s perspective, stock for the Christmas Tree Shops’ outlets is ranged in seemingly endless rows. The company’s inventory is stacked according to a computer system so sophisticated that the best selling items are coded for the most accessible areas, and the computer “knows” how much space each item requires for storage.”

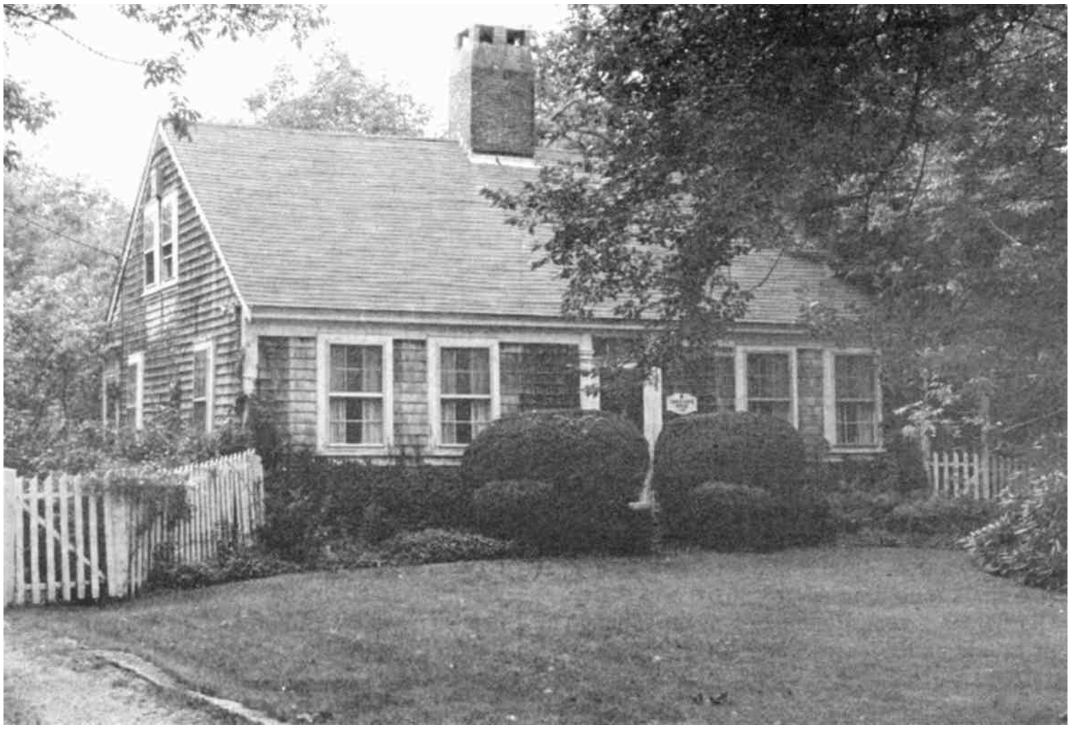
Source: Jane Lopes Direct Quote, Middleboro Gazette, September 5, 1996.



1008. Christmas Tree Shop Distribution Center

“Christmas Tree Shops distribution center employees’ load stock onto trucks bound for the company’s 17 stores. About 60 of the company’s 200 employees are Middleborough residents, and the company gives first preference for new positions to local people under an agreement with the town that granted the company property tax incentives.”

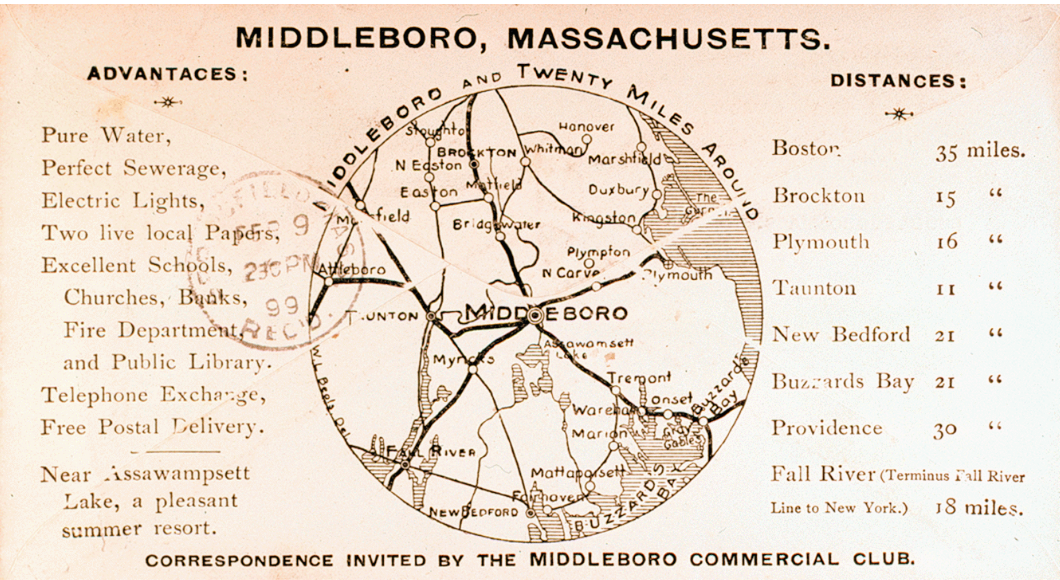
Source: Jane Lopes Quote, Middleboro Gazette, September 5, 1996.



1009. Weathercock Farm

“Weathercock Farm” the home of Middleborough historian author Mertie Romaine was built around 1750, probably by Joshua Shaw.”

Source: Jane Lopes Quote, The Middleboro Gazette, Reflections, September 25, 1986.


MIDDLEBORO AND TWENTY MILES AROUND
Stoughton
BROCKTON
Whitman
Hanover
Marshfield
N Easton
Easton
Mansfield
Duxbury
The Gurnet
Kingston
Bridgewater
Plympton
N Carver
Plymouth
Attleboro
TAUNTON
MIDDLEBORO
Assawamsett Lake
Myricks
Tremont
Wareham
Onset
Buzzard's Bay
Marion
Gray Gables
FALL RIVER
Mattapoisett
Fairhaven
NEW BEDFORD
BUZZARDS BAY
W. L. Beals, Del.

MIDDLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS.

ADVANTAGES:

Pure Water,
Perfect Sewerage,
Electric Lights,
Two live local Papers,
Excellent Schools,
Churches, Banks,
Fire Department,
and Public Library.
Telephone Exchange,
Free Postal Delivery.

Near Assawampsett
Lake, a pleasant
summer resort.

DISTANCES:

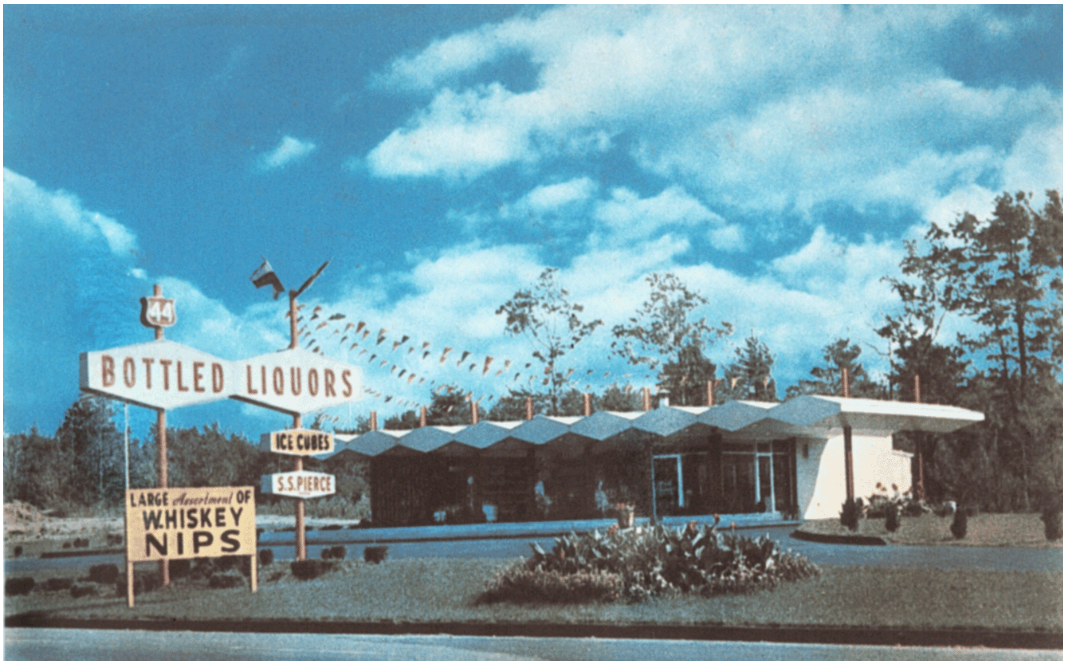
Boston	35 miles.
Brockton	15 "
Plymouth	16 "
Taunton	11 "
New Bedford	21 "
Buzzards Bay	21 "
Providence	30 "
Fall River (Terminus Fall River Line to New York.)	18 miles.

CORRESPONDENCE INVITED BY THE MIDDLEBORO COMMERCIAL CLUB.

1010. Middleborough Commercial Club Town Promotion

This logo was taken off one of the many envelopes that were sent out by the town offices to promote the towns' unique locations.

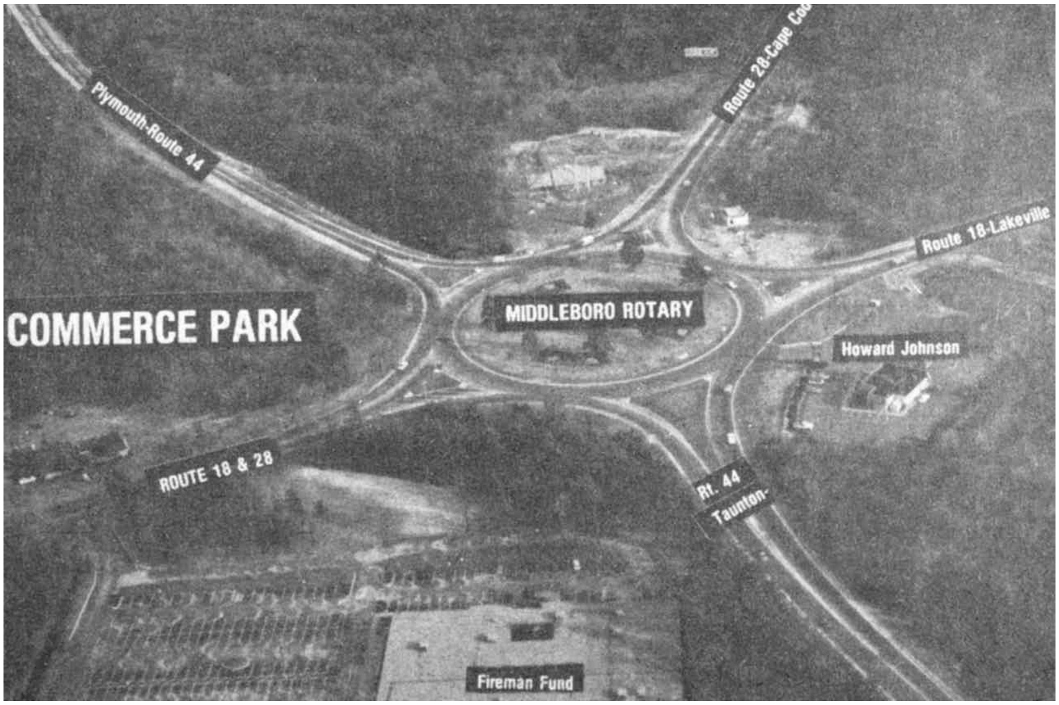
Source: Walter Thompson


44
BOTTLED LIQUORS
ICE CUBES
S.S.PIERCE
LARGE Assortment OF
WHISKEY
NIPS

1011. Mello’s Package Store

Frank Mello moved from his store in Lakeville (Star Market) and built his new bottled liquors business on Rte. 44 on the way to Taunton. He always kept the place immaculate and he had a “green thumb” and was famous for the lilies that surrounded it.

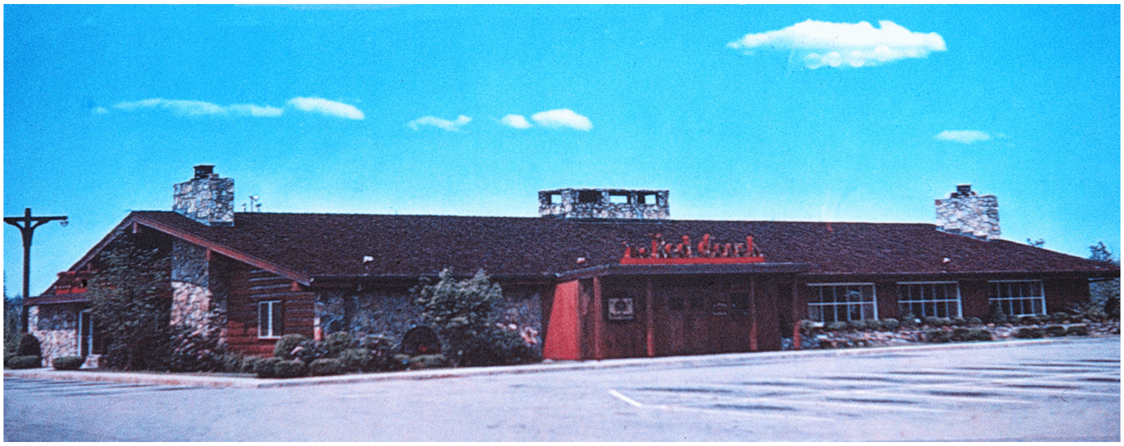
Source: Walter Thompson


Plymouth-Route 44
Route 28-Cape Cod
Route 18-Lakeville
COMMERCE PARK
MIDDLEBORO ROTARY
Howard Johnson
ROUTE 18 & 28
Rt. 44
Taunton-
Fireman Fund

1012. Middleborough Rotary

This fairly recent photo of the rotary was taken in the mid 70's. In the lower front may be seen the firemen's fund building and going clockwise, we come to Commerce Park, the Bridgewater Savings Bank, Brown's Garage and lastly Howard Johnson's, which in 1998 is Friendly's Restaurant.

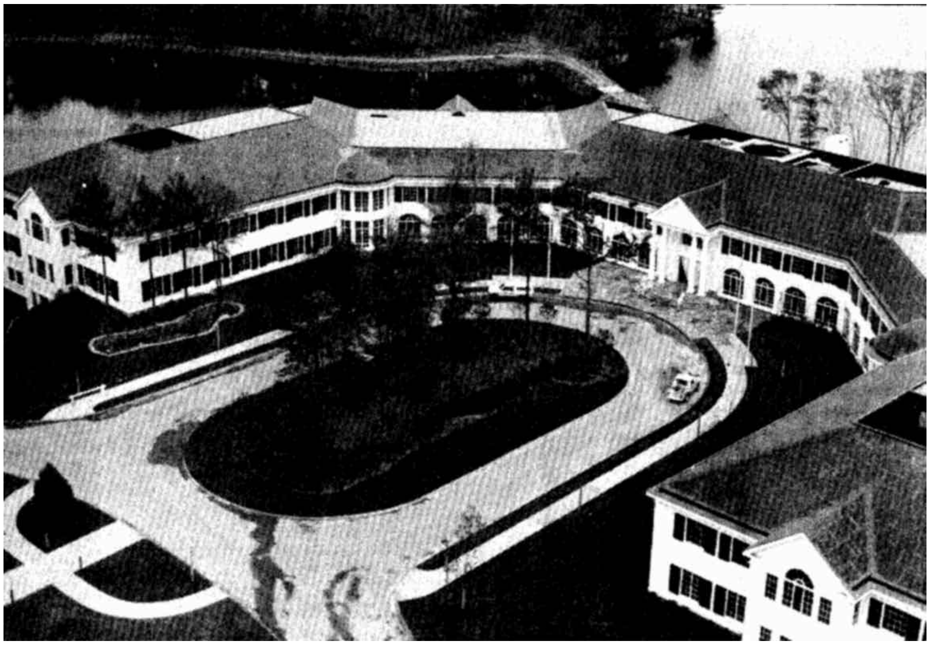
Source: Walter Thompson



1013. New Red Coach Grille

This is the new Red Coach that was built after the old one burned down, and this too, in its time became a great Middleborough landmark. When the Red Coach finally closed it was sold to the El Torito chain and finally became the well, respected Fireside Restaurant owned by the Fisher family.

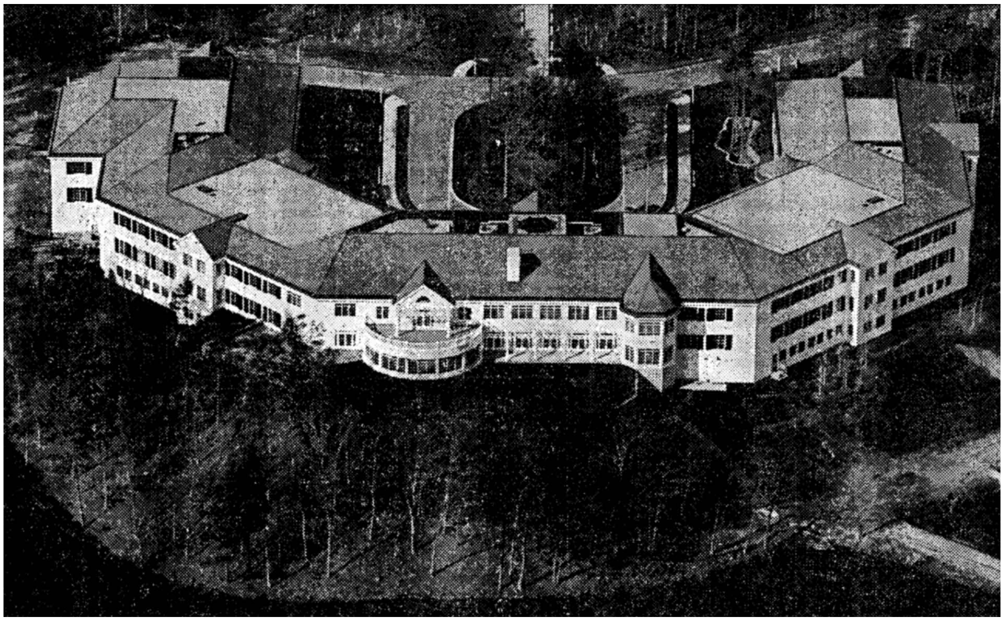
Source: Walter Thompson



1014. Ocean Spray Corporate Headquarters

"Ocean Spray Cranberries opened its new, world headquarters in Lakeville to the public for a Christmas open house. Employees will move into the facility, located off Rte. 18 and the rotary, sometime this month."

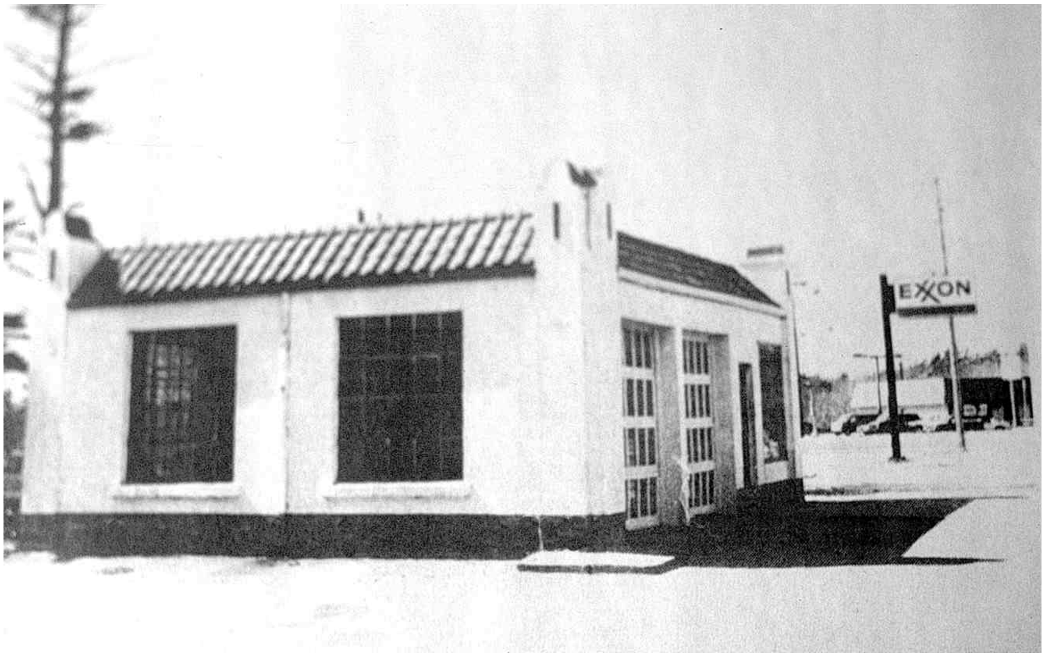
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, January 5, 1989



1015. Ocean Spray Corporate Headquarters

An aerial view shows the new Ocean Spray corporate headquarters, recently completed near Route 44 and interstate 495 at the Lakeville-Middleborough town line. The corporate headquarters is located on 310 acres, 16 acres of which is landscaped, 35 acres of poquoy pond and 15 acres working cranberry bogs. The building itself is of Federal Colonial style and is crescent shaped with some 300 windows to provide natural lighting. Approximately 450 Ocean Spray employees will be housed in the new structure as soon as the finishing touches have been completed.

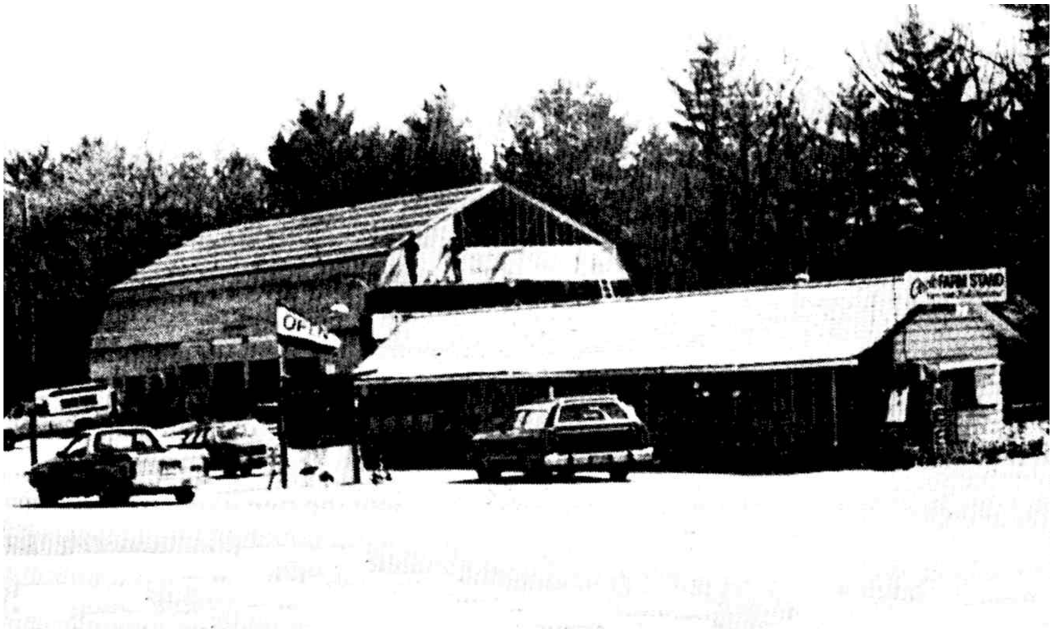
Source: Claire Rockwood Quote, The Brockton Enterprise, January 1989.



1016. Former Brown's Gas Station

Brown's Garage with its Spanish style was a rotary landmark for many years. Mrs. Brown continued to operate the garage until she was in her 80's. A few years before she retired she was followed home late one night and she and her invalid husband were assaulted, tied up and robbed. After a period of time, under doctor's care, she was back at work.

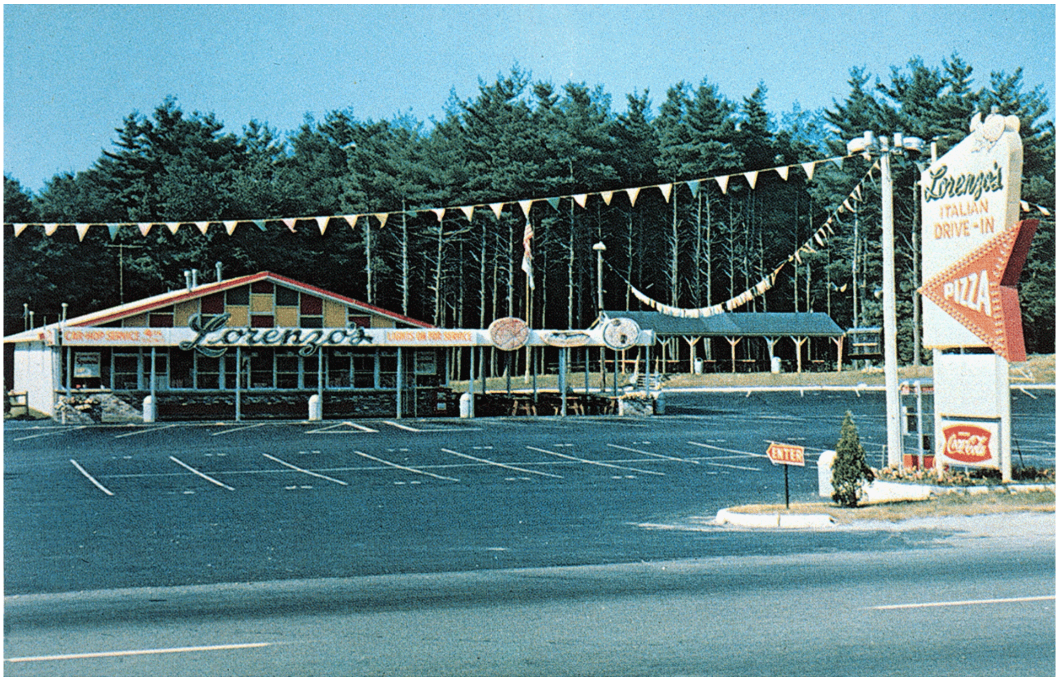
Source: Walter Thompson



1017. Farm Stand

“Farm Stand built in 1931 at the traffic circle will be replaced by the building in the back ground.”

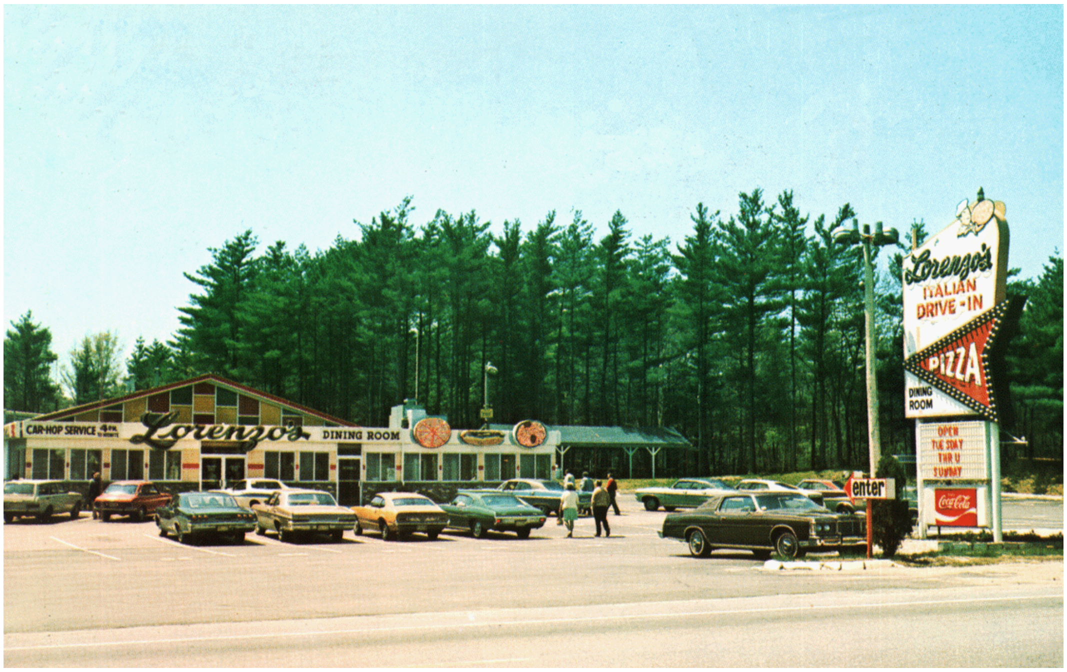
Source: Clint Clark Quote, Middleboro Gazette, April 25, 1985.


Lorenzo's
CAR-HOP SERVICE
LIGHTS ON FOR SERVICE
Lorenzo's
ITALIAN
DRIVE-IN
PIZZA
ENTER
Coca-Cola

1018. Lorenzo’s Italian Drive-In

After Lorenzo’s initial success he built this larger restaurant in 1969. The original stand was in front of this restaurant and you ate in your car with a very efficient car hop service. The canopied right side was where one would sit to eat and the rear-canopied area took care of the overflow crowds.

Source: Walter Thompson


CAR-HOP SERVICE
Lorenzo's
DINING ROOM
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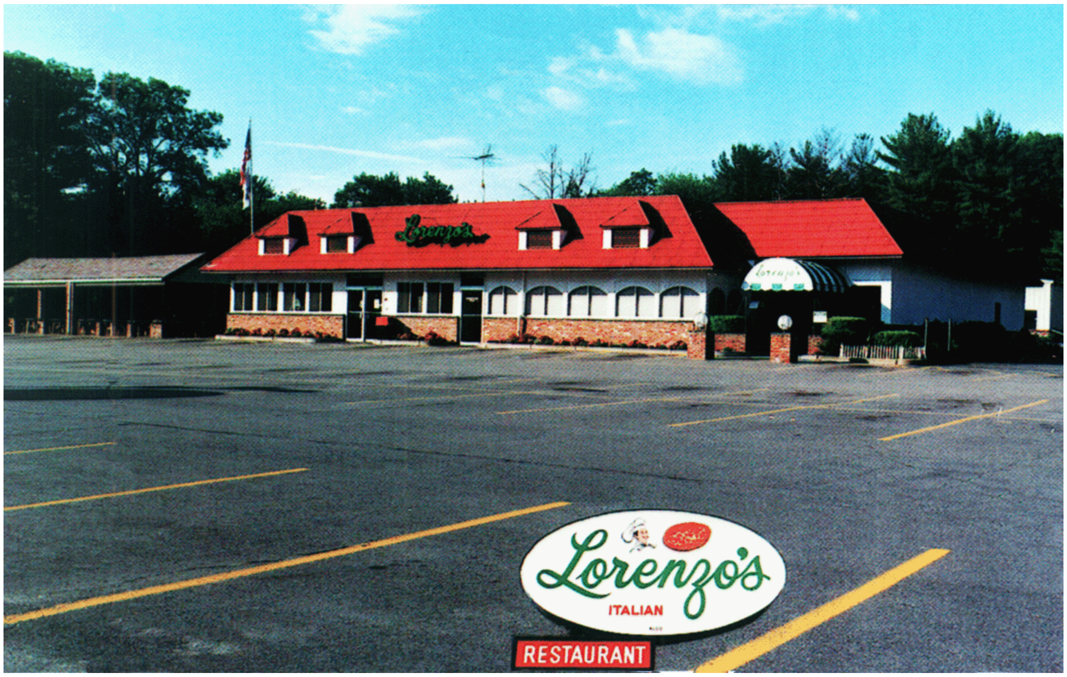
ITALIAN
DRIVE-IN
PIZZA
DINING ROOM
enter
Coca-Cola

1019. Lorenzo's Italian Drive-In

By the early 80's the open canopy had been boxed in to serve as a rather rough dining room and they still had the open canopy at the rear for the overflow crowd, along with the car hop service.

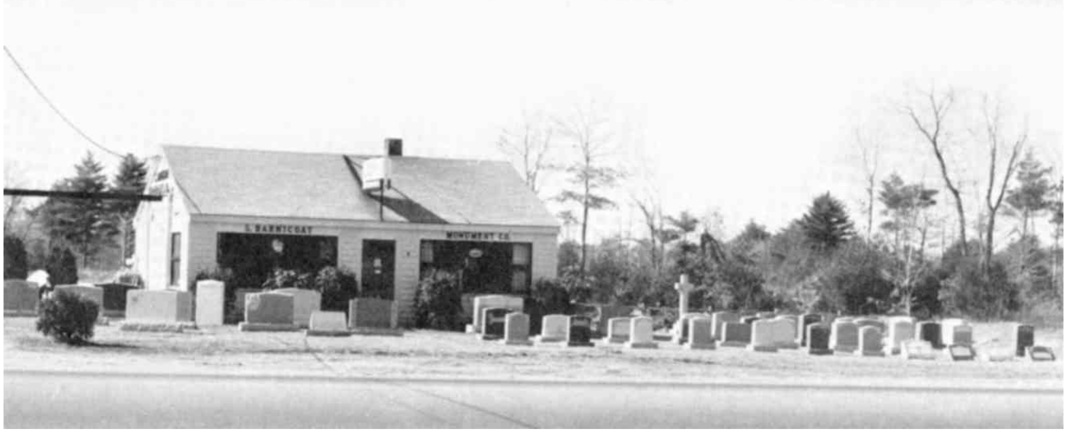
Source: Walter Thompson



1020. Lorenzo's Italian Restaurant

"Lorenzo's has been a family tradition for over forty years. Millions have enjoyed Lorenzo and Geraldine Grosso's warmth, friendliness and homestyle cooking. You can enjoy authentic Italian cuisine in the two spacious dining rooms, an elegant banquet room for up to 100 people and an intimate lounge where personal services makes the difference."

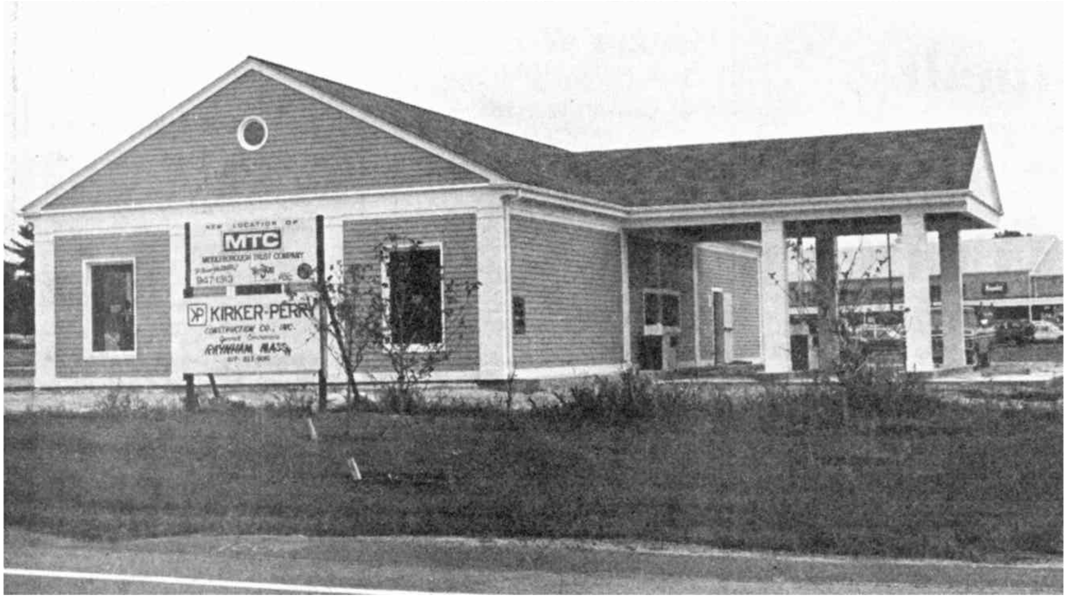
Lorenzo's quote.



1021. S. Barnicoat Monument Co.

Stephen Barnicoat opened and ran a highly successful monument company until his retirement a few years ago, leaving it in the capable hands of his son. He was a great help in the design for my family monument.

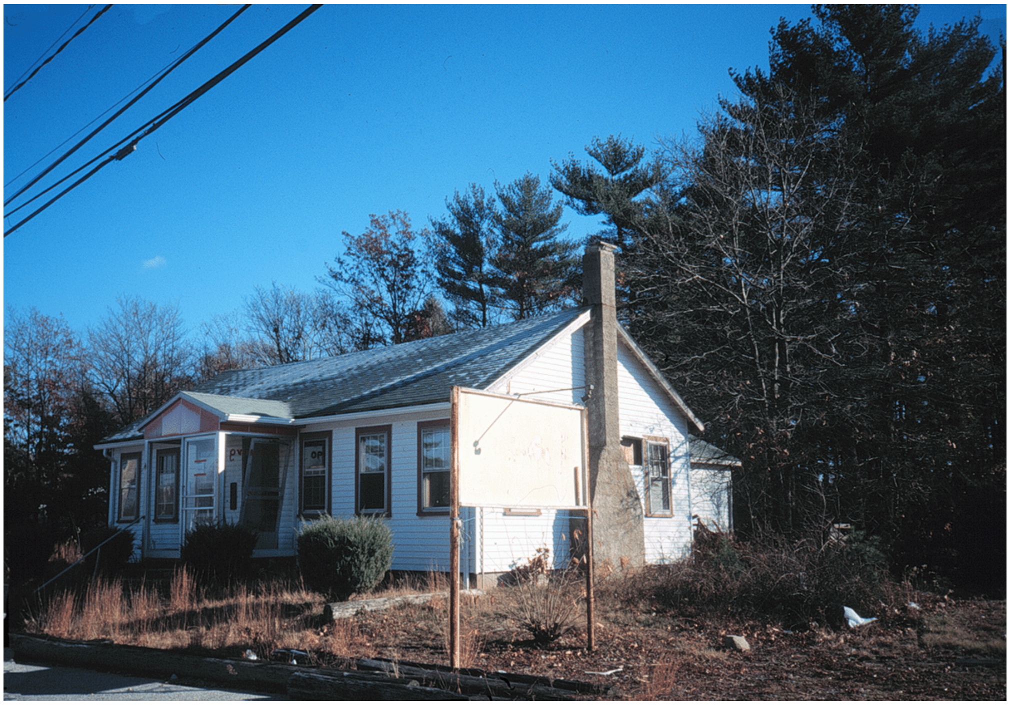
Source: Walter Thompson


NEW LOCATION OF
MTC
MIDDLEBOROUGH TRUST COMPANY
KIRKER-PERRY
CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.
General Contractors
RAYNHAM MASS.

1022. Branch Office, Middleborough Trust Company

Ted Eayrs Jr. designed this little colonial gem for the Middleborough Trust Company and it remained in business until Middleborough Trust merged with Rockland and became the Rockland Trust Company. After several vacant years it has been adapted for a blood donation center.

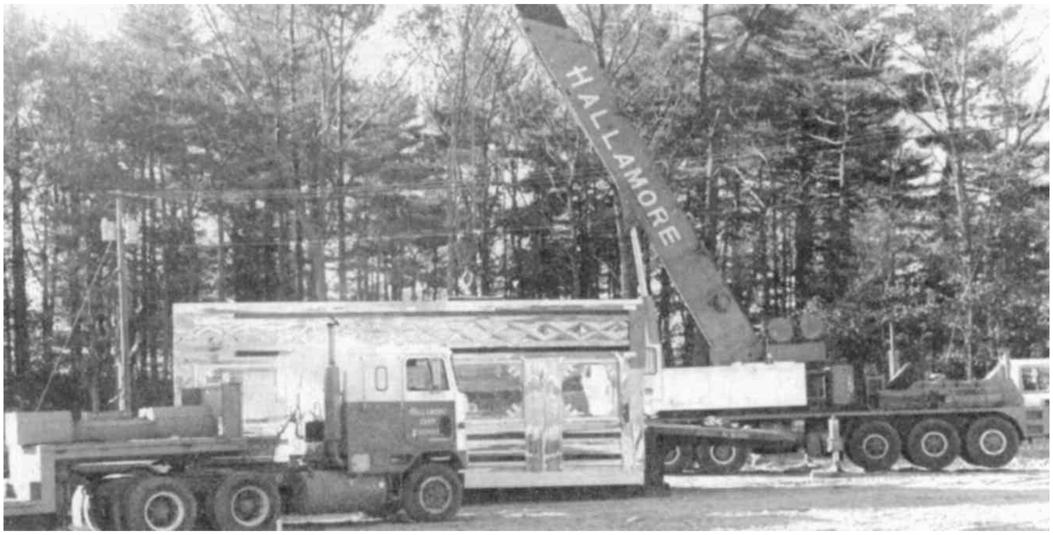
Source: Walter Thompson



1023. Former Cyr's Restaurant

The Cyr's family from Taunton operated this fine family restaurant. After many years of fine food and service, they retired. The business went through several owners into oblivion. It had lost its crisp look of fresh paint and cleanliness along with a fine dining experience and was torn down in 1997.

Source: Walter Thompson

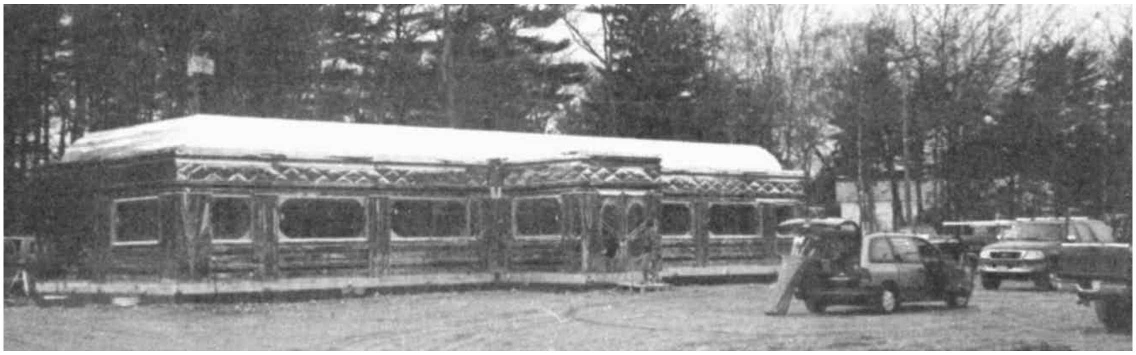


1024. Dave's Diner

"A 1950's style diner arrives from Florida to be assembled on the Rte. 28 site once occupied by Cyr's Restaurant."

Adam Swift Quote.

Source: Middleboro Gazette, December 4, 1997.

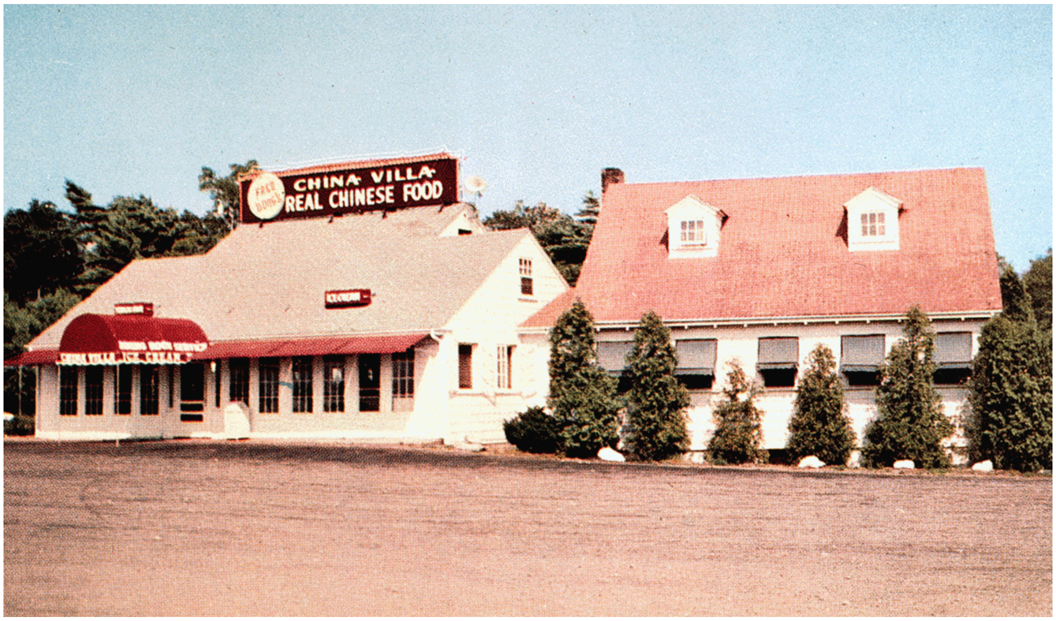


1025. Dave’s Diner

“Settling in, the 114-seat diner may be open by the end of the year.”

Adam Swift Quote.

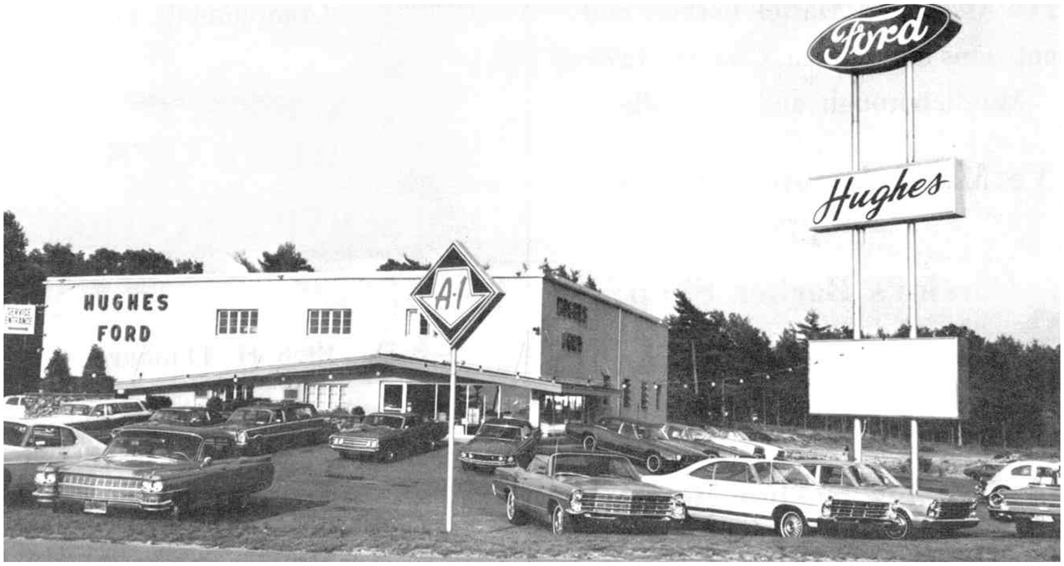
Source: Middleboro Gazette, December 4, 1997.


CHINA VILLA
REAL CHINESE FOOD
CHINA VILLA ICE CREAM

1026. China Villa Restaurant

This fine Chinese restaurant operated during the 50’s and 60’s and while I would not eat Chinese food, I always enjoyed what I got on the American side.

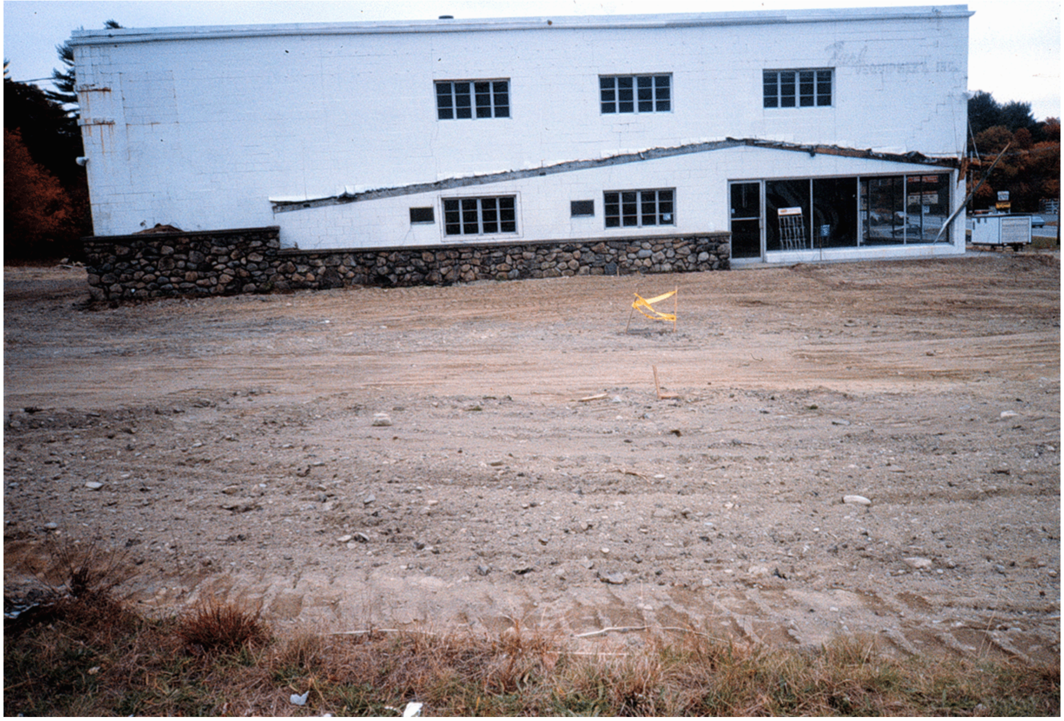
Source: Walter Thompson



1027. Hughes Ford Inc.

Middleborough Ford was originally on Wareham Street until all of the large automobile manufacturers were demanding much larger garages for greater profit. So when Hughes Ford was at the busy point, I personally bought three new Fords from them, a 1964, 1966 and a 1973.

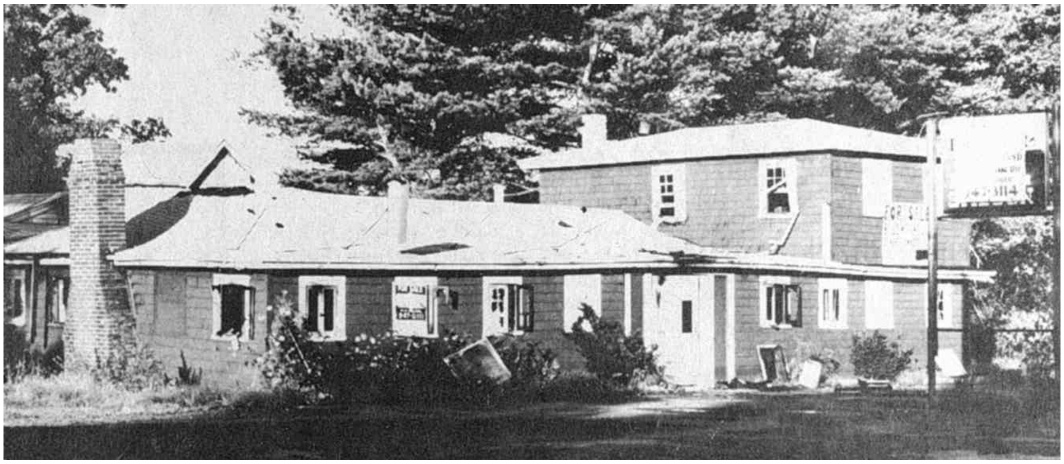
Source: Walter Thompson



1028. Mobil Service Station

After Hughes Ford went out several other enterprises occupied the building and failed. I took this photo as it was being renovated for a new service station.

Source: Walter Thompson

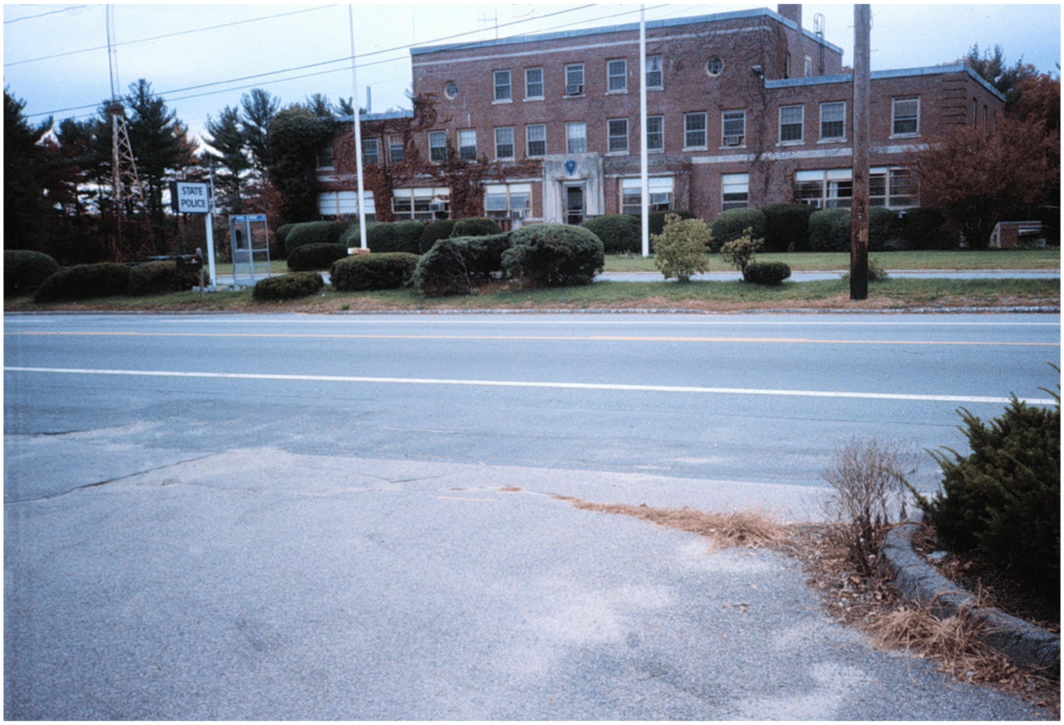


1029. Pioneer Restaurant

This restaurant had a shady and colorful reputation. It was torn down circa 1963. Angelo Zervas was owner for many years.

“A Beleaguered Landmark, the West Grove Street Pioneer Restaurant was gutted by fire last Saturday night. Question of ownership, status of liquor license, alleged sanitary code violation and neighbors’ complaints have surrounded the restaurant which has been closed for several years.”

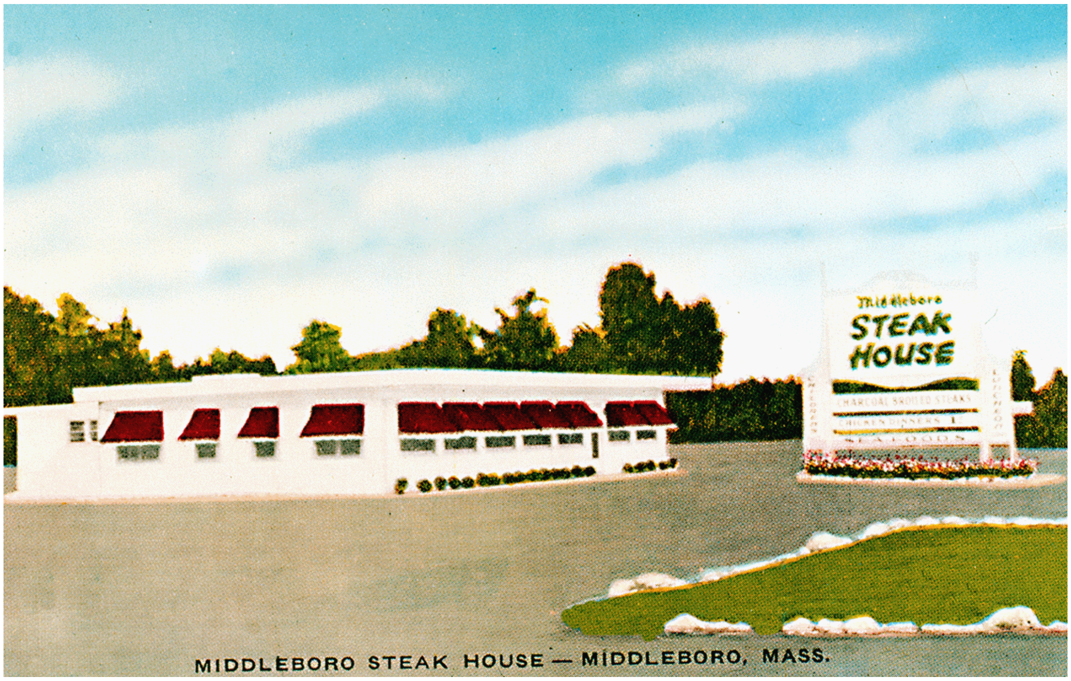
Source: A Clint Clark Quote



1030. State Police Barracks

The State Police decided to buy the land where the pioneer had stood in order to build a new barracks. In 1998 the building is perhaps too large because state troopers no longer eat or sleep here. The administrative offices are still here along with the garage underneath for vehicle maintenance and a helicopter pad.

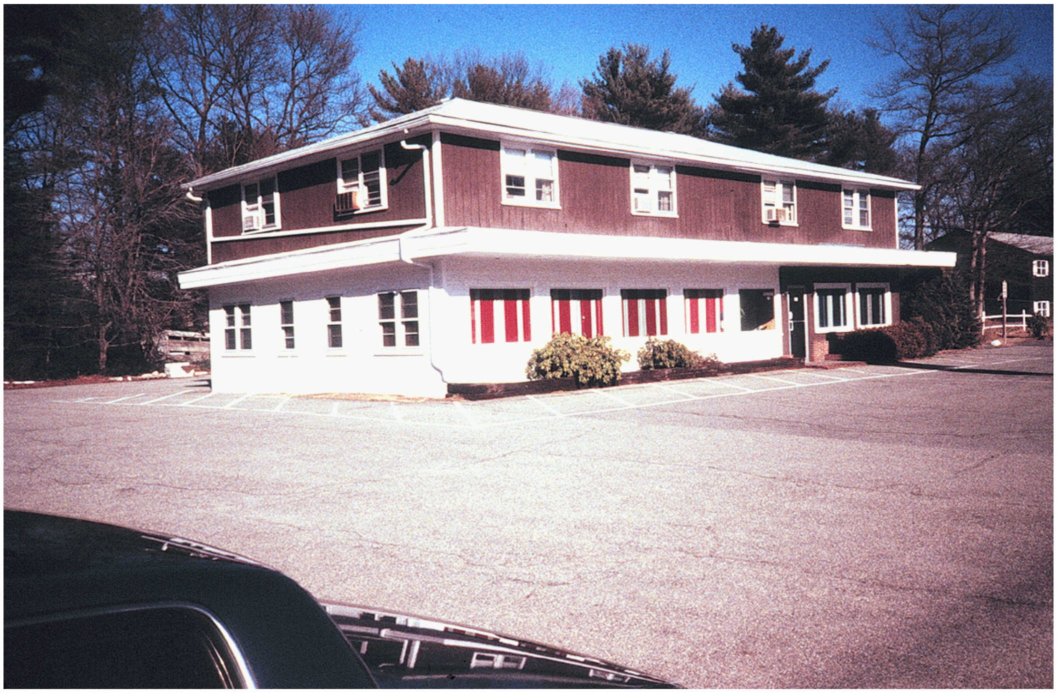
Source: Walter Thompson


Middleboro
STEAK
HOUSE
CHARCOAL BROILED STEAKS
CHICKEN DINNERS
SEA FOODS
MIDDLEBORO STEAK HOUSE — MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

1031. Middleborough Steak House

The Middleborough Steak House was a great place to eat in its day. One day when I was eating there a school department was having a birthday party for Principal Henry Bengt Burkland. I was very touched because as we sat in one of the front windows (the party was at the back), Henry called to me and brought me a large piece of his chocolate birthday cake.

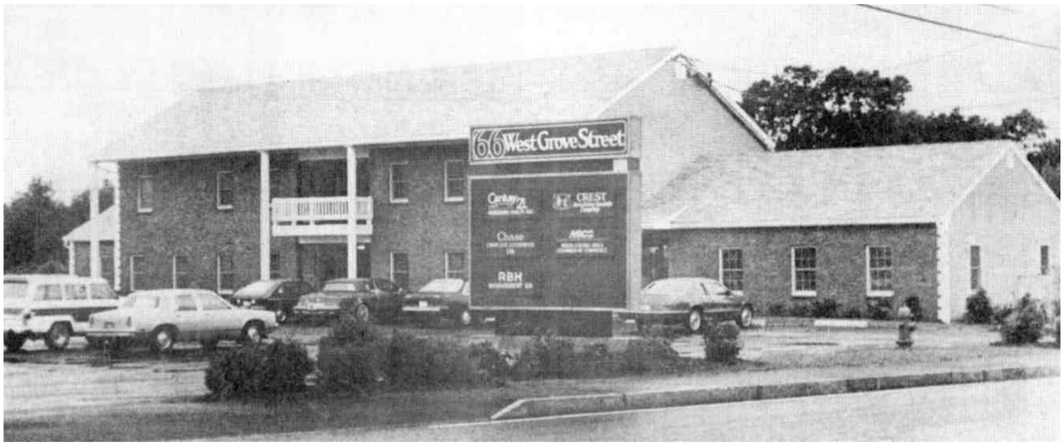
Source: Walter Thompson



1032. Connolly Office Building

Ray Connolly, a real estate agent, bought the old restaurant, added a second floor, and converted it to office space.

Source: Walter Thompson

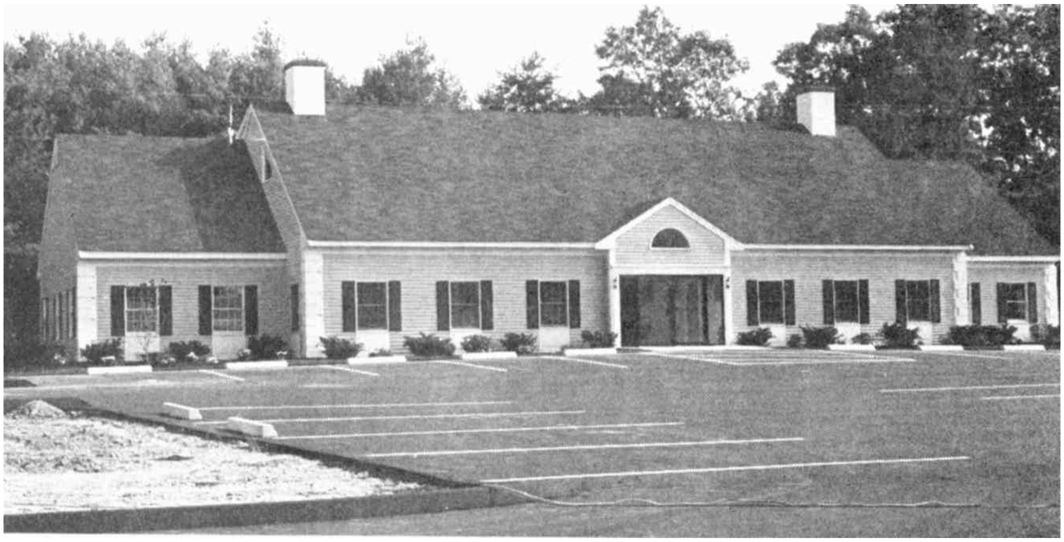

66 West Grove Street
Century 21
CREST
RBH

1033. West Grove Street Office Building

Fagerberg Real Estate's new home is in this new building on Route 28 which will also house the Middleborough Area Chamber of Commerce and several other businesses.

Charlie Perry quote.

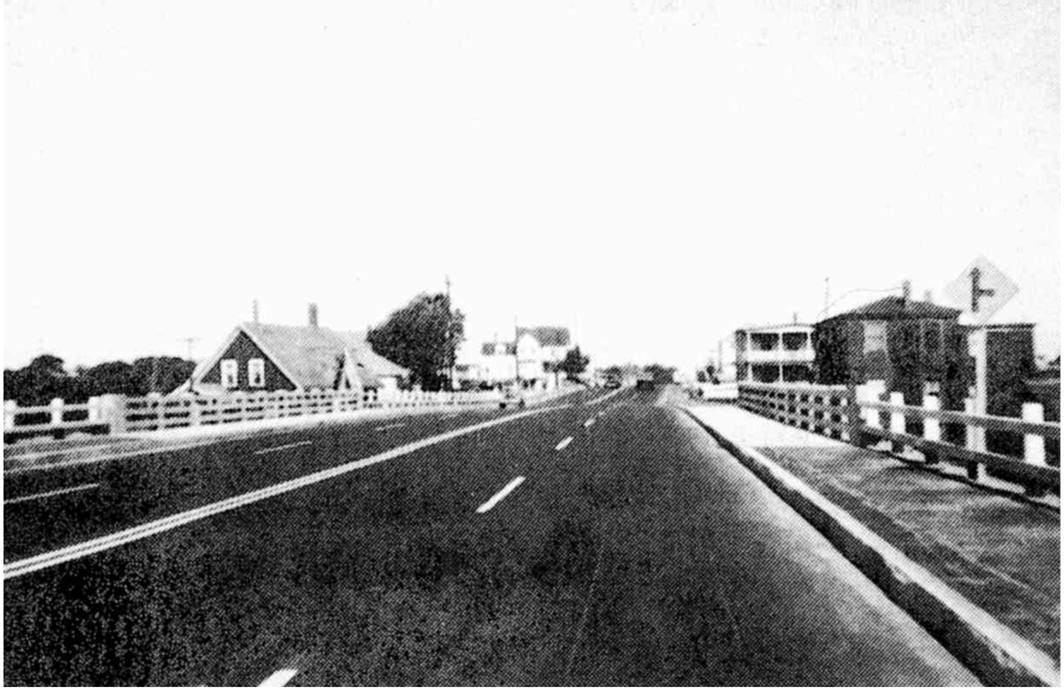
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, August 22, 1985.



1034. Office Building

The office building in 1998 is the home of Robert Cushing Insurance Company and the Middleboro Gazette.

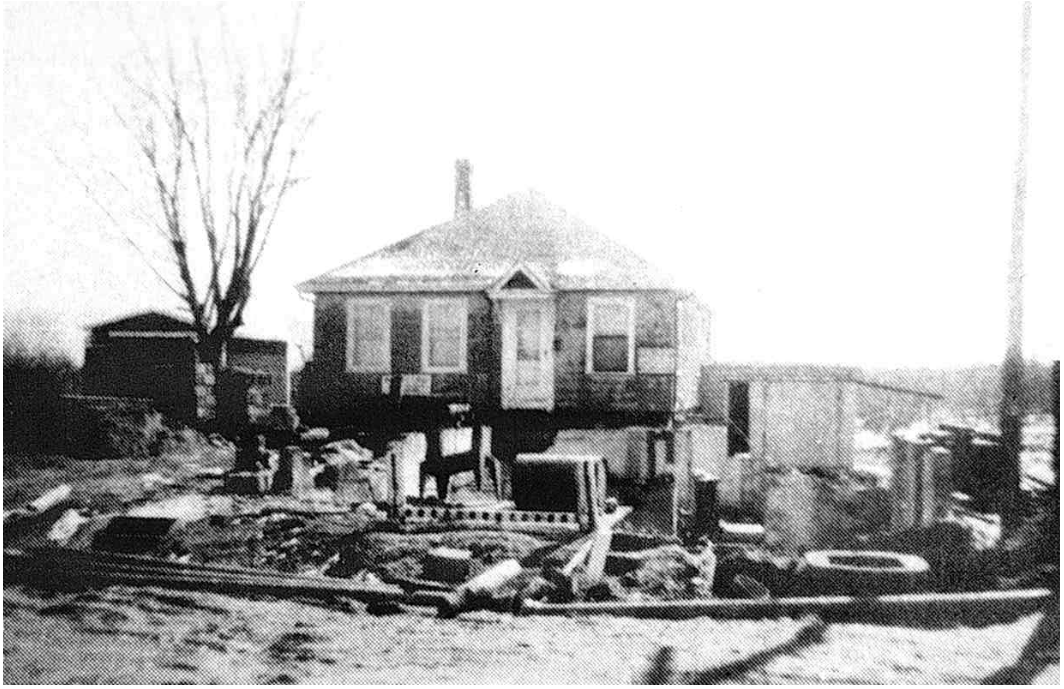
Source: Walter Thompson



1035. New Grove Street Overpass

In the 50's, the problem of how to solve the bottleneck was solved. They simply raised this area of Route 28 and the railroad overpass. The raising of West Grove Street created some problems for the residents of the area who found themselves below road level and some had to be raised higher.

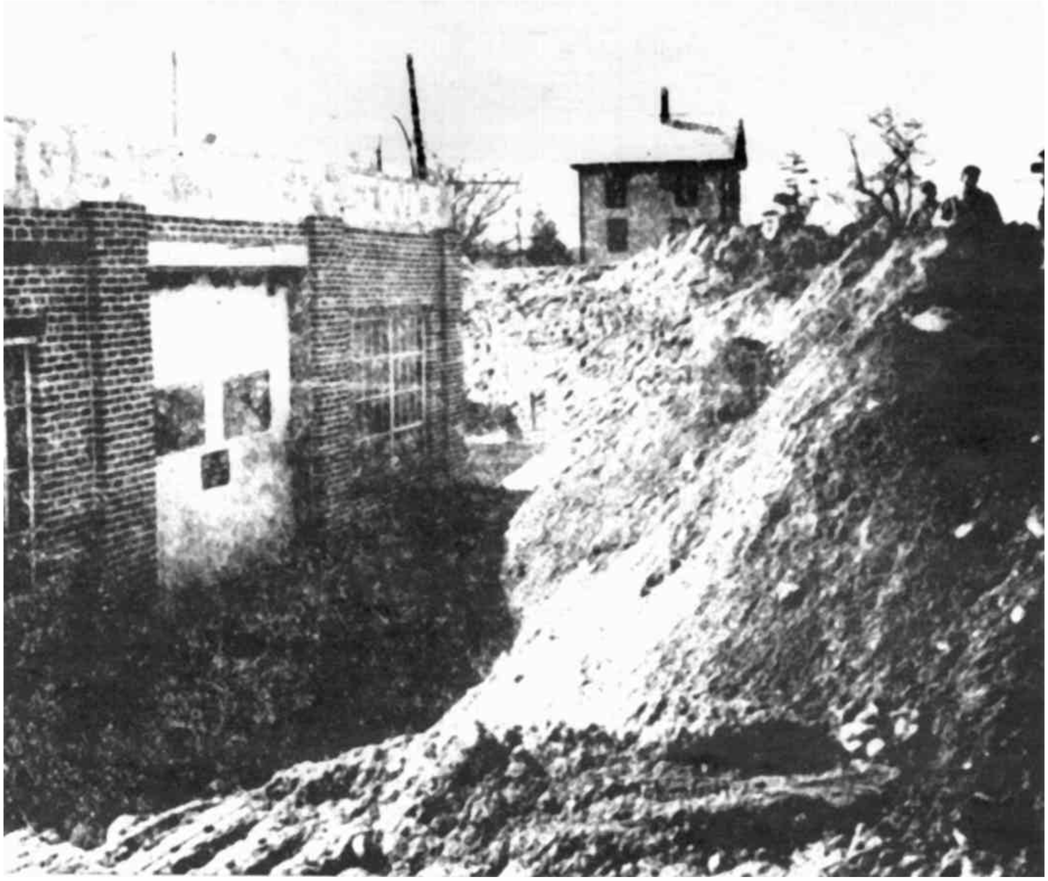
Source: Walter Thompson



1036. House In The Air

This photo shows one of the homes that were raised on a higher foundation on the right of this house.

Source: Walter Thompson



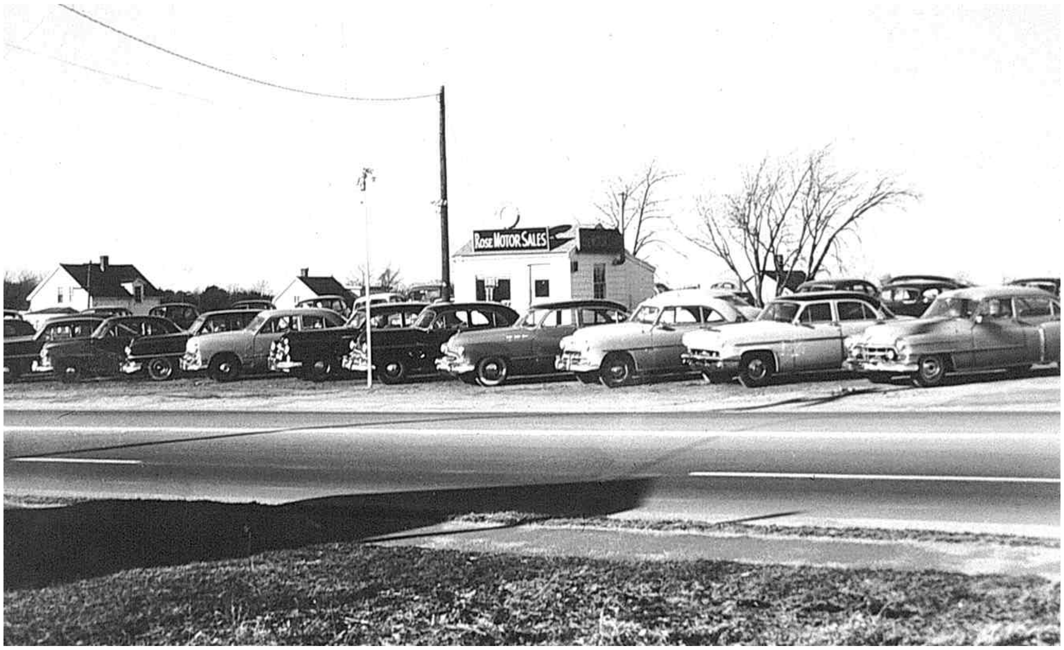
1037. Sunken American Motor Co.

This is a photocopy of a Middleboro Gazette picture of the former American Motor Sales garage below street level. A whole new building was built on the roof of the existing garage and today it is South Shore Rehabilitation Center.

Source: Walter Thompson

“William H. Young’s Garage, in a hole. Fill for new grades on West Grove and Elm Streets up nearly to roof of garage.”

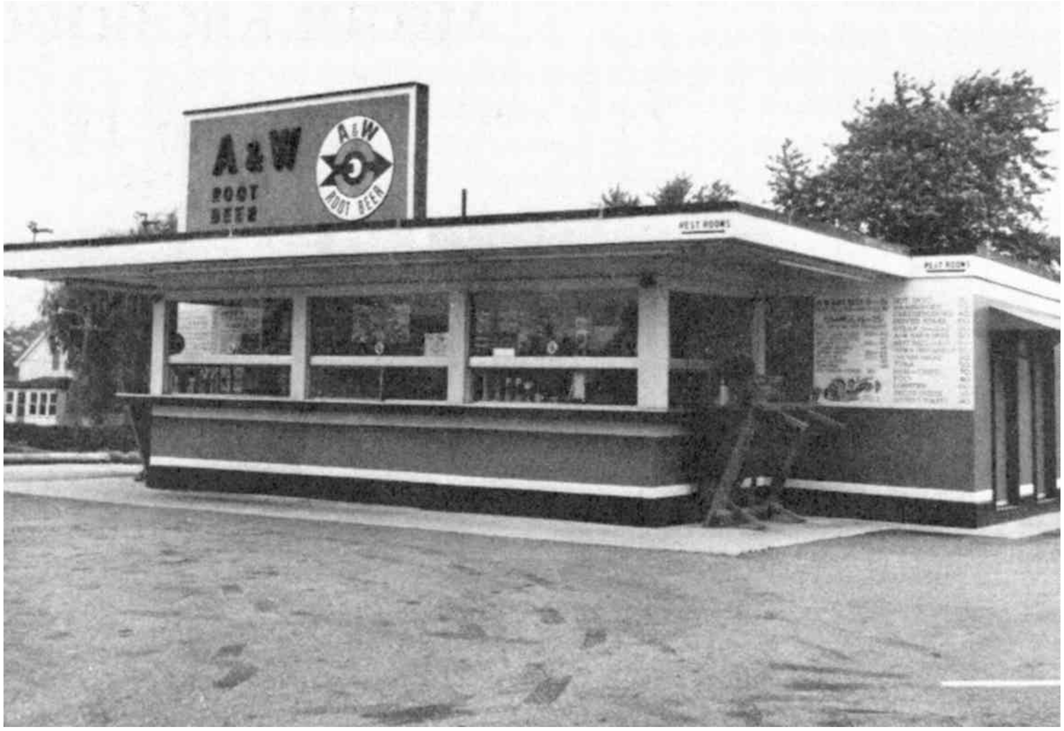
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, April 1, 1949.



1038. “Billy” Rose Auto Sales

Billy Rose operated his used auto sales business from this lot on West Grove Street during the mid 1940’s. In the mid 1950’s he sold used autos for Donald Cannon on East Grove Street. As of 1990 it is the site of Peaceful Meadows Ice Cream stand.

Source: Walter Thompson

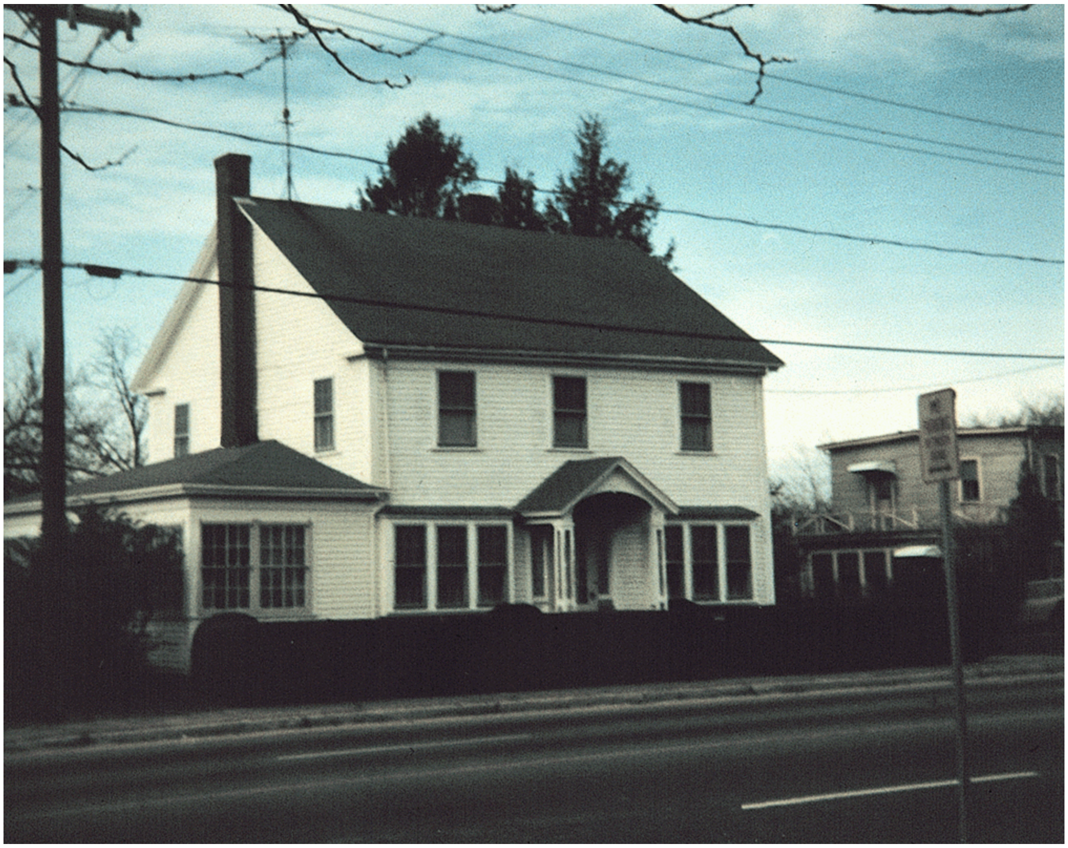


A&W
ROOT
BEER
A&W
ROOT BEER
REST ROOMS
REST ROOMS

1039. A & W Root Beer Stand

On the West Grove Street site where Billy Rose had his auto sales, A & W Root Beer built a stand in the mid 1960’s to 1970’s. The building was vacant for a few years until Peaceful Meadows Ice Cream of Whitman opened it.

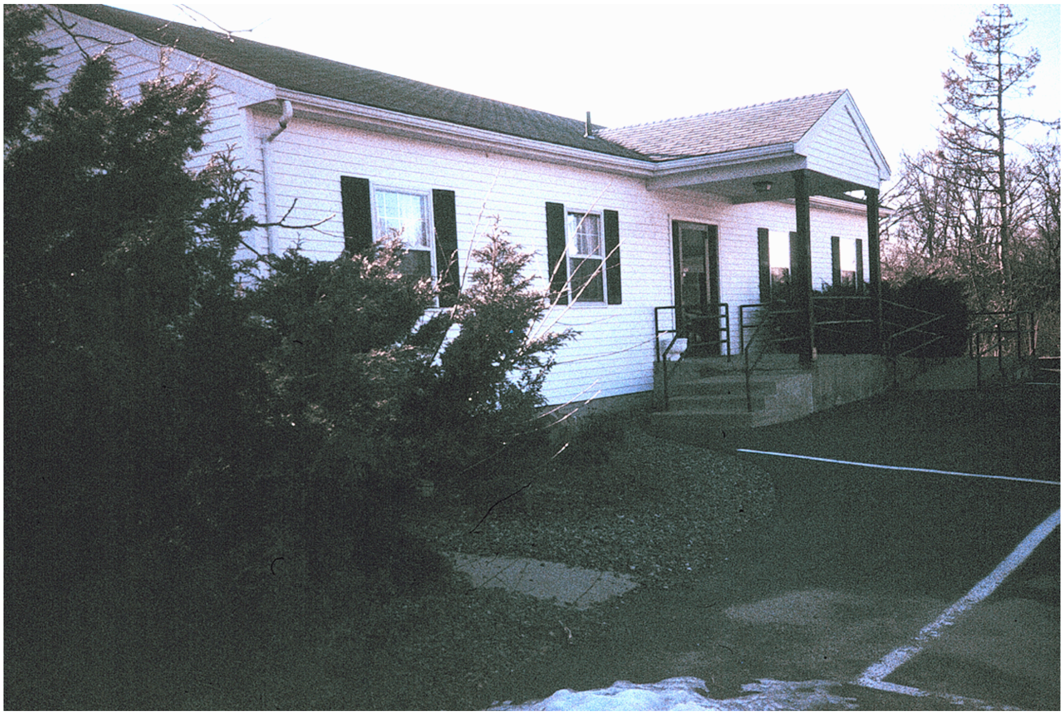
Source: Walter Thompson



1040. The Carey House

This is the house the Carey family lived in for many years until it was sold as the site for a medical building. Fred, Grace and Charles Carey resided there with their parents.

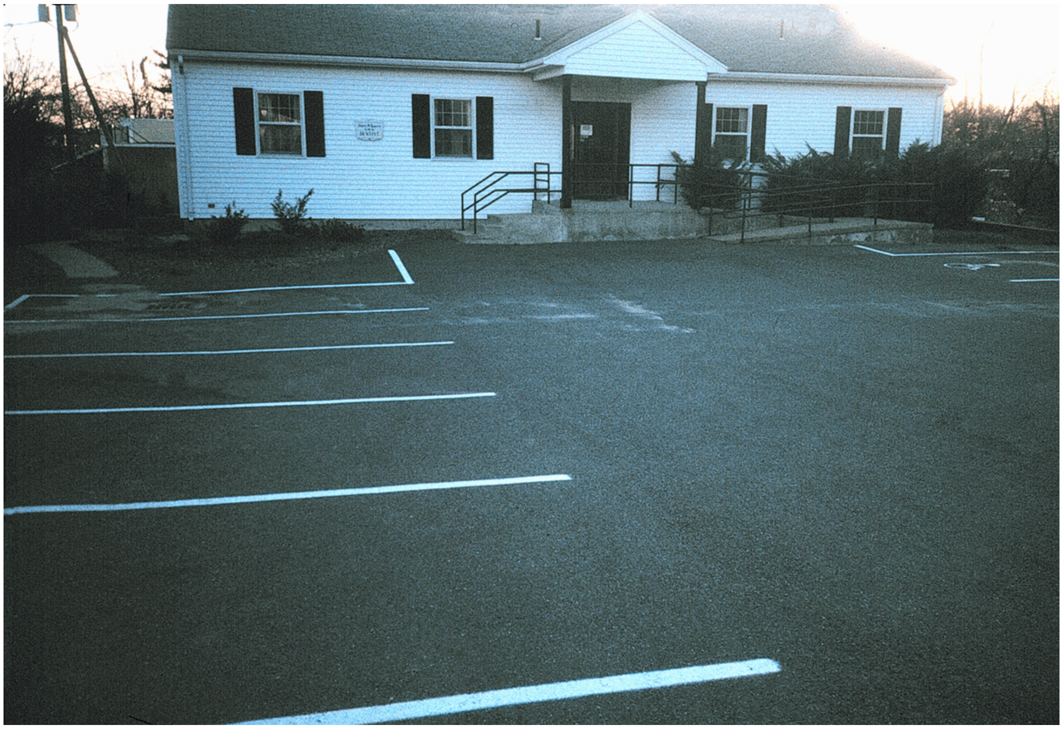
Source: Walter Thompson



1041. Medical Office Building

Dr. Comalli and associates bought the Carey house around the early 1980's intending to use it for his offices. He found that it was not feasible, tore it down and built a new medical building in the back yard in 1981.

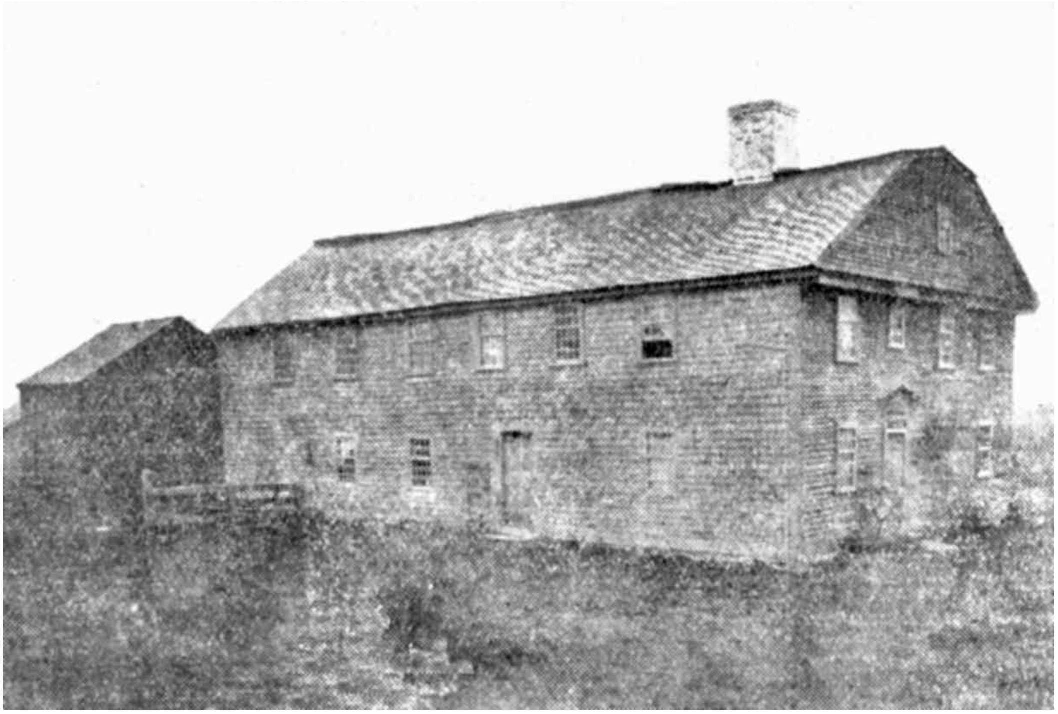
Source: Walter Thompson



1042. Medical Office Building

Sadly, the beautiful Carey home has disappeared from this corner of our town that has been decimated of all the homes that were once here. It has made the transition from a rather refined family neighborhood to what you could call “a gasoline alley”.

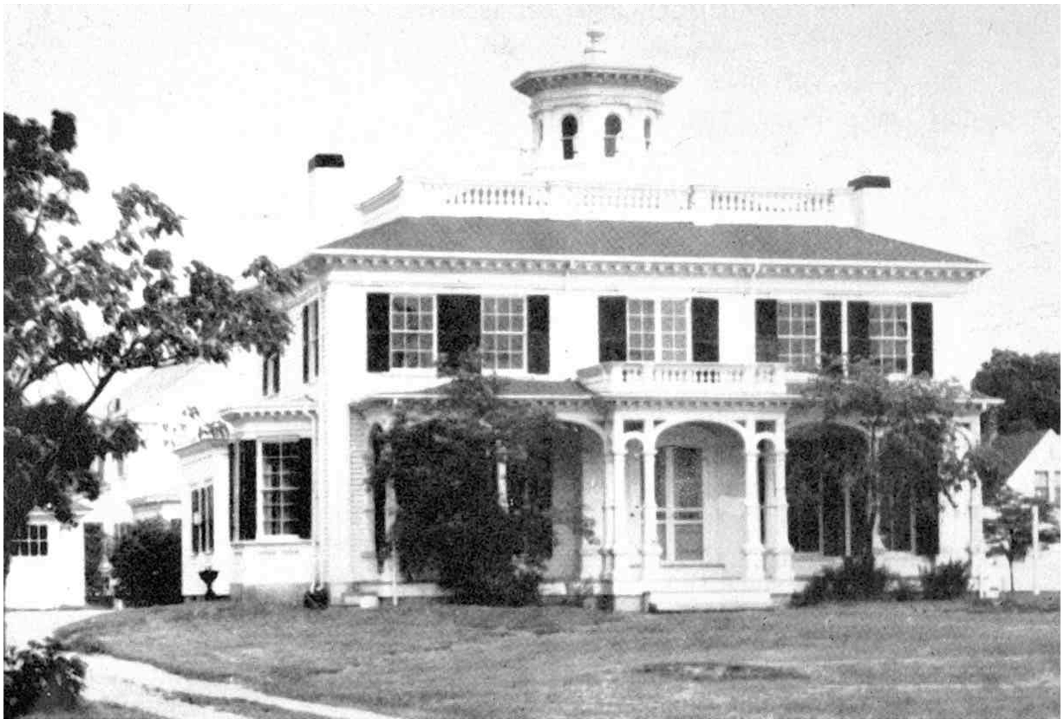
Source: Walter Thompson



1043. Morton Houses

At the close of King Phillip's War the Morton Home was probably built by John Morton Jr. Undoubtedly the best known occupant was Madam Morton, the daughter-in-law of John Jr. She entertained generously before the revolutionary war and did so after the banishment of Judge Peter Oliver. The last owner was Robert G. Pickens (music teacher at Peirce Academy) who had the place torn down in 1868 so that South Main Street could be straightened.

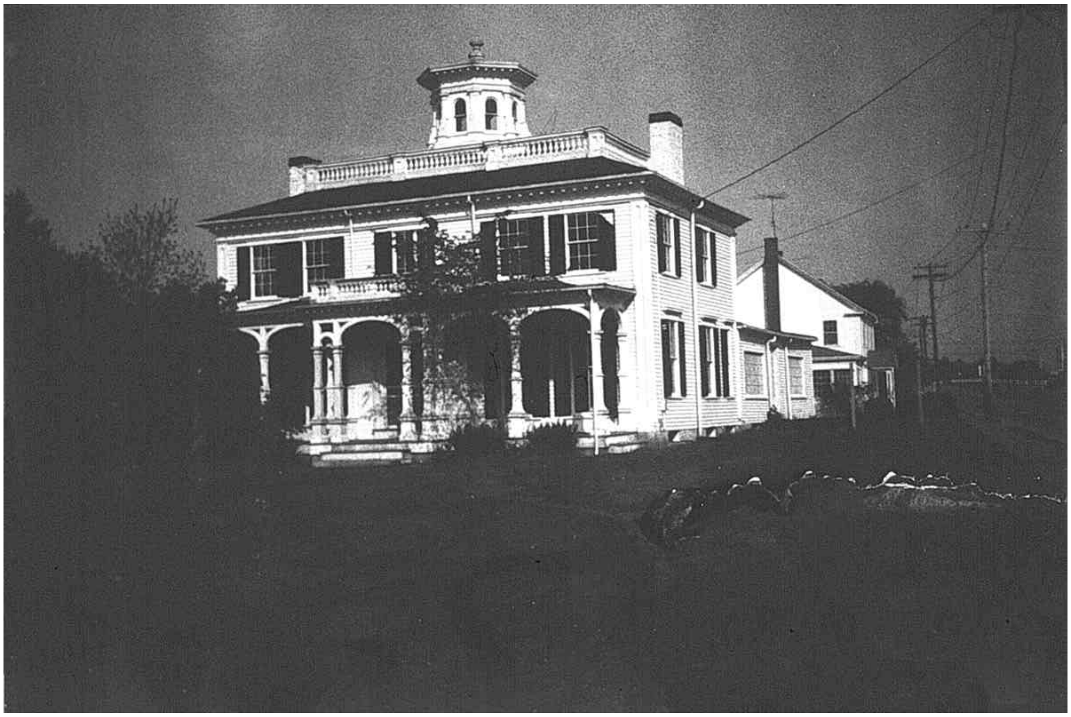
Source: Weston, History of Middleborough



1044. O’Hara House

James A. Burgess, when speaking of this beautiful home, said it was built by William Cushman in the mid 1800’s. A well known Middleborough jeweler, Fayette W. Hayden lived with his family in this home in the 1890’s. In 1906 with an empty nest syndrome he sold the home to the O’Hara family and moved to the John Thomas House across West Grove Street.

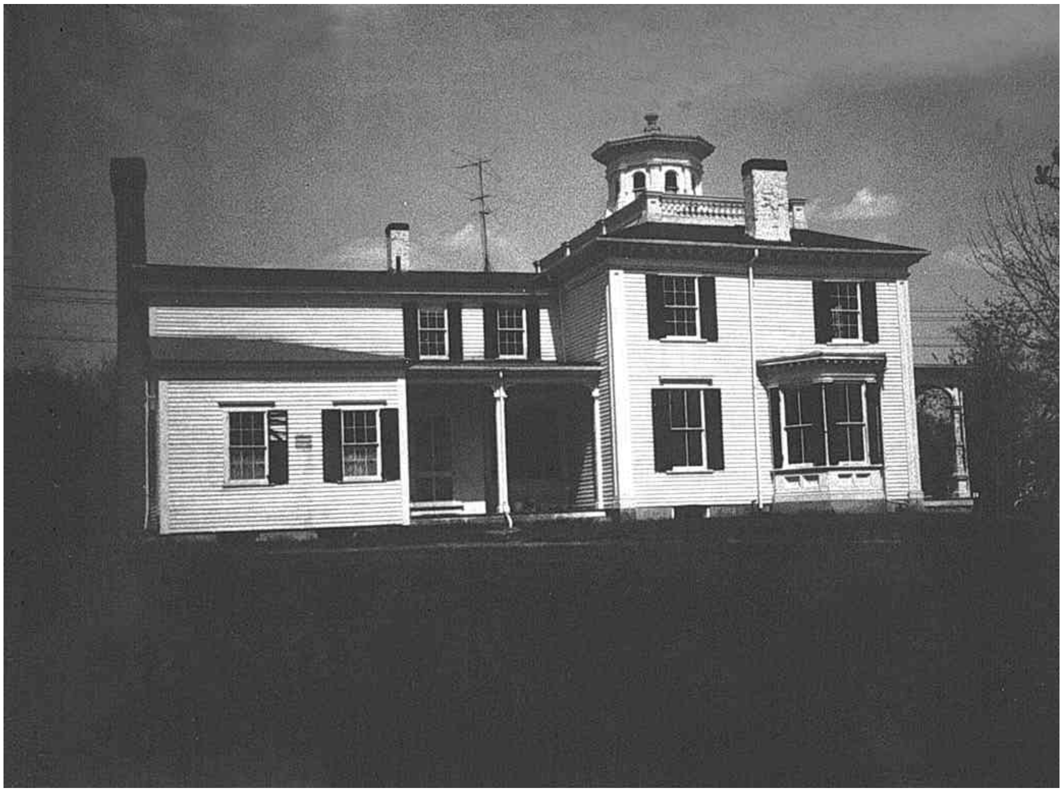
Source: Mertie Romaine’s History of Middleborough and Walter Thompson



1045. O’Hara House

The Stephen O’Hara’s, a well-known Middleborough family, occupied the home until 1946.

Source: Mertie Romaine’s History of Middleborough



1046. The Fish House

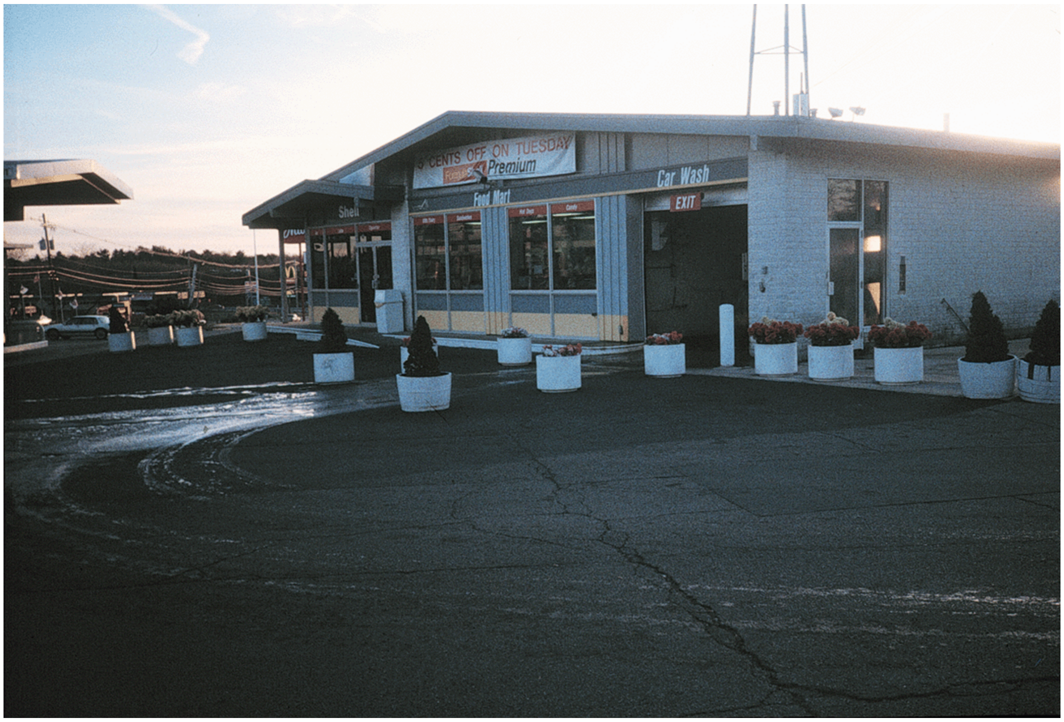
In 1946, Stephen O'Hara sold the house to Mrs. Esther L. (Fish) Burgess whose daughter, Barbara Fish Washburn, is the present owner. She sold this beautiful mansion to the Shell Oil Company. (The claim was that nothing could be salvaged because the house was so well built it couldn't be taken apart, so it was pulverized by a steel ball.)

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough and Walter Thompson

1047. Shell Station

The beautiful O'Hara mansion was torn down to make way for this gas station.

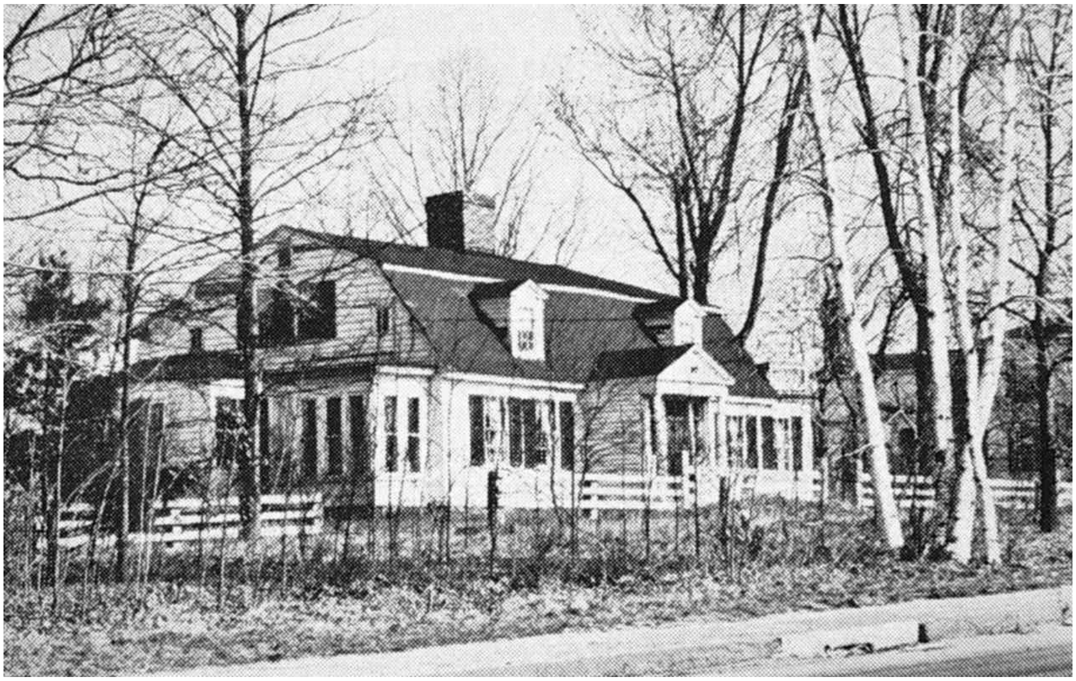
Source: Walter Thompson


CENTS OFF ON TUESDAY
Premium
Shell
Food Mart
Hot Dogs
Candy
Car Wash
EXIT

1048. Shell Station

This is another view of the Shell Station on “gasoline alley”.

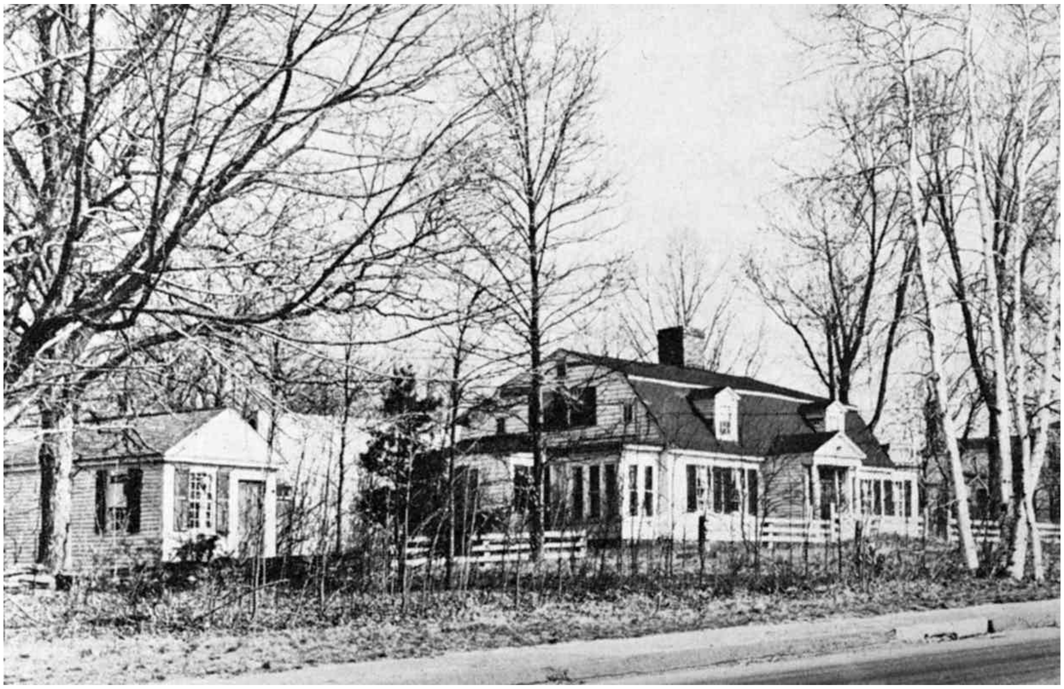
Source: Walter Thompson



1049. Judge Wilkes Wood House

This is another one of the homes that was raised in the 1960's. This home was built by John Morton in the early 1700's. Judge Wilkes Wood was one of the more famous residents of the house. He was a well-respected lawyer before he sat on the bench.

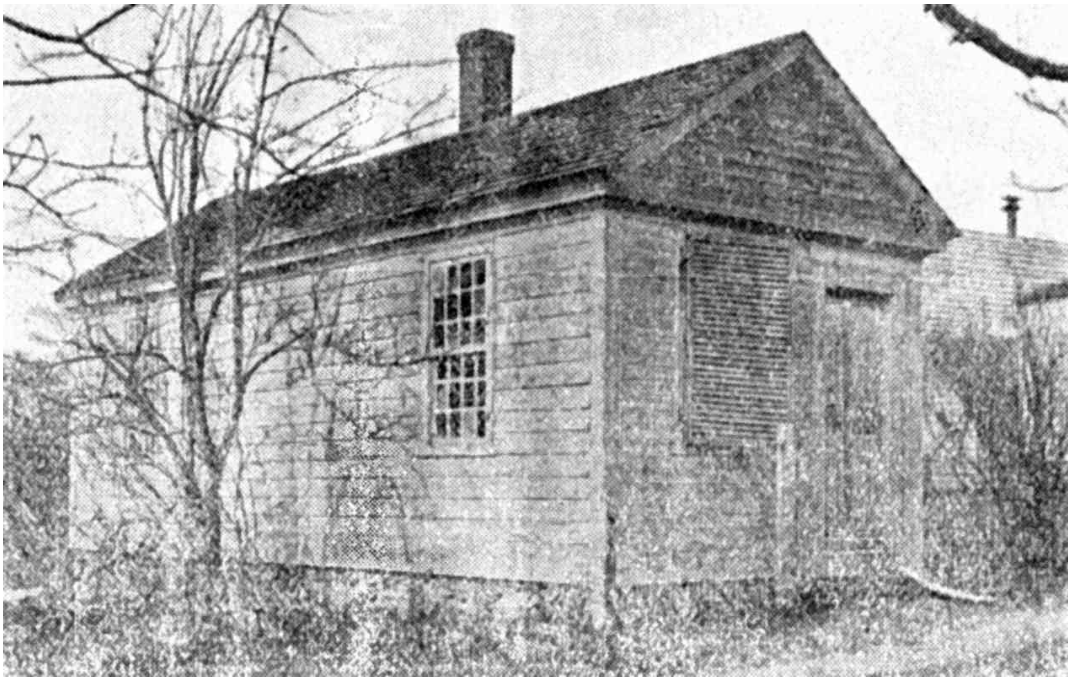
Source: Walter Thompson



1050. Judge Wilkes Wood House

This is how the home looked just before it was torn down. The law office on the left of the picture was moved to the Middleborough Historical Museum grounds by the Fernandez Company and has been renamed the Lawrence Romaine Library.

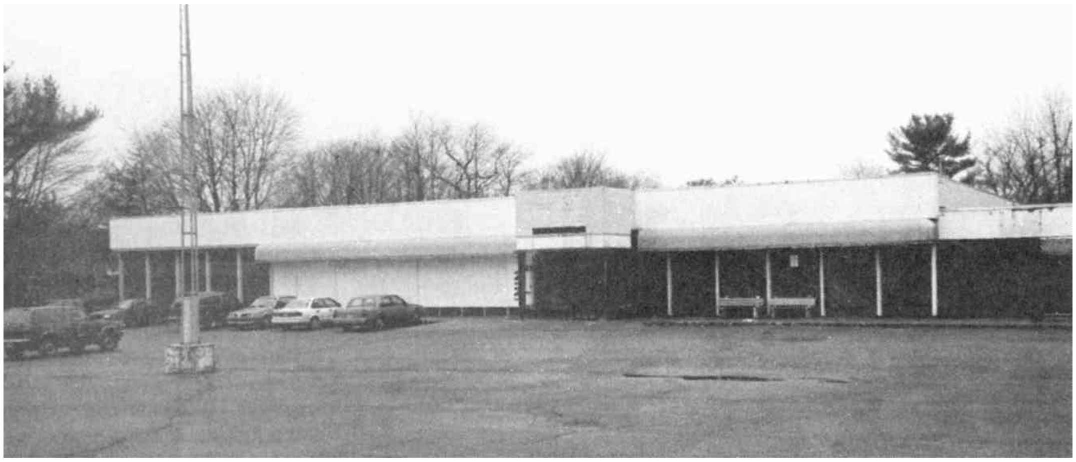
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Page I
Volume XVI, May 1975, Number 3



1051. Judge Wood Law Office

Judge Wilkes Wood, a 1793 graduate of Brown University, maintained his law office in this small building on the southerly side of the old Wood Homestead. The Plymouth County Bar Association admitted him in 1796 and he opened his practice in Middleborough. He was appointed Judge of Probate for Plymouth County in 1821 and continued in this capacity until his death in 1843.

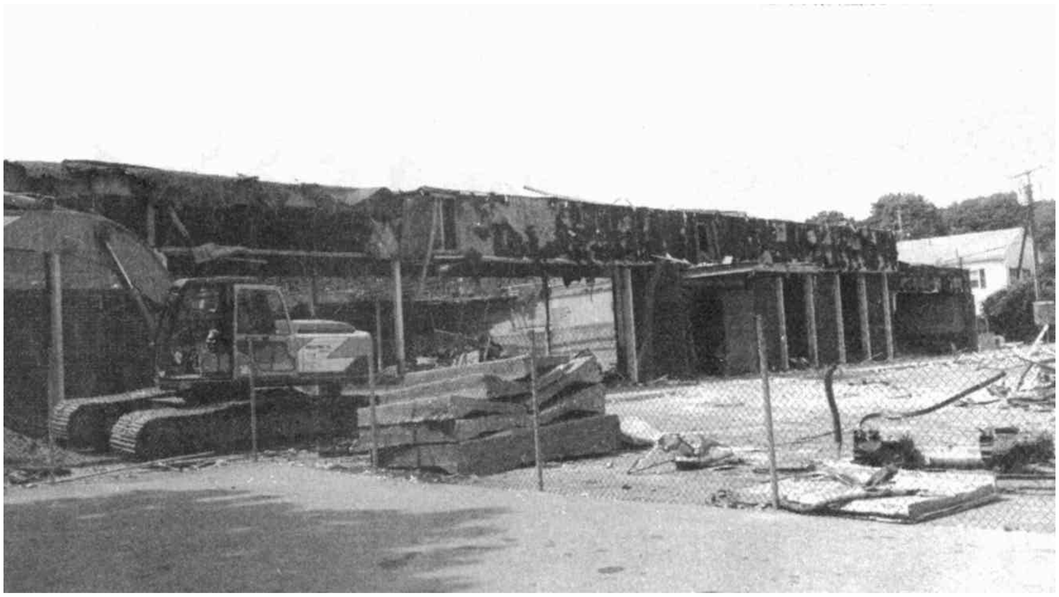
Source: Information from Middleboro Gazette, ca. 1933.



1052. Former Super Place

“The Rte. 105 building that once housed the Super Place Supermarket and before that, Fernandes, will soon be raised. An Osco drug “super-store” will be constructed with an opening planned by the end of the year according to Robert Mather, the company’s local attorney. They got the green light from the zoning board last month.”

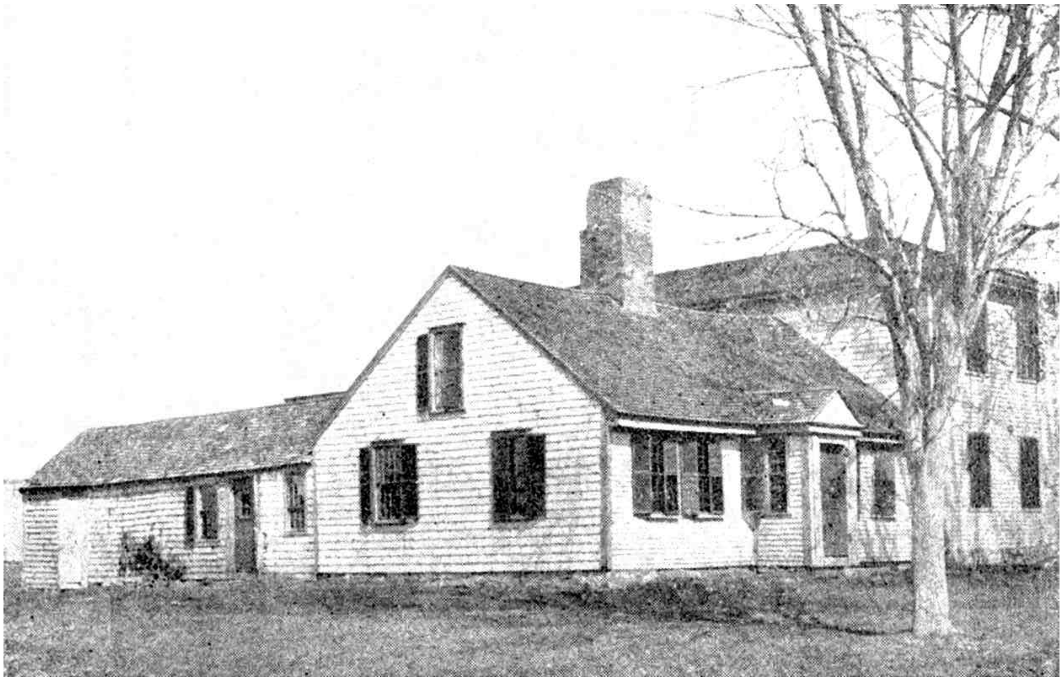
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, March 9, 1995



1053. Former Super Place

“The former Super Place building on Rte. 105 in Middleborough is being demolished to make way for an Osco Drug Store. The state-of-the-art store will feature a drive-up window for the convenience of customers.”

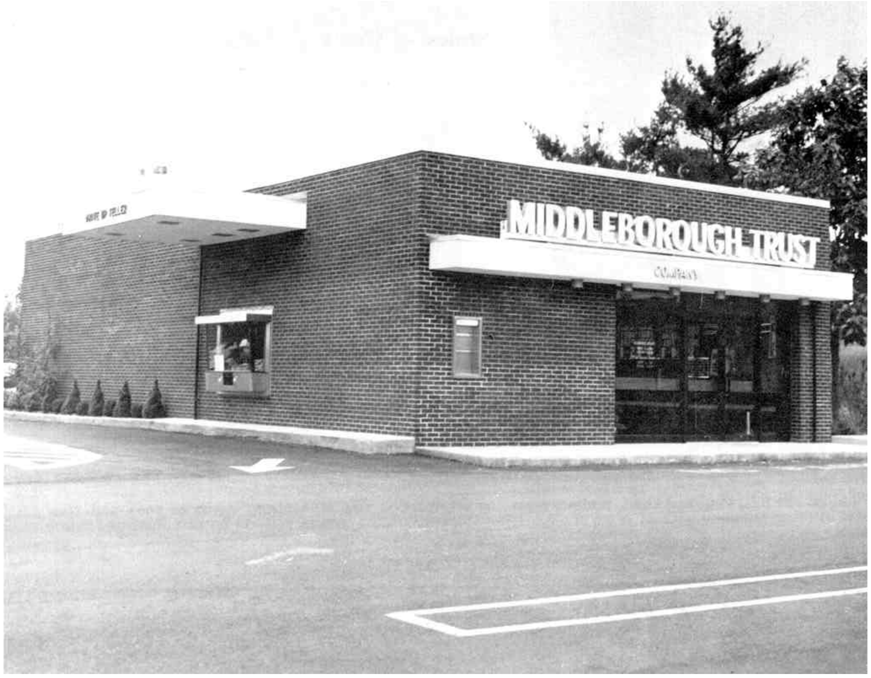
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, October 7, 1995**.**



1054. Briggs House

This house was built by Doctor Joseph Clark. The home ended its days as rental property and had become quite dilapidated. The owner was Elmer H. Benson. The Rockland Trust Branch Bank sits on that site today.

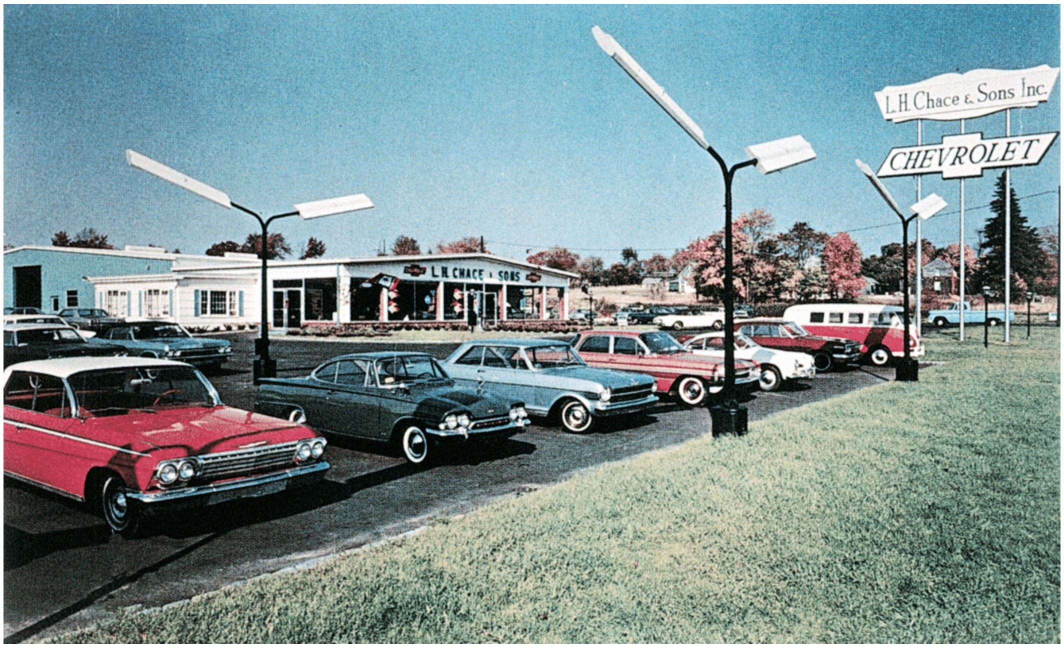
Source: Walter Thompson
Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 171-2.


MIDDLEBOROUGH TRUST
COMPANY

1055. Middleborough Trust Company

The Middleborough Trust Company opened this bank as one of its branches, on the site of the Briggs house. The bank merged and is now known as the Rockland Trust Company.

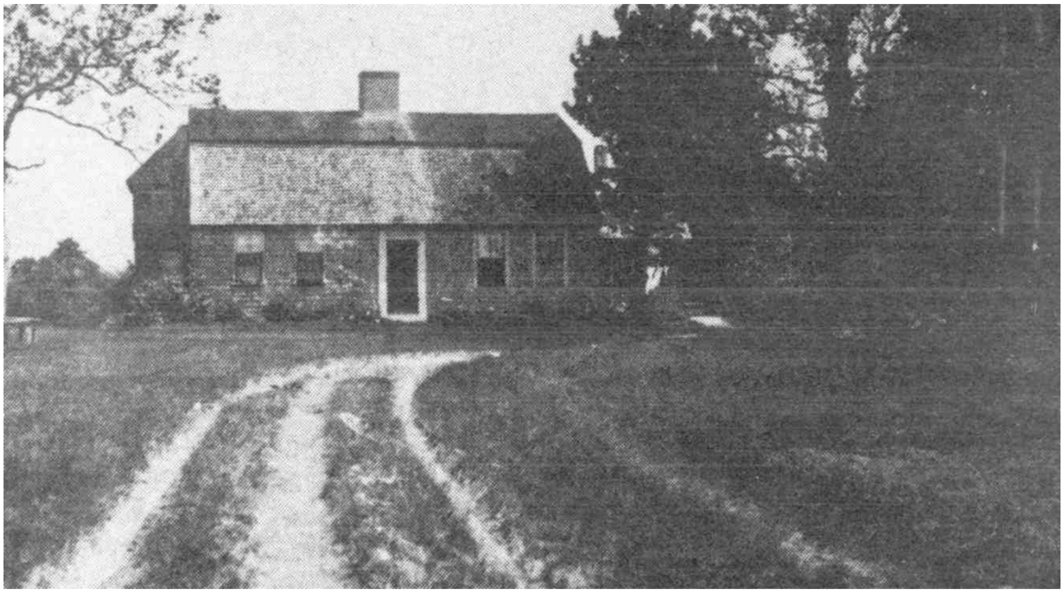
Source: Walter Thompson


L.H. Chace & Sons Inc.
CHEVROLET
L.H. CHACE & SONS

1056. Chace Chevrolet

The house that was built by Doctor Joseph Clark was the next in line to be doomed. The Chace Chevrolet Garage then occupied the property in 1965. The house remained squeezed in between the garage and Rte. 25 and was taken down in 1996 due to vandalism.

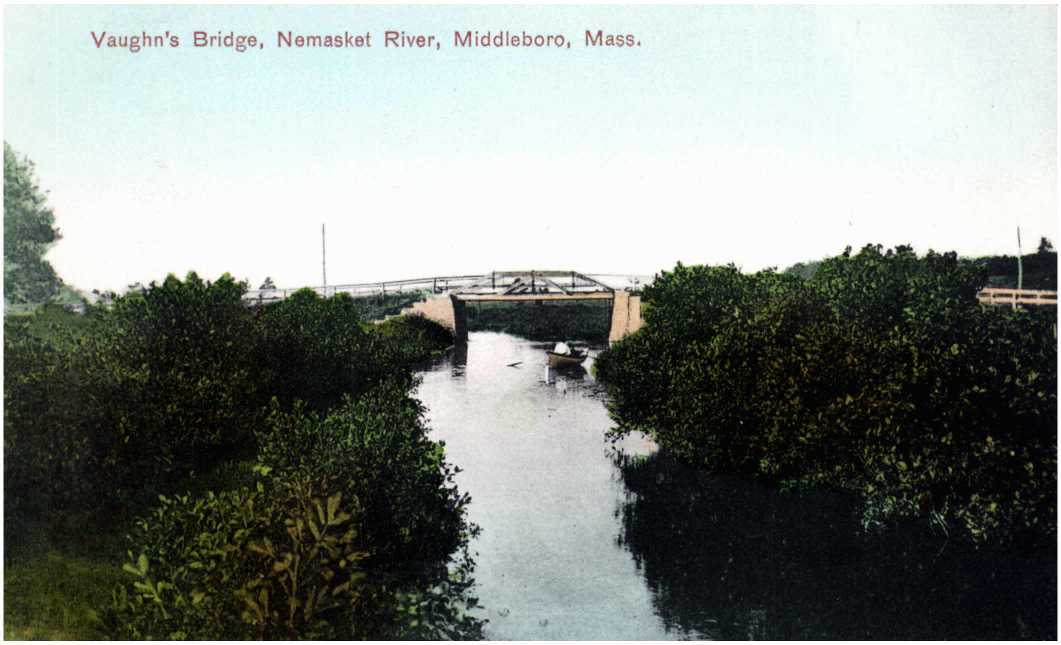
Source: Walter Thompson



1057. Lovell House

This is one of the oldest homes in town and for many years was occupied by various Vaughn families. Today it is in the Freitas family and has been completely remodeled with additions and is in great shape.

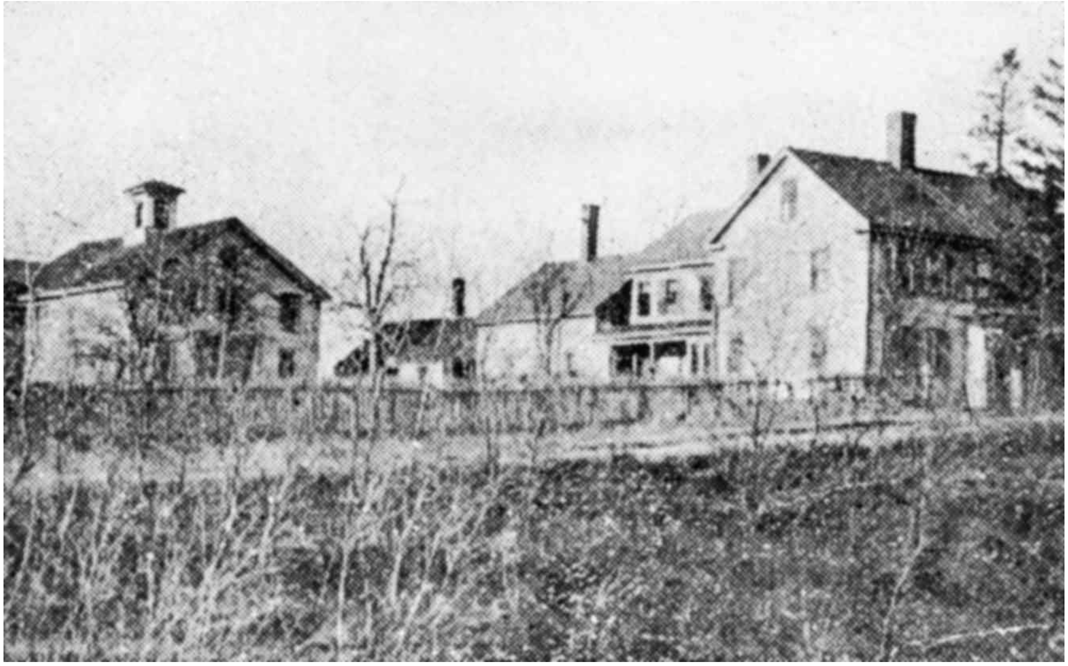
Source: Walter Thompson


Vaughn's Bridge, Nemasket River, Middleboro, Mass.

1058. Vaughn Street Bridge

This postcard shows an early view of the Vaughn Street Bridge. In recent years there has been a battle raging between the State of Massachusetts, who planned to put in a modern steel bridge, and neighbor Joe Freitas who wants a historical bridge to replace it.

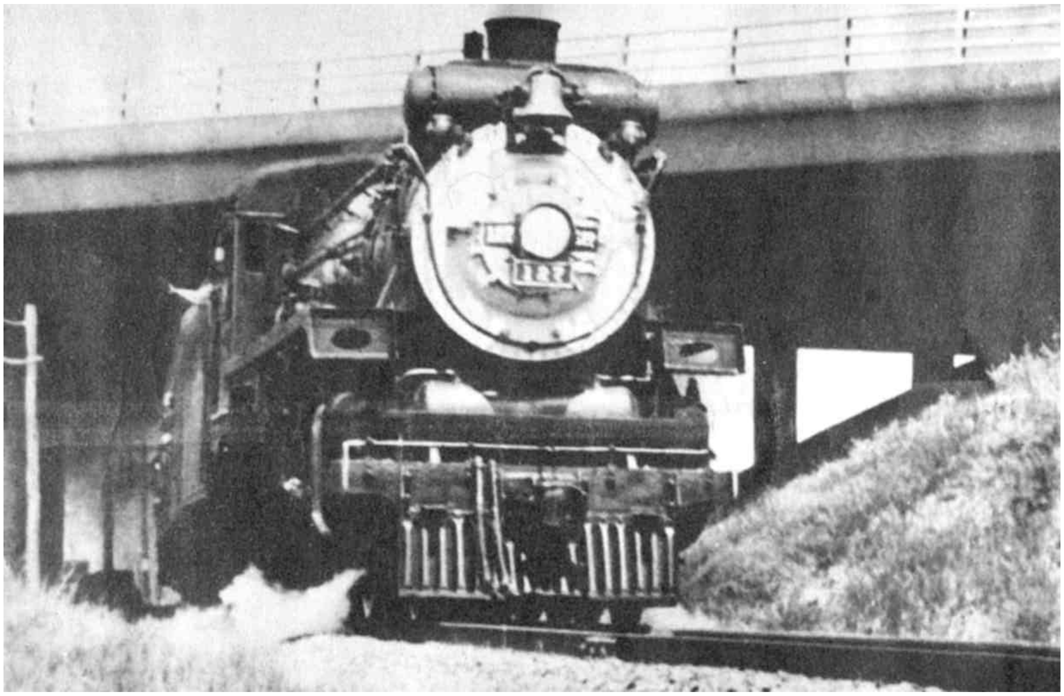
Source: Walter Thompson



1059. The Grossman Farm

The Grossman farm was located south of the Railroad Bridge on South Main Street. The most notable occupant of this house was Doctor Cordelia Chapin Grossman who lived there with her siblings until 1909 when all the buildings on the property burned to the ground.

Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 142-3

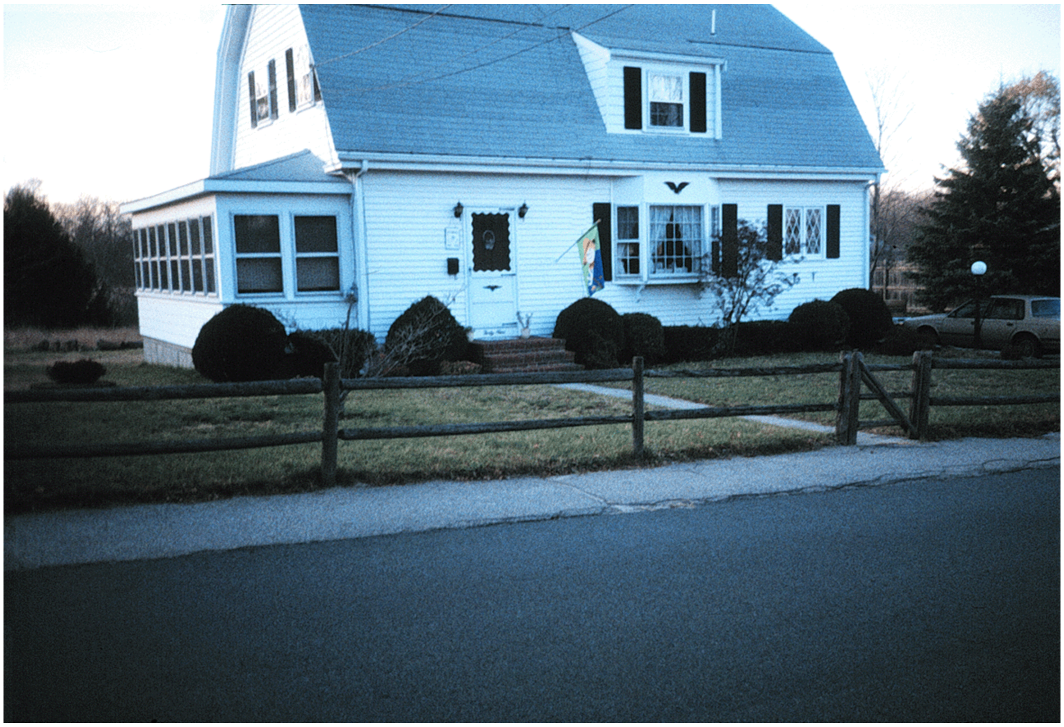


1060. Steam Engine at Tri-Level

“Worth more than a thousand words.”

“The picture is not out of the distant past. The tri-level bridge at South Main Street was built in the sixties, but it’s the only one I have which, better than words, describes the mighty engines that ran on steam, and on a still night evokes memories of distant, haunting steam whistles, which in no way, shape or manner were anything like the diesel horn.” Clint Clark quote.

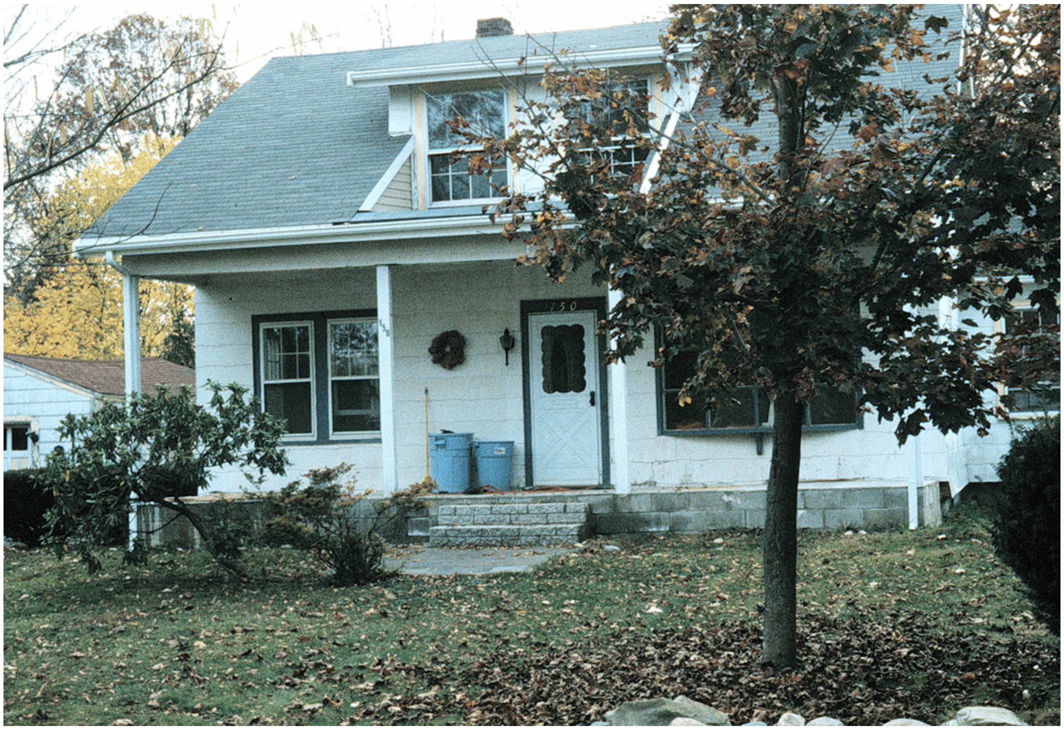
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, ca. 1970.



1061. Charles W. Clark House

Charles W. Clark was Julia H. Copeland's coachman. The house was taken in the 1950's by the state land taking for the Route 25 ramp. The Teceno family had it moved to West Street on the West Side, where it remains today.

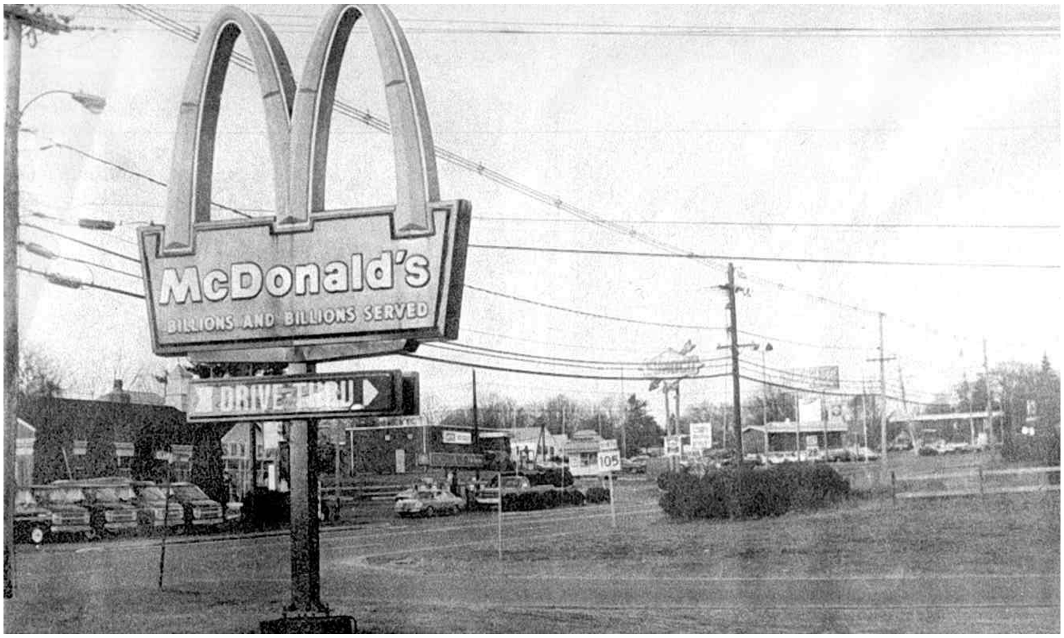
Source: Walter Thompson



1062. Mendes Casoni House

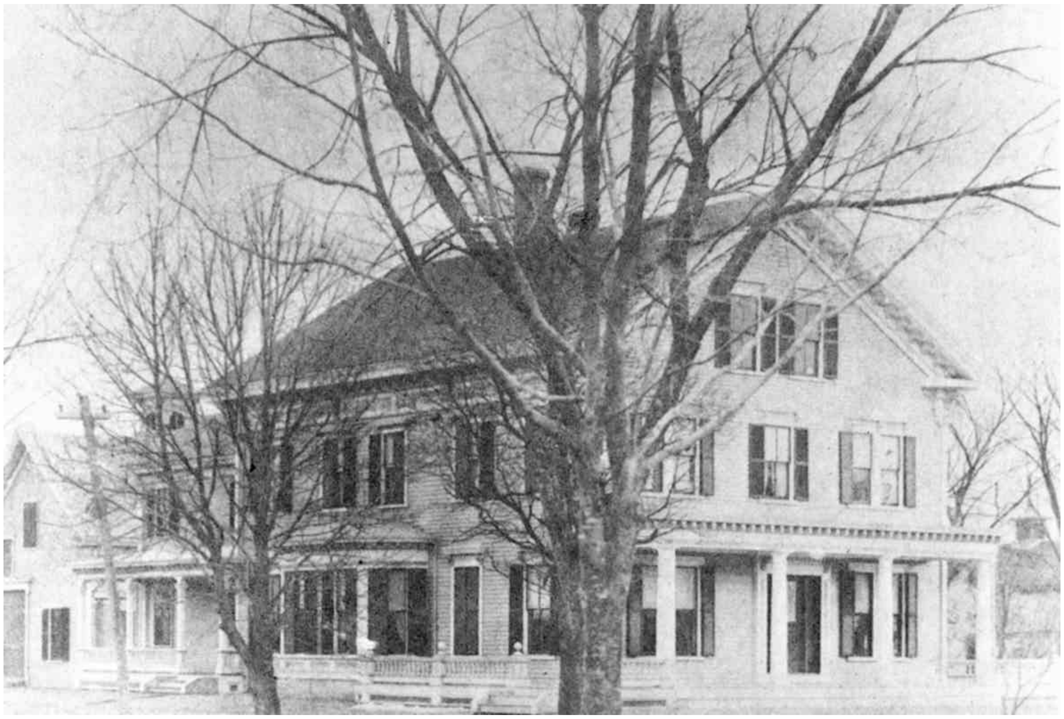
Mendes Casoni built his dream house for his family in the 1940’s. The state took over the property in the 1950’s for a ramp for Route 25. The Casoni’s were so upset over the loss of their home that they bought it back from the state relocating it on Woodland Ave. where it remains today.

Source: Walter Thompson


McDonald's
BILLIONS AND BILLIONS SERVED
DRIVE-THRU
105

1063. “Sign of the Times”

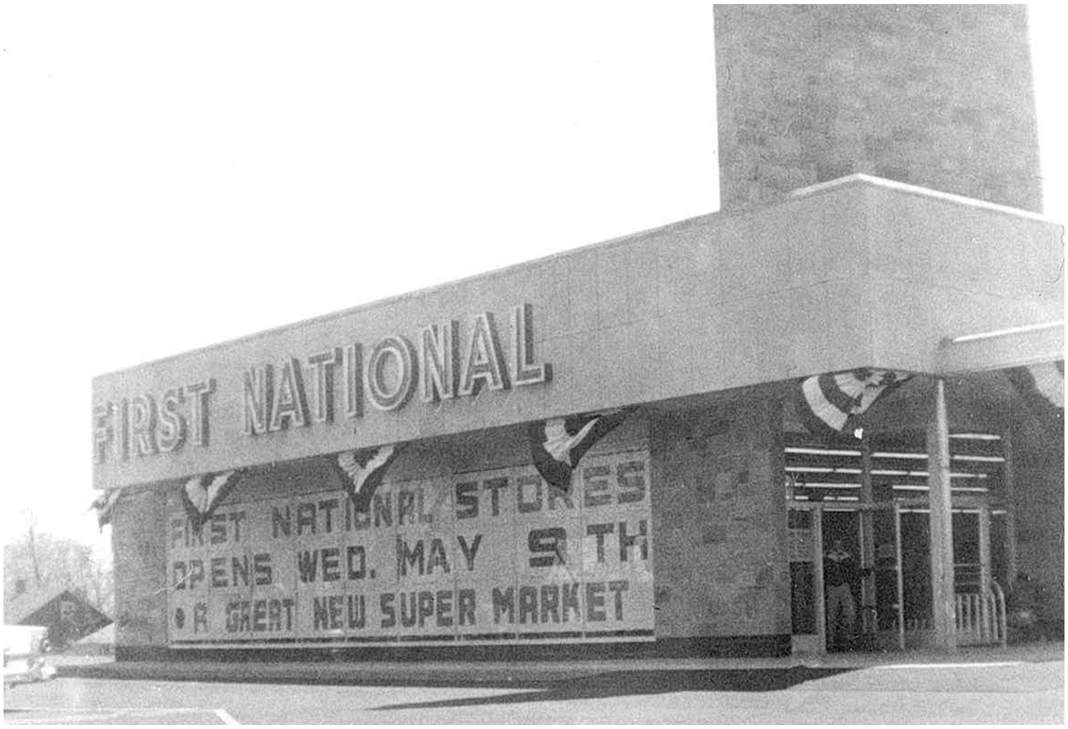
This surely is a “sign of the times”. A mechanized commercial center to replace a quiet and refined neighborhood. There were eight houses taken down and two were moved to arrive at this “Times Square effect”!



1064. George Stetson House

This house was built in 1855 by George Ward for his brother Eliab. There was a fire and the house torn down in 1941. The First National Stores built a store there in 1956. Today it is owned by a super drug store chain.

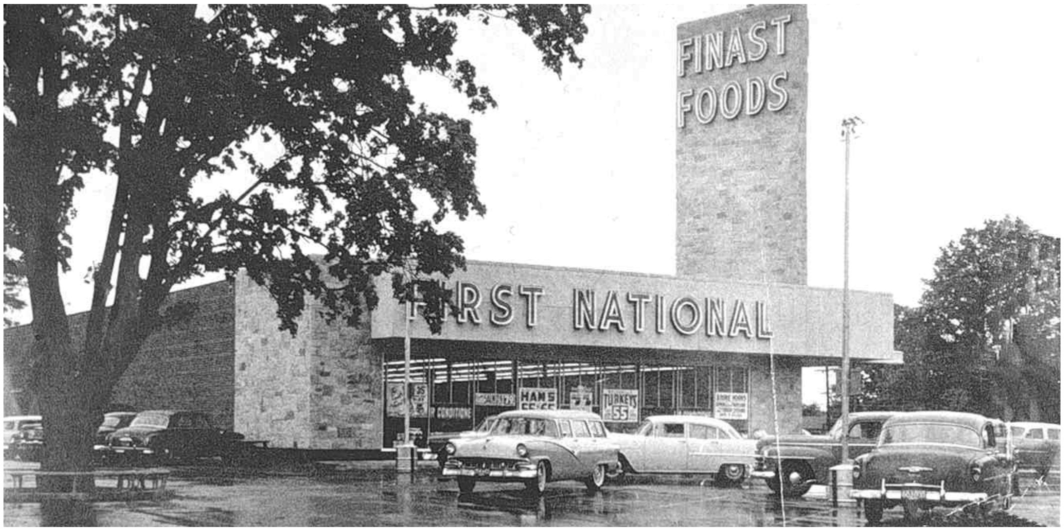
Source: Walter Thompson


FIRST NATIONAL
FIRST NATIONAL STORES
OPENS WED. MAY 9TH
• A GREAT NEW SUPER MARKET

1065. First National

On May 9, 1956, First National Stores Inc. had a grand opening of its newest store at the intersection of Routes 28 and 105. The store was built on the property of the Stetson Mansion and they tore down the Ivory Harlow mansion on South Main Street.

Source: Walter Thompson


FINAST
FOODS
FIRST NATIONAL
HAMS
TURKEYS
55

1066. First National

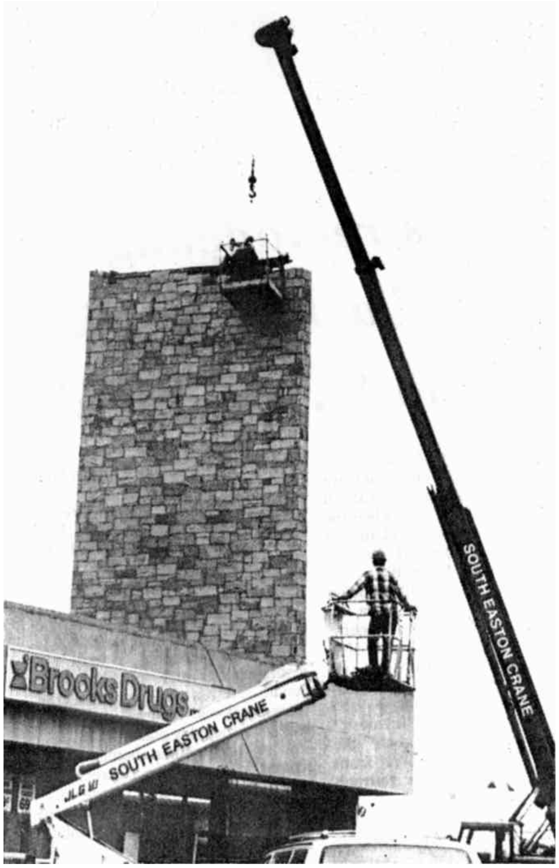
This is a beautiful view of the East Grove Street frontal view of the First National Store on a rainy day. I worked in this store for 20 years and remember well the disturbance that a commercial building created on a quiet residential street.

Source: Walter Thompson

1067. Old First National Grocery Store

The monolith, which towered over a new First National Store at routes 28 and 105 when the supermarket moved out of downtown Middleborough 32 years ago, is being leveled in the process of a major remodeling project.

Source: Middleboro Gazette, ca. 1988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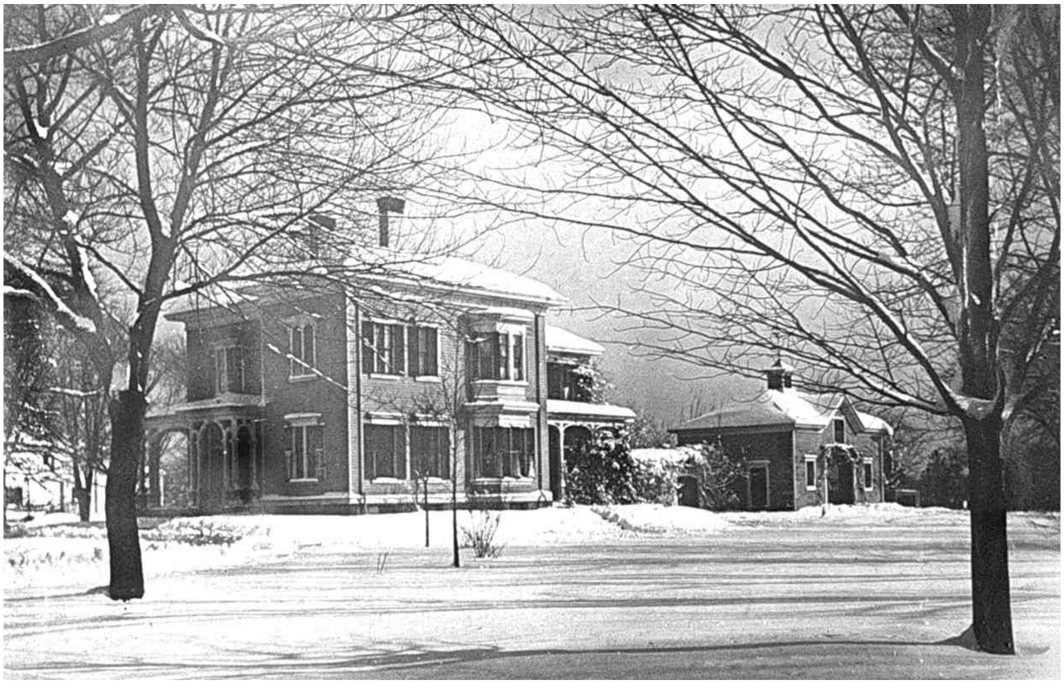
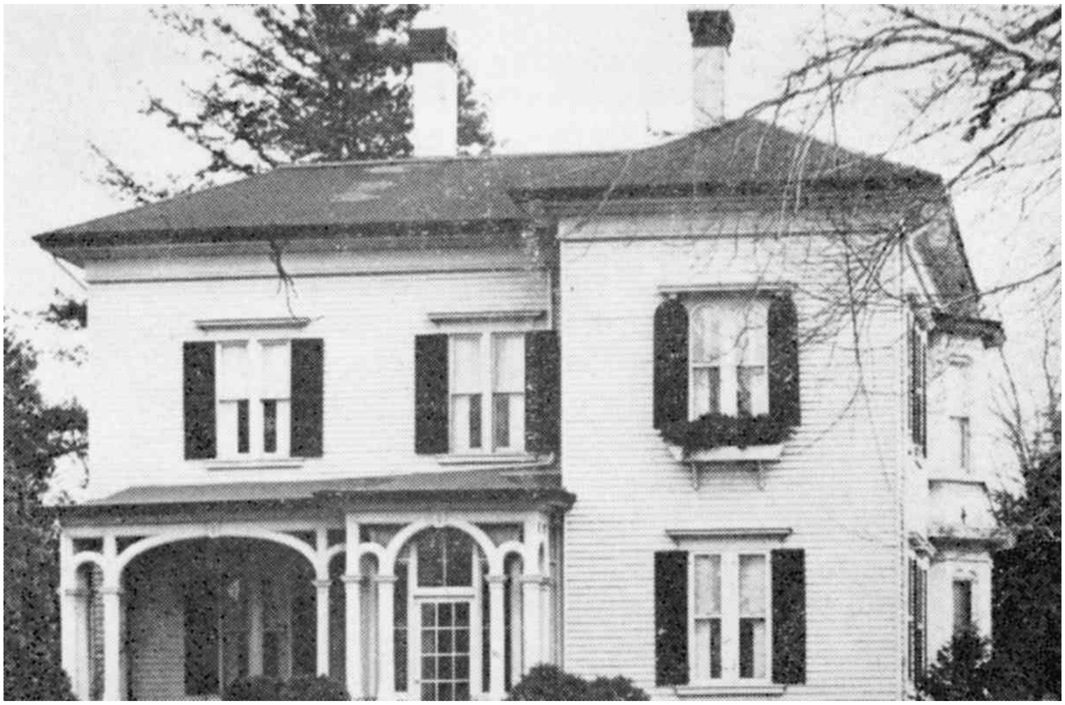


1068. John M. Soule House

This home was built before 1855 by Captain John M. Soule in 1913. The house went to Judge Dennis D. Sullivan.

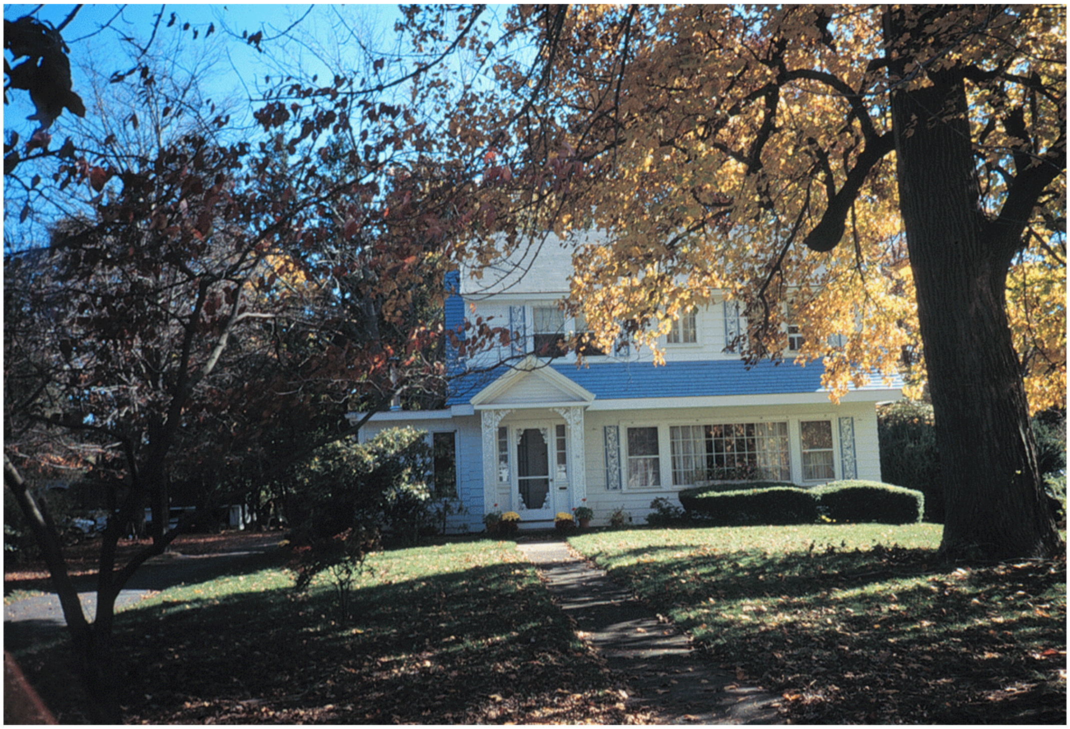
Source: Walter Thompson



1069. George A. Philbrook Home

In 1914, Judge Sullivan sold the house to George A. Philbrook whose daughter Myrtie Romaine lived and grew up in this home. To this day there still is a large wooden reservoir to hold rainwater. Wooden pipes carry the water to a stone sink in the basement.

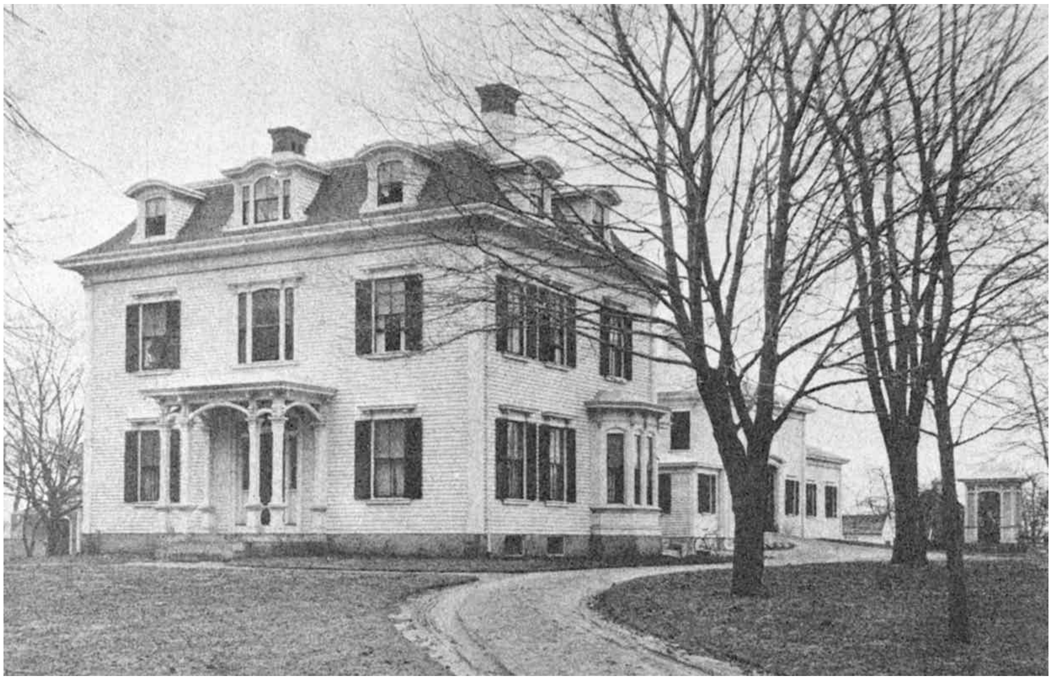
Source: This History of Middleborough, Myrtie Romaine, pg. 145.



1070. Stegmaier House

Theodore Stegmaier built this house on the north side of the Captain Soule House. Today the former Burkland School principal lives in the house.

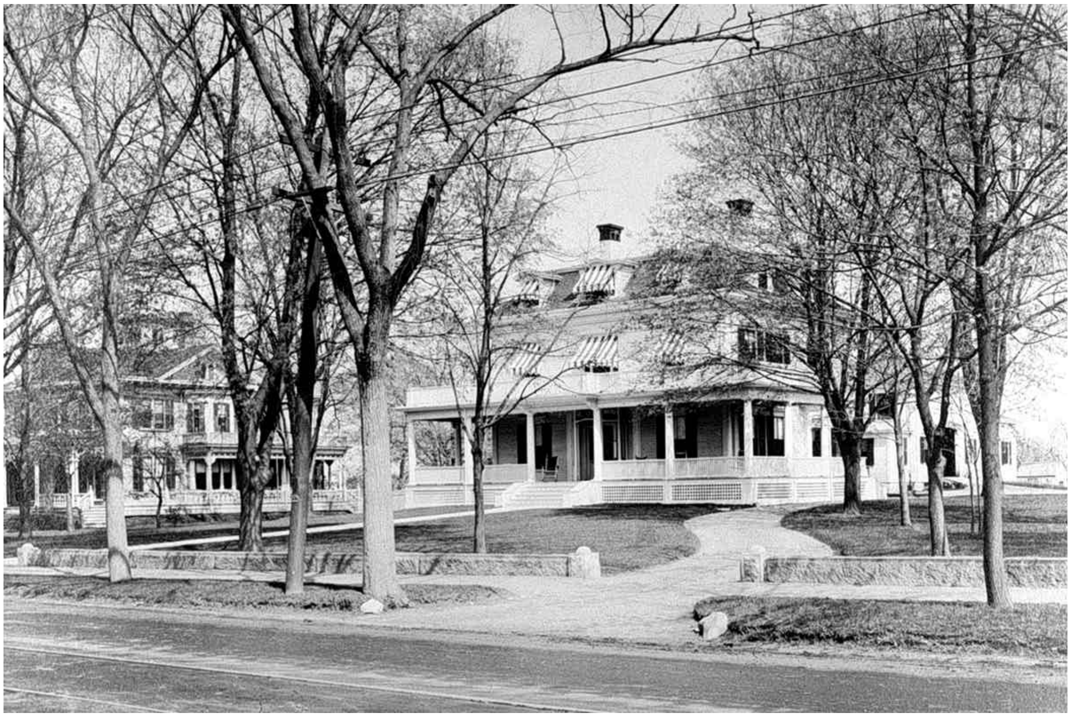
Source: Walter Thompson



1071. William Bourne Wood

William Bourne Wood house was built in 1860 and later occupied by his son George and his family. Judge Dennis D. Sullivan bought the house in 1911 and in 1941 William H. LaVallee remodeled the house and barn into 10 apartments.

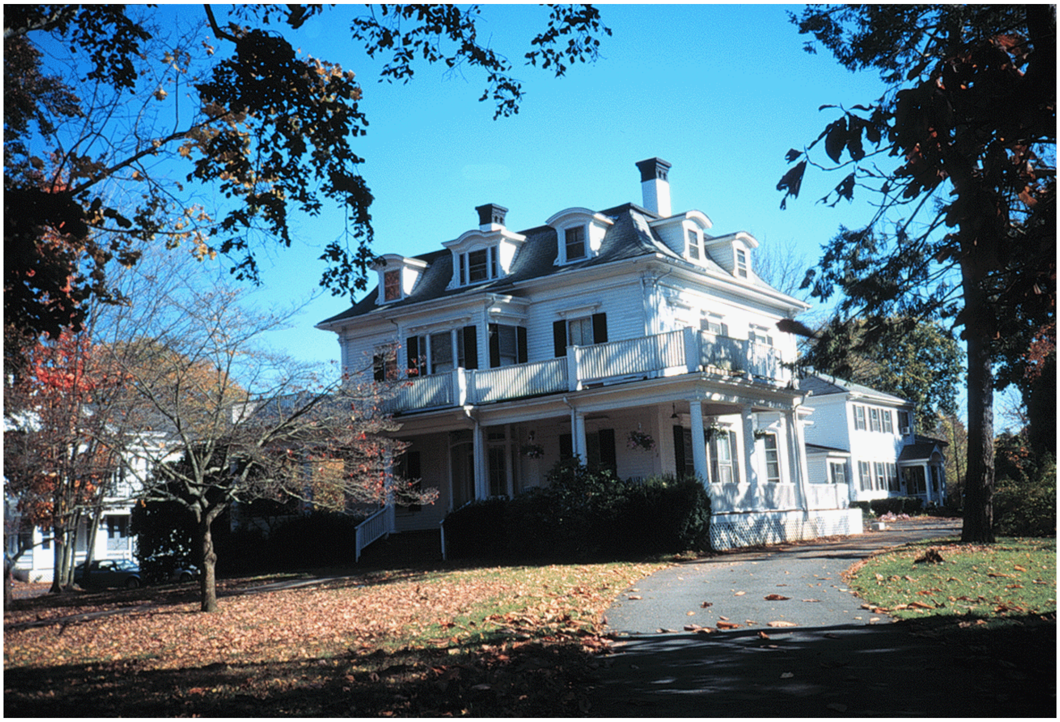
Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough



1072. William Bourne Wood House

This is another view of the William Bourne Wood House showing the front porch.

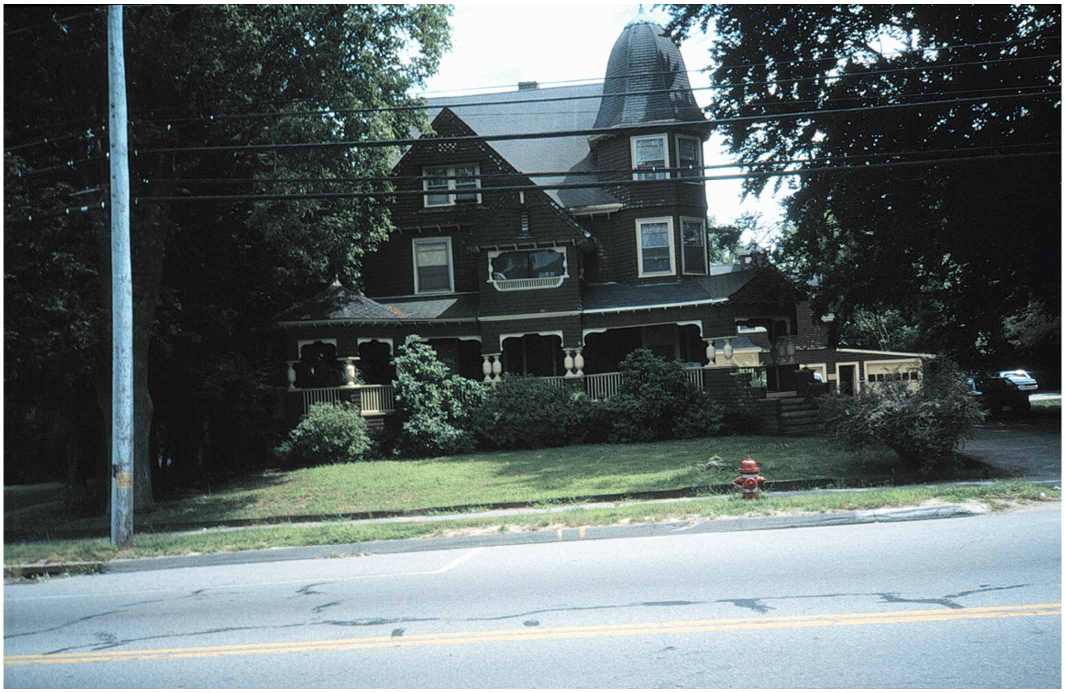
Source: Walter Thompson



1073. Lavallee Apartments

In 1941 Wilfred H. Lavallee remodeled the house and barn into 10 apartments.

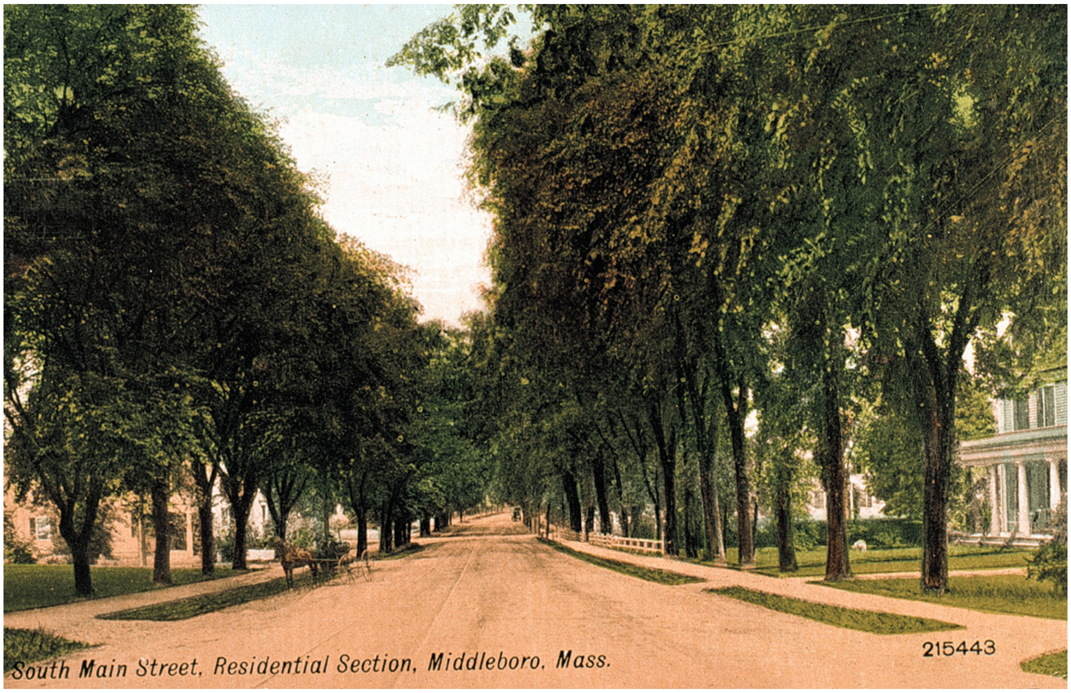
Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 147



1074. Miller House

John Miller built this Queen Anne style house in 1895 where he lived with his wife and children.

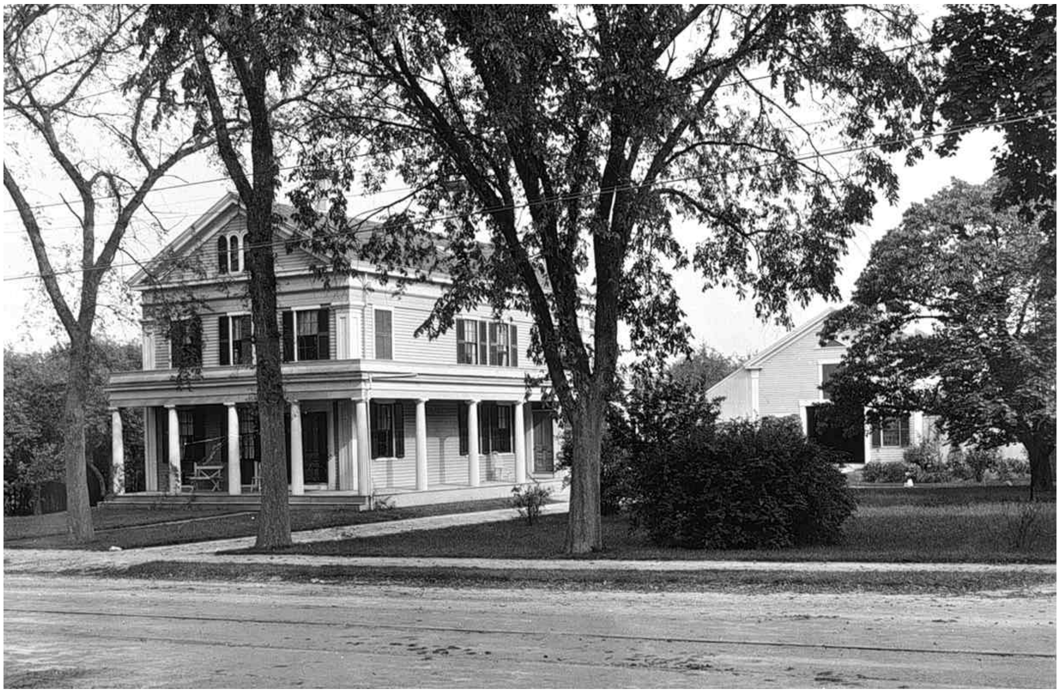
Source: Walter Thompson


South Main Street, Residential Section, Middleboro, Mass.
215443

1075. South Main Street View

This is a northerly view on South Main Street showing the Andrew Pickens house on the right. This is the view of the town streets that I remember with all of the large elm trees. The trees covered the streets with their hanging branches, which attracted many of the beautiful Baltimore Orioles.

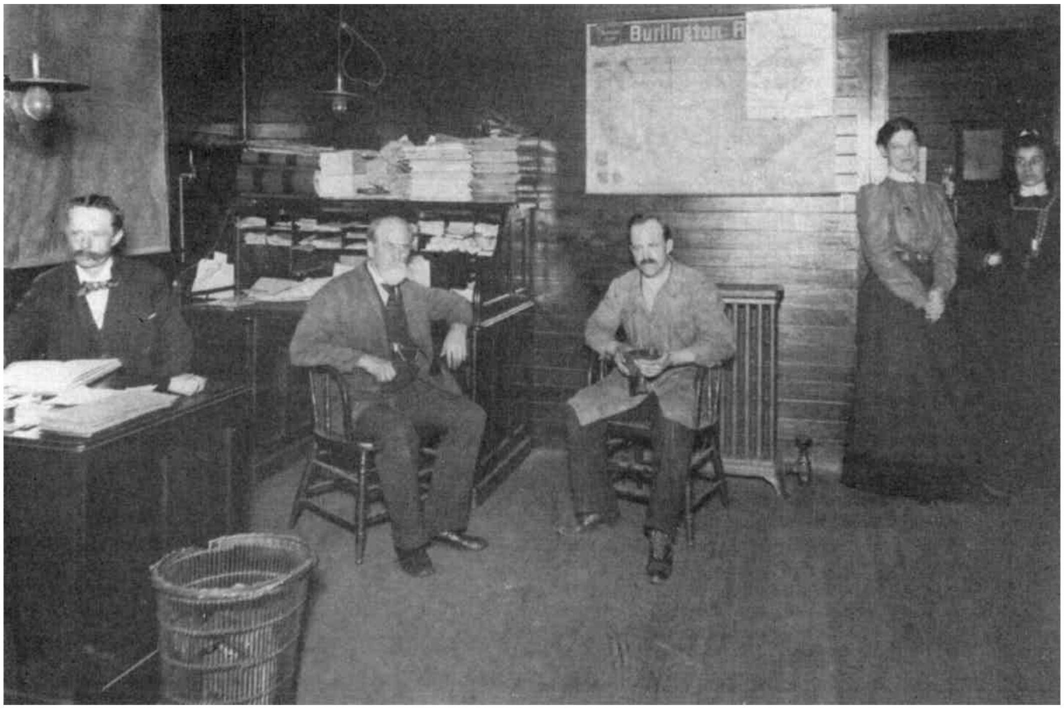
Source: Walter Thompson



1076. Andrew Pickens

Mr. Pickens owned this house whose land extended to the Nemasket River and he operated a rather successful farm there. One of the last owners of the home was Dr. Vincent Genua.

Source: Walter Thompson



1077. Hathaway, Soule, Harrington Shoe Factory

"Andrew Alden, second right, superintendent, and Arthur Alden, center, Assistant Superintendent, are shown in the business office of the Hathaway, Soule, Harrington Show Factory. At left is a Mr. Wildes; the two women are Sadie Ryder and Alice Roberts."

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, pg. 5
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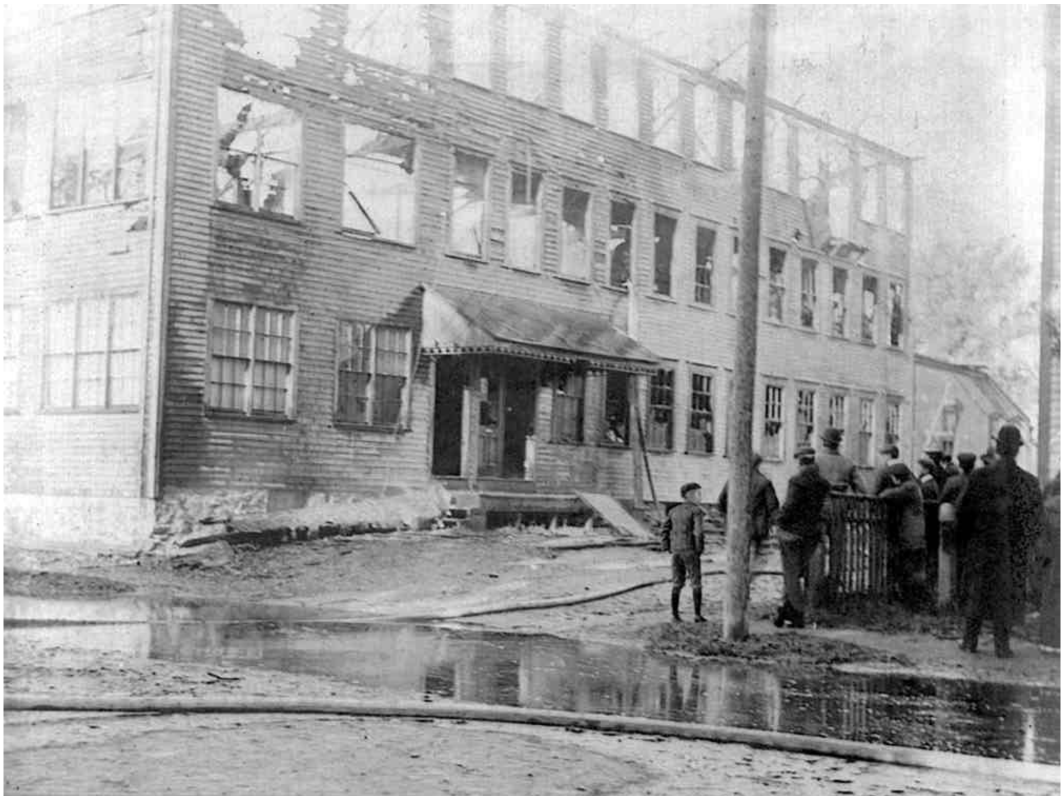
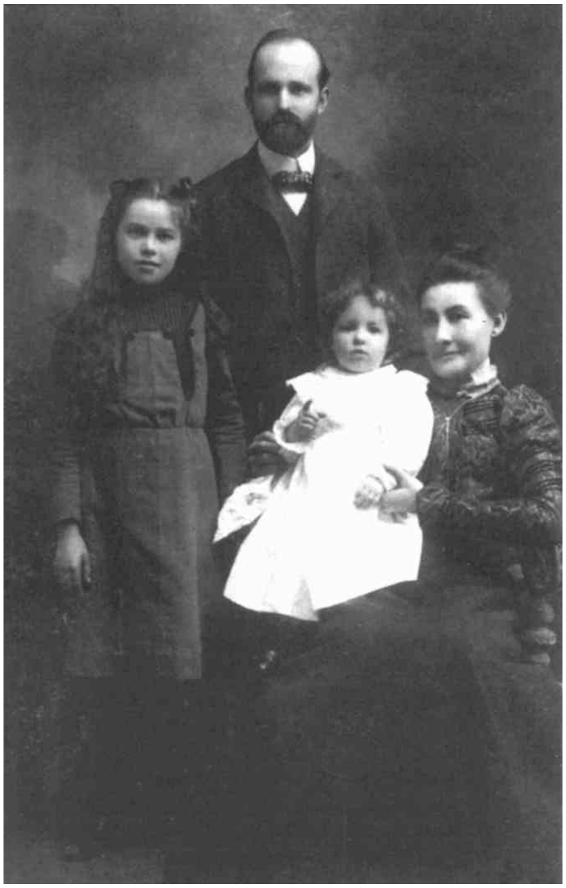


1078. Alden, Walker and Wilde Shoe Factory

“The first serious fire of the 1900’s occurred on October 4, 1904, when the Alden, Walker and Wilde Shoe Factory on Clifford Street was destroyed by flames with a loss estimated at $30,000. The decision of the owners to relocate the firm in Weymouth meant a further loss since the concern was one of the busiest in town, employing nearly one hundred persons who worked full time producing a high grade of men’s shoes. The damaged shoes and stock were bought by speculators, and the United Shoe Machinery Company prepared the machines for the new location in Weymouth.”

Source: Mertie Romaine’s History of Middleborough, pgs. 299-300.



1079. Alden Family Photograph

“Arthur and Annie Alden with their children, Mildred and Priscilla, in a photograph taken around the turn of the century, 1900.”

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, pg. 7
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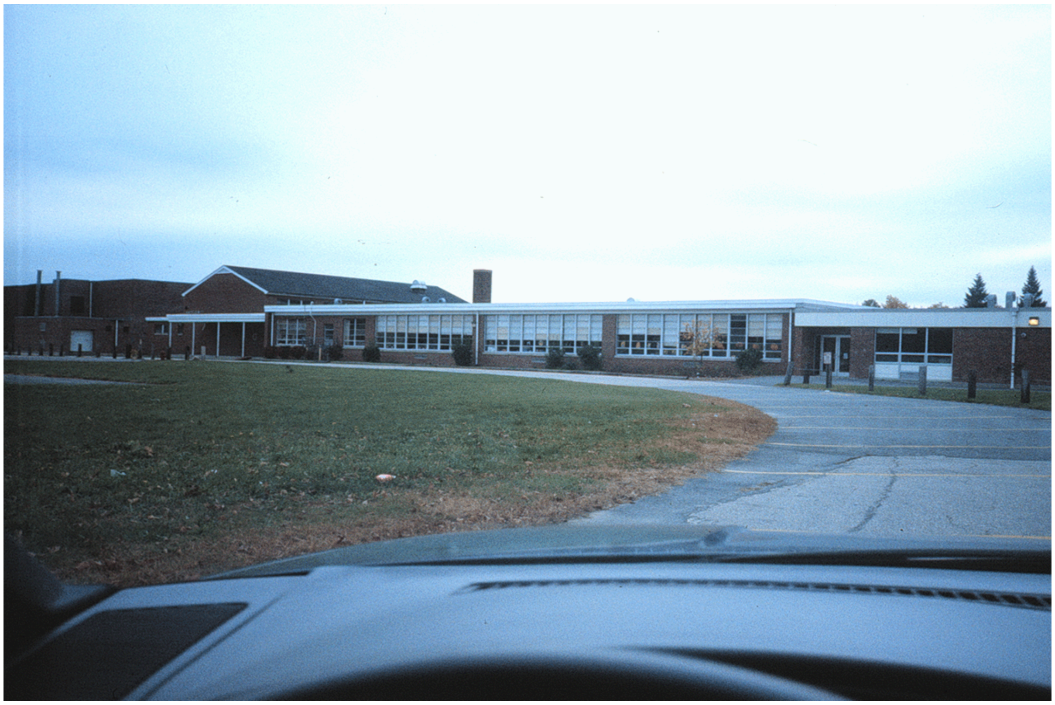
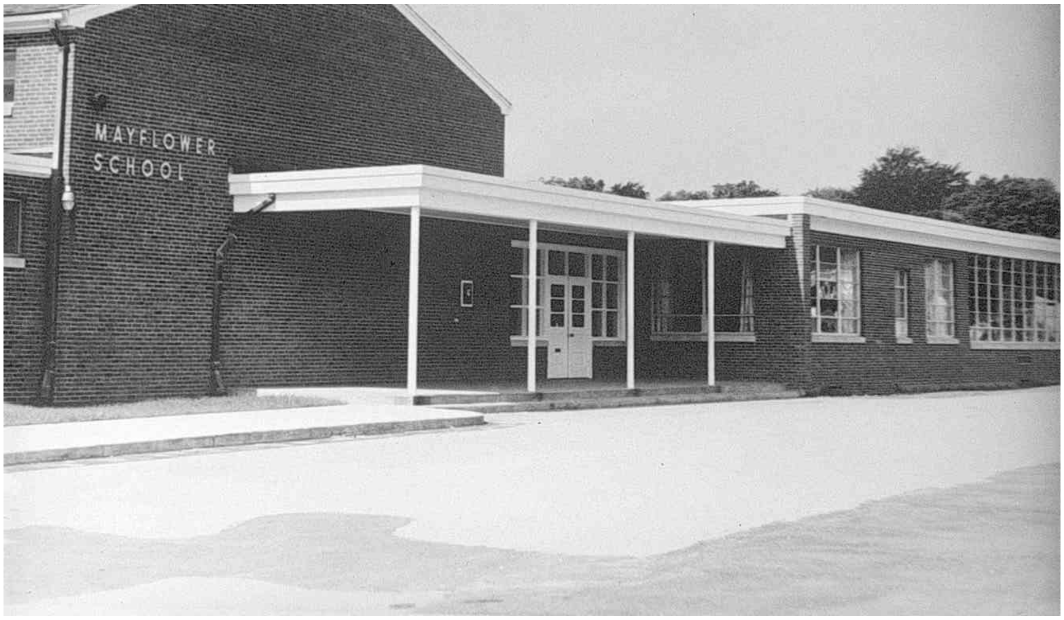


1080. Mayflower School

"In 1956, the erection of a new elementary school was begun on Mayflower Avenue adjacent to the new junior high school. A twelve-room building was erected by the Agostini Construction Company at a cost of approximately $450,000. The town was partially reimbursed by the state to the extent of 49.1% of the total cost, and the sum of $117,000 received from insurance on the Bates School was used toward the expense of building. Open house for the new school was held on December 1, 1957."

Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine, pgs. 290-291.



1081. Mayflower School

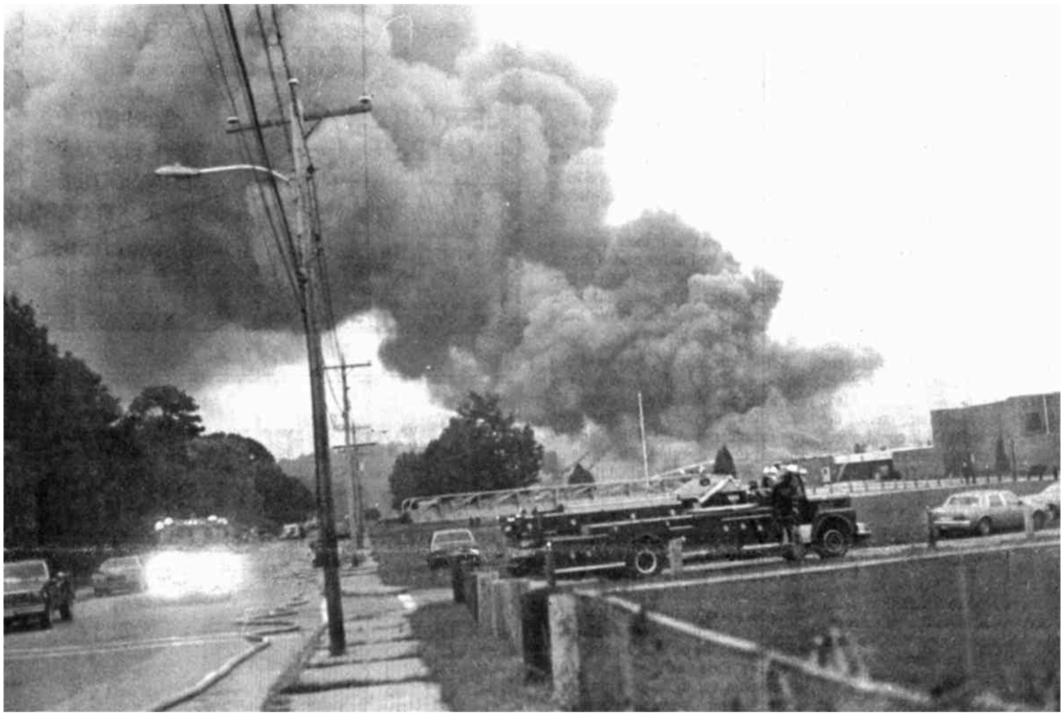
The view shows the main entrance to Mayflower School. The large section on the left contains a cafeteria. The windows on the right are in the principal's office.

Source: Walter Thompson

1082. Burkland School

The Burkland School was built as the Henry B. Burkland Junior High School after the disastrous 1954 Bates School fire and almost two years of double class sessions Memorial High School. Upon completion of the new high school on East Grove Street, Burkland became a middle school. In 1988 the Burkland School was destroyed by fire and has been rebuilt.

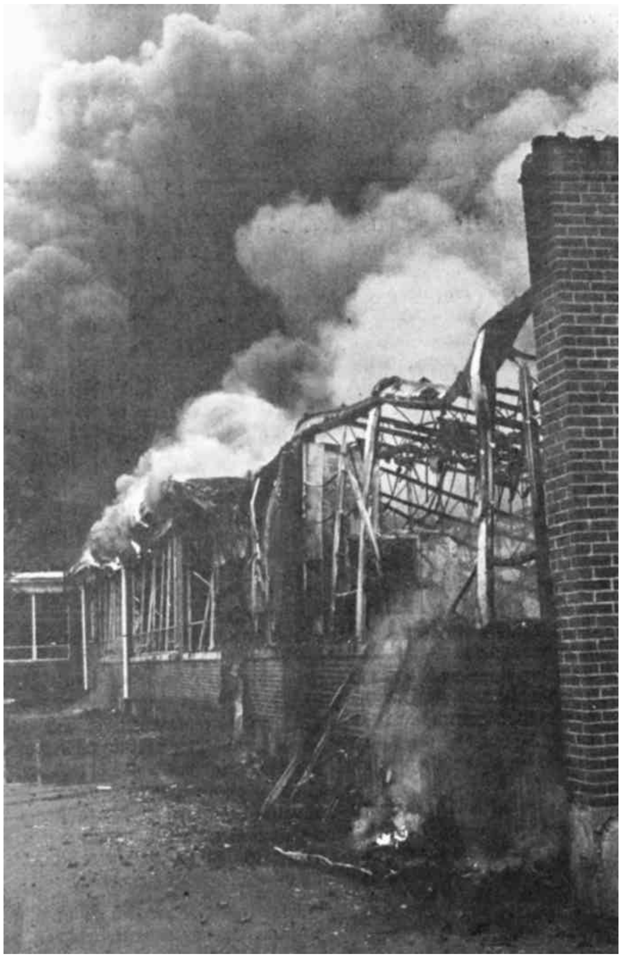
Source: Walter Thompson



1083. Burkland School

“Firefighters battle the predawn blaze that destroyed the original Burkland School in Middleborough Monday. Two hundred firefighters from 20 towns fought the flames that consumed twenty classrooms, offices, cafeteria, gymnasium and auditorium in the school.” Phyllis Bornstein quote.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, August 11, 1988



1084. Henry B. Burkland School

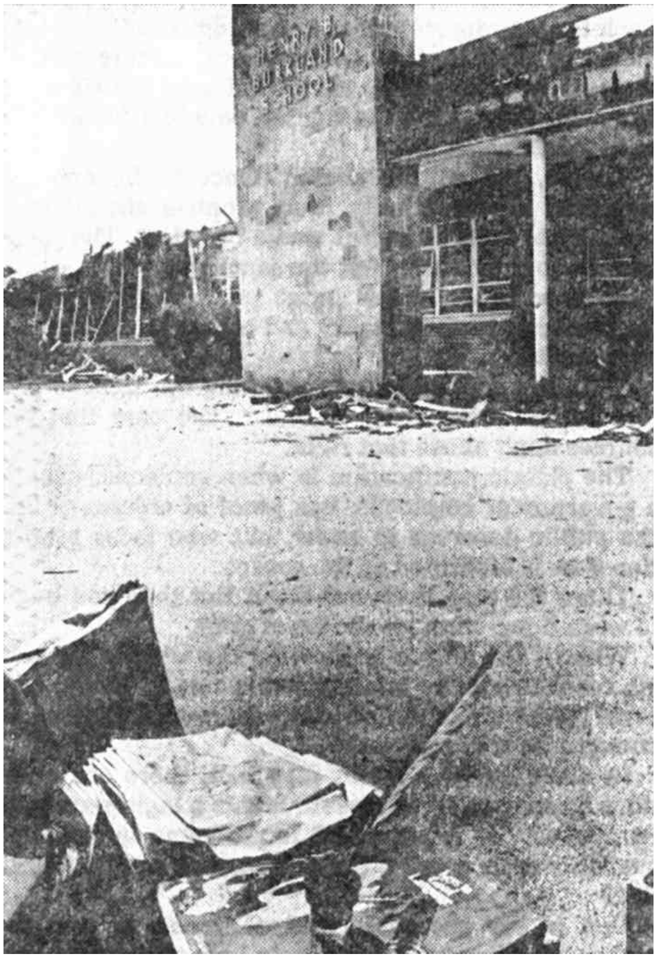
“Twisted metal and brick walls are silhouetted in flames and smoke. Classrooms, offices, auditorium, cafeteria and gym were destroyed in the fire”. Jane Lopes quote.

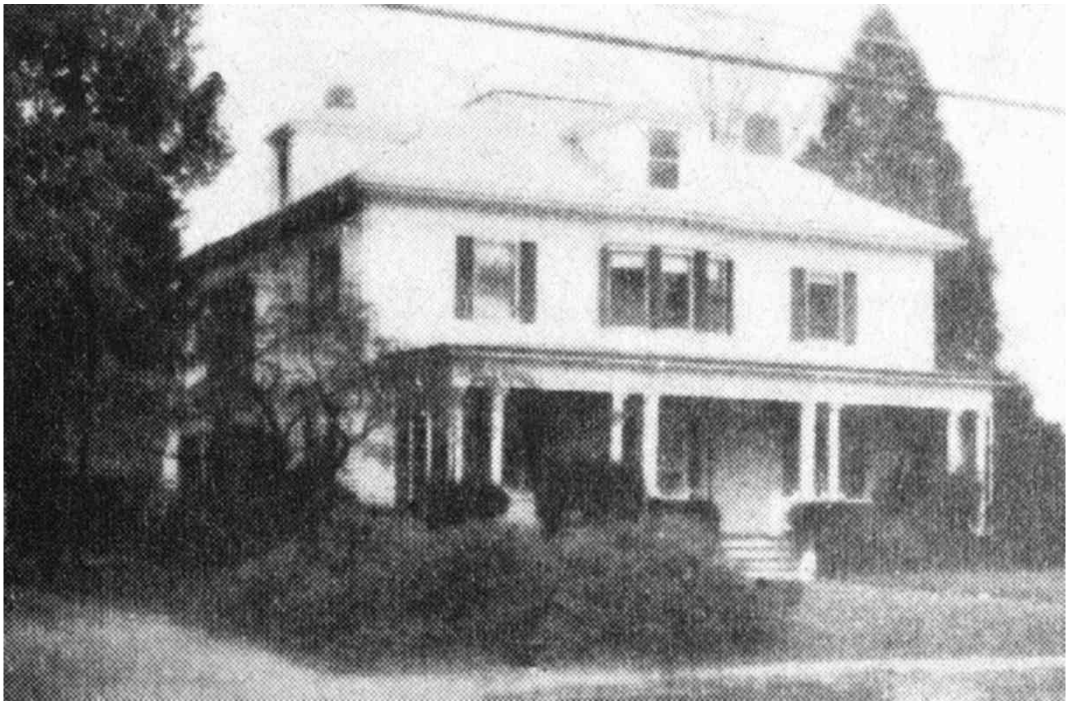
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, 1988

1085. Henry B. Burkland School

“School Secretary Pat Besette’s antique inkwell and quill pen are among the salvage removed from the ruins of the Burkland School.”

Source: The Brockton Enterprise, August 20, 1988
Claire Rockwood Quote.

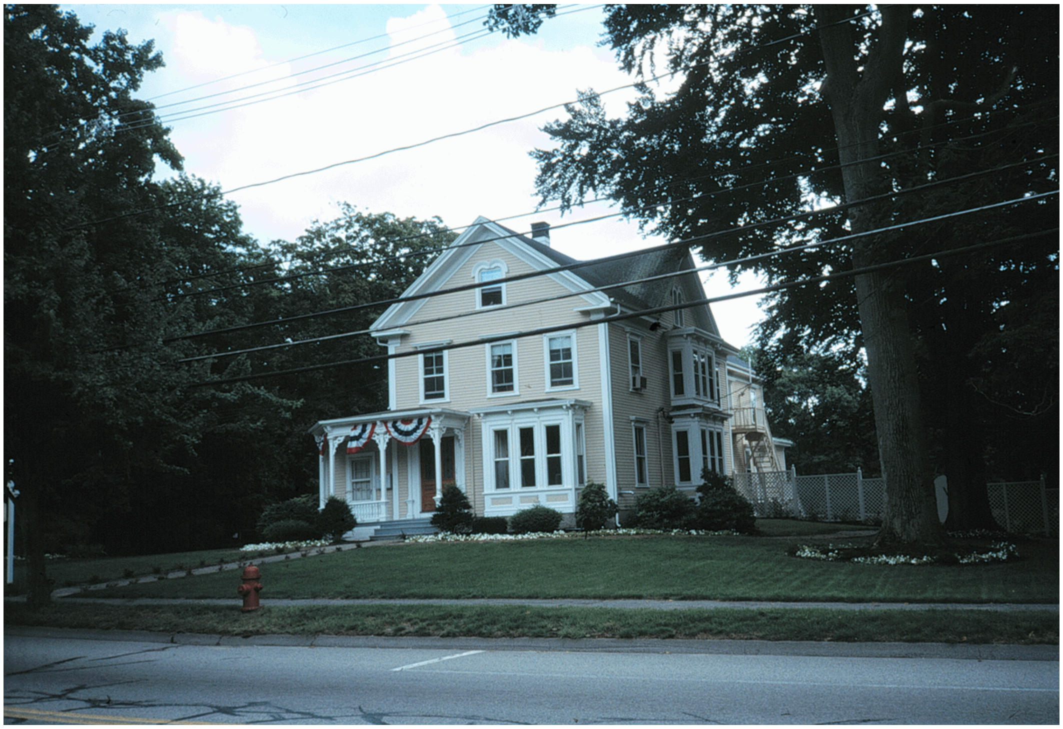




1086. Orrin Smith House

"The residence next to the empty lot on the northeast corner of South Main Street and Mayflower Avenue was built by Orrin R. smith in 1902. Mr. Smith, whose wife was Mary Ida Copeland, was in his early years engaged in the clothing business in the American Building and later traveled for the George E. Keith Company. After his death in 1944, the house was owned and occupied by his daughter, Elizabeth and her husband Rodolphus P. Alger who sold it in 1952 to Edward F. Morrissey, the present owner."

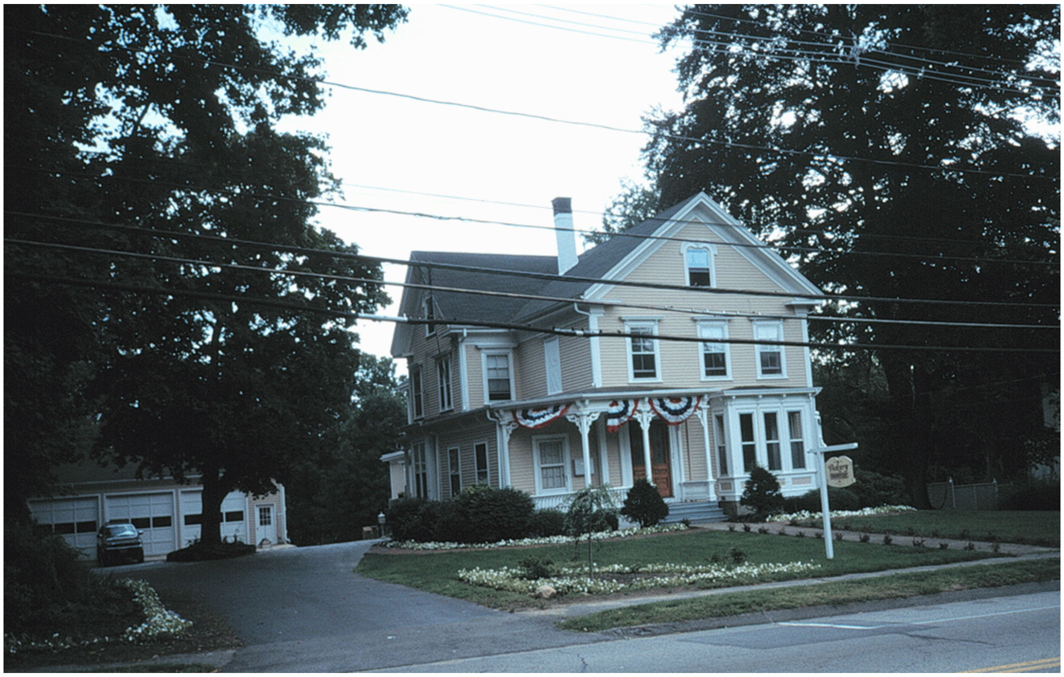
Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine, pg. 148



1087. "Vickery Manse"

The schoolhouse, which was at Muttock, was originally on this lot. The Honorable Matthew H. Cushing built the house in 1881. "The date is inscribed on a rafter in the attic." In 1925, the home was purchased by Dr. Leonard A. Baker.

Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine.



1088. Vickery Manse

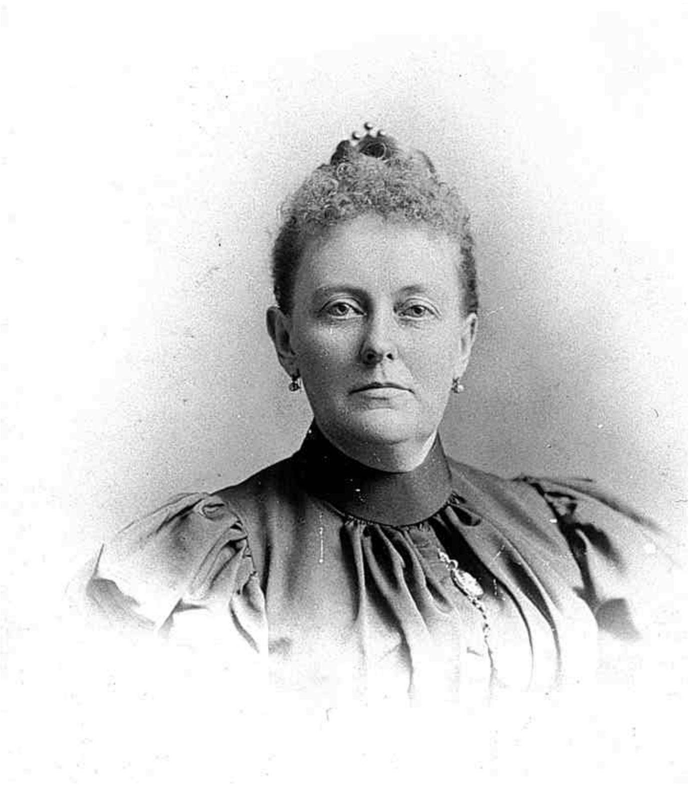
This is another view that I took of the house that today is named the “Vickery Manse”.

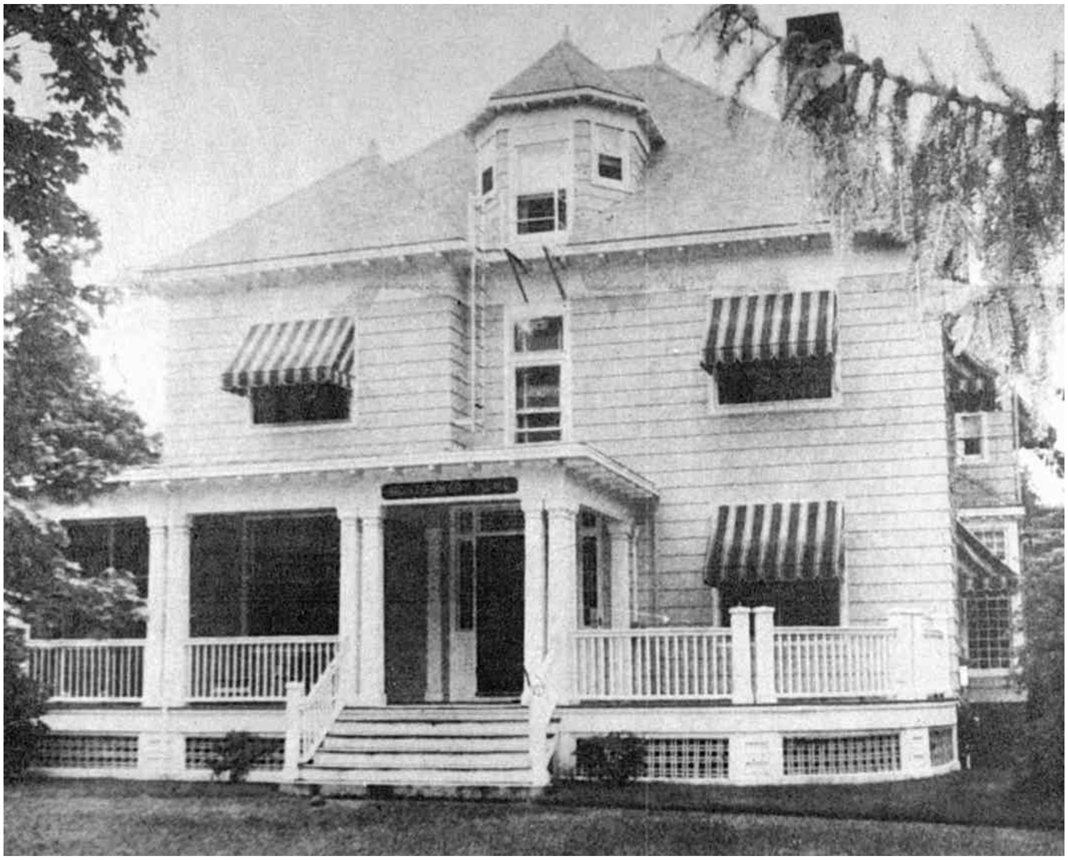
Source: Walter Thompson

1089. Hannah Bartlett Griffith Shaw

Hannah Bartlett Griffith married Benjamin W. Shaw. In 1917, they purchased the Dr. George W. Copeland home on So. Main Street to use as a temporary home while their mansion was being built on Wareham Street.

Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine

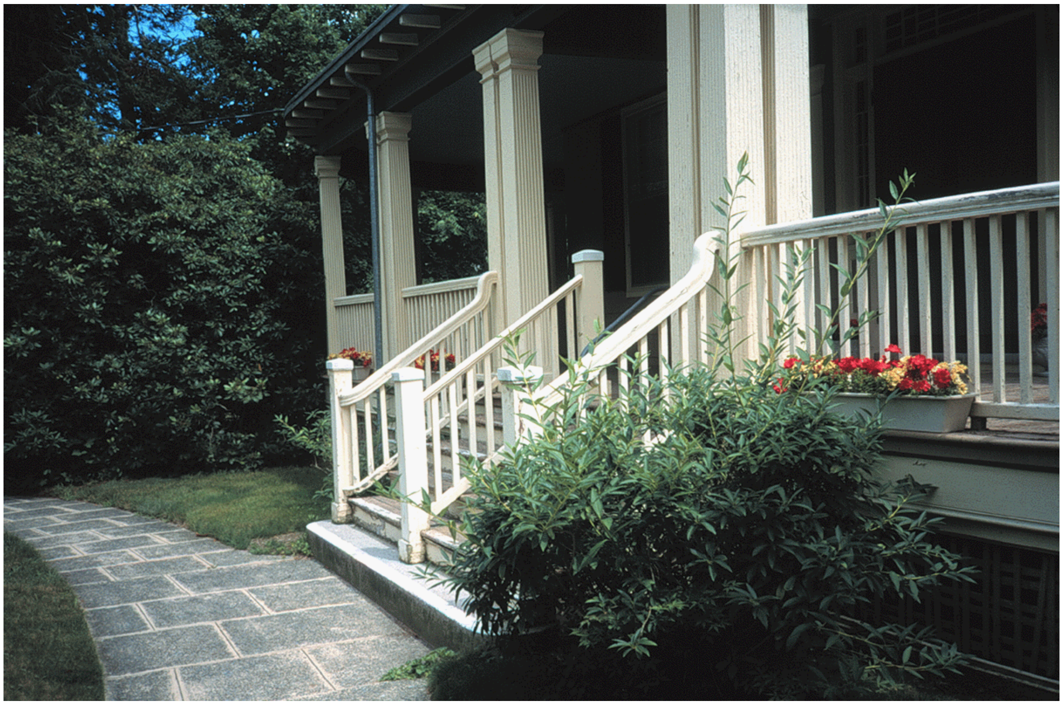




1090. Montgomery Home for Aged People

When Mrs. Shaw gave her home for the aged after her death, Middleborough residents were given first priority. Now the home is open to everyone. The Montgomery home committee searched for a centrally located home for the aged for ten years and along the way bought a house on Everett Street. They then eyed the South Main Street mansion of Benjamin W. and Hannah B. (Griffith) Shaw, who were building their Wareham Street mansion. The Everett Street house was sold, the contributors' money added to the sale price, and Mrs. Hannah Shaw approached to ask what she would sell the property for. To their amazement, she presented the South Main Street home to the society as a memorial to her parents, Major Thomas B. and Hannah M. (Dunham) Griffith. The Wareham Street home finished, the deed was passed and the Montgomergy home for the aged was incorporated June 18, 1900.

Source: Middleboro Gazette, 1929

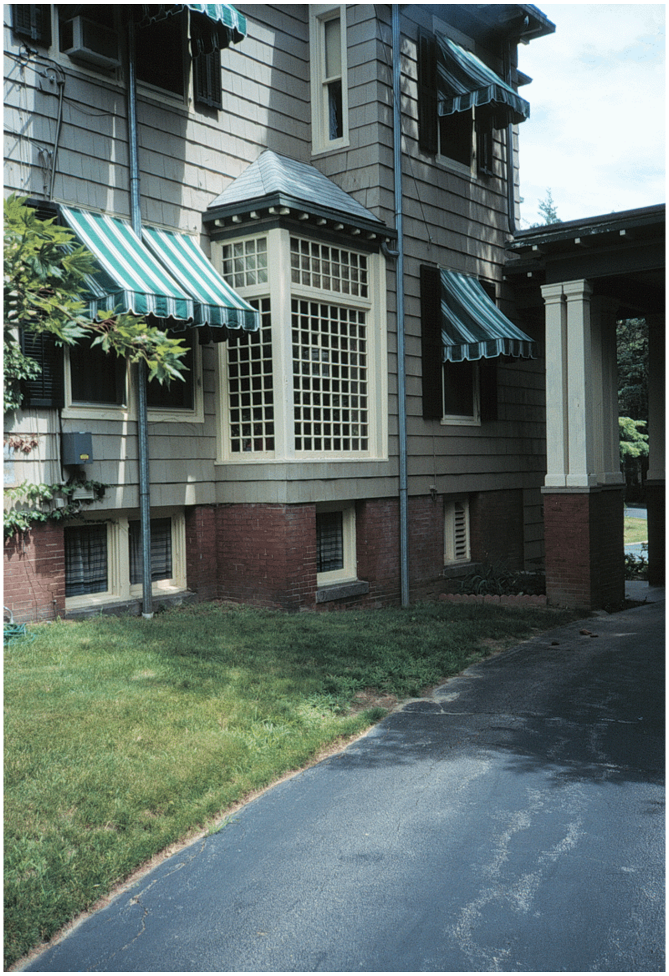


1091. Montgomery Home Front Steps

This is the main entrance to the Montgomery home on So. Main Street. The picture shows the fine detailing of the porch columns and rails. This picture was taken for Bridgewater State College Project Contemporary Competitiveness for architectural details.

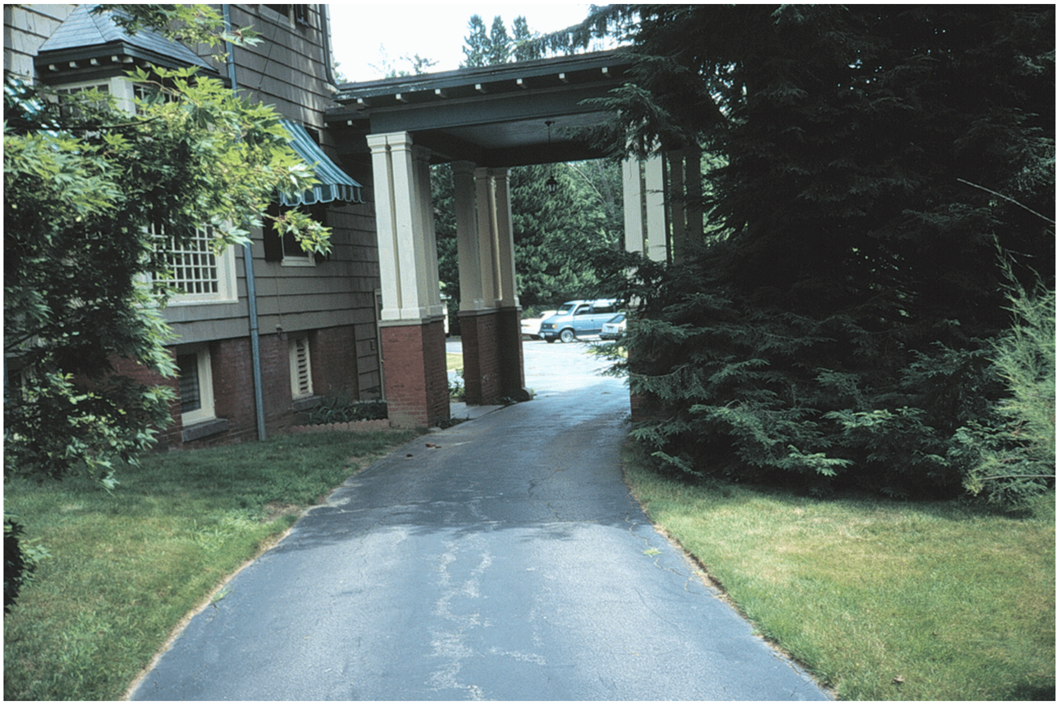
Source: Walter Thompson

1092. Montgomery Home
Greenhouse Window



This photo shows the very fine greenhouse window. Notice the pillars for the carport to the right.

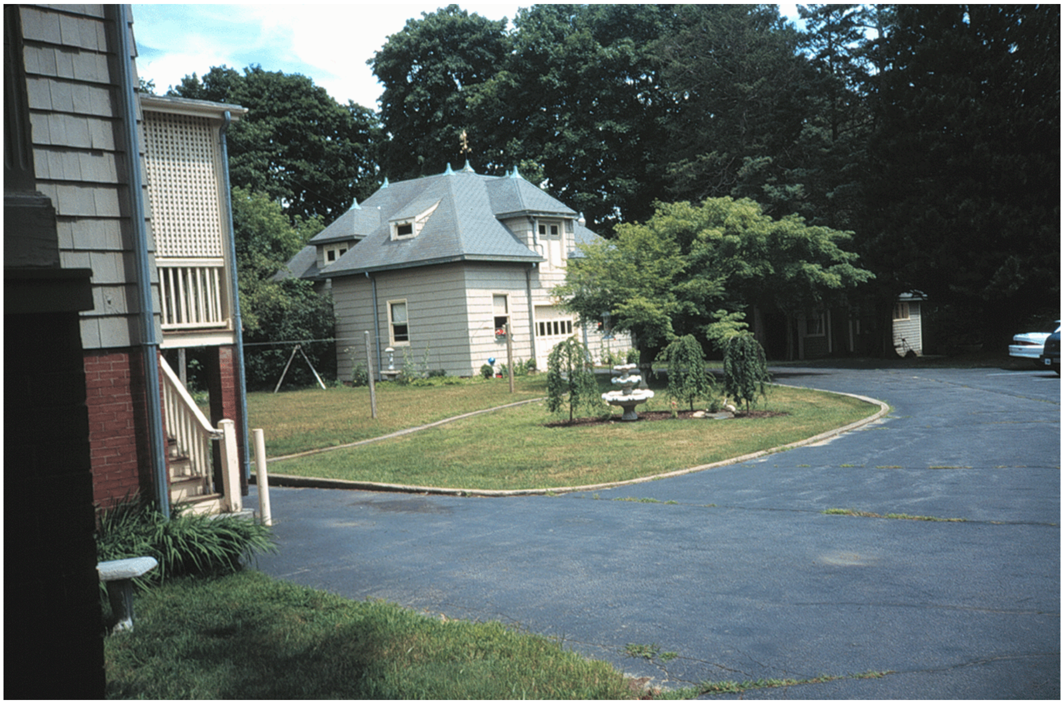
Source: Walter Thompson



1093. Montgomery Home Carport

This carport was apparently built for an earlier generation of cars judging by the narrow width. The elevator entrance doors is accessible from the carport.

Source: Walter Thompson



1094. Montgomery Home Barn

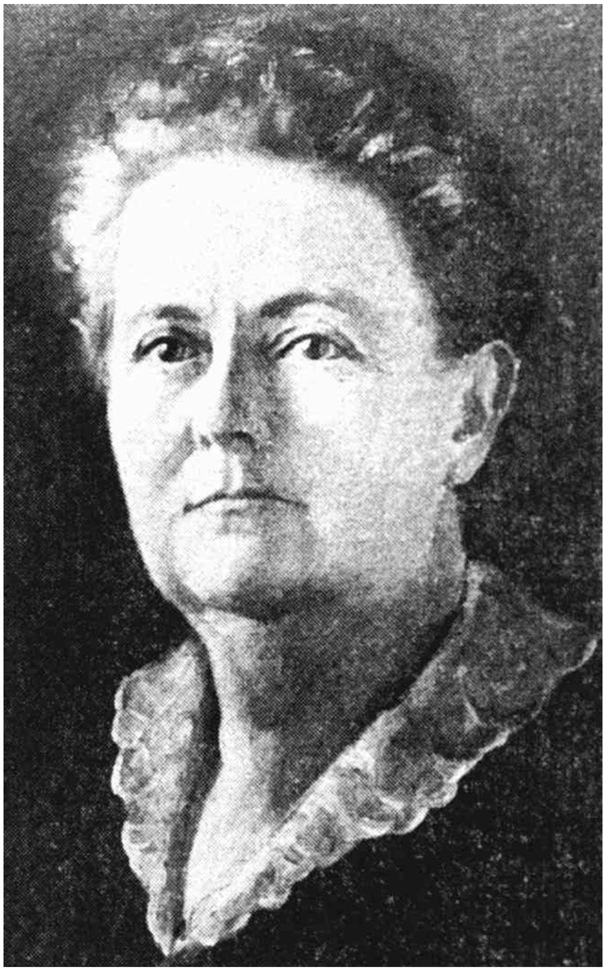
This barn was originally a carriage house and may have held servants quarters on the second floor. Leonard Simmons, before he died, had an aluminum eagle gold leafed with a shield painted red and white and placed over the barn doors.

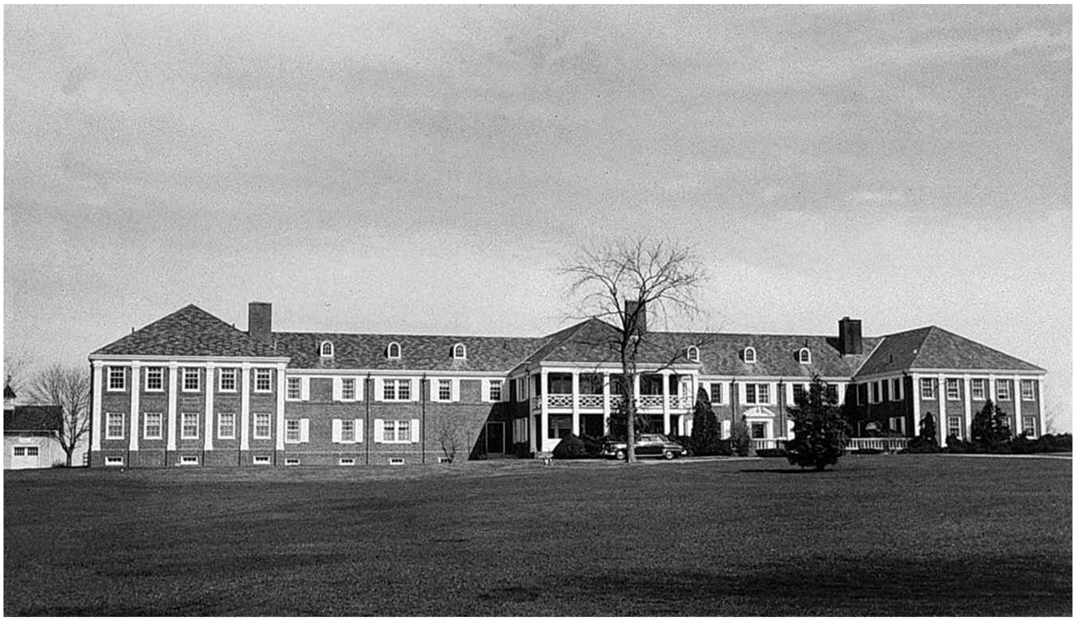
Source: Walter Thompson

1095. Hannah Bartlett Griffith Shaw

This picture of Hannah B.G. Shaw was taken from a 1920's oil painting, which hangs in the lobby of the Shaw home.

Source: Walter Thompson

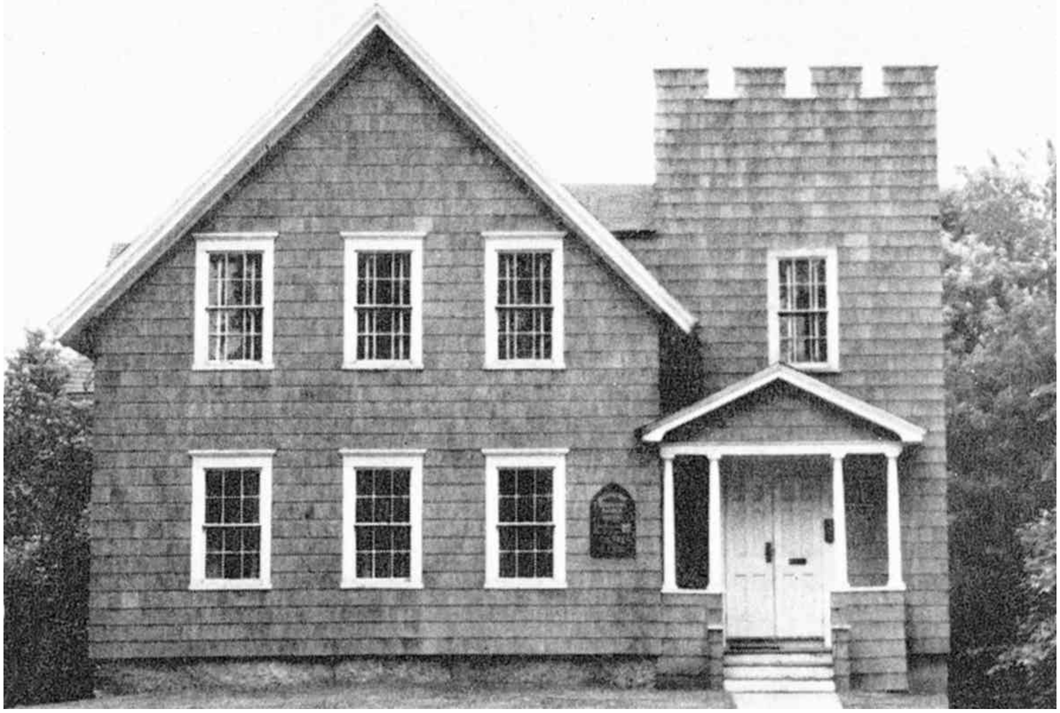




1096. Hannah B. G. Shaw Home for the Aged

While Hannah Shaw was living on South Main Street she had her beautiful mansion built on Wareham Street with the intention of it becoming a home for the aged. In the years to follow it has served the community well and grown with many additions. It has been awarded many state awards for the excellence of its mission.

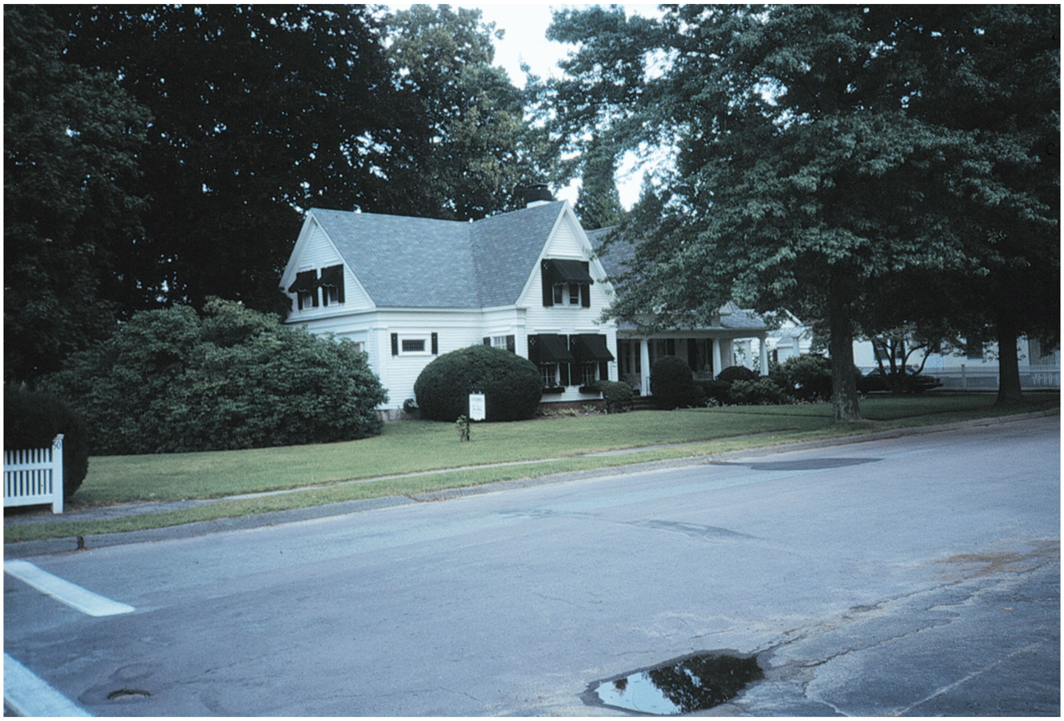
Source: Walter Thompson



1097. Seventh Day Adventists

The building that is now the church home of the Seventh Day Adventists was owned by Charles F. Cole, purchased and remodeled by the Adventists in 1942.

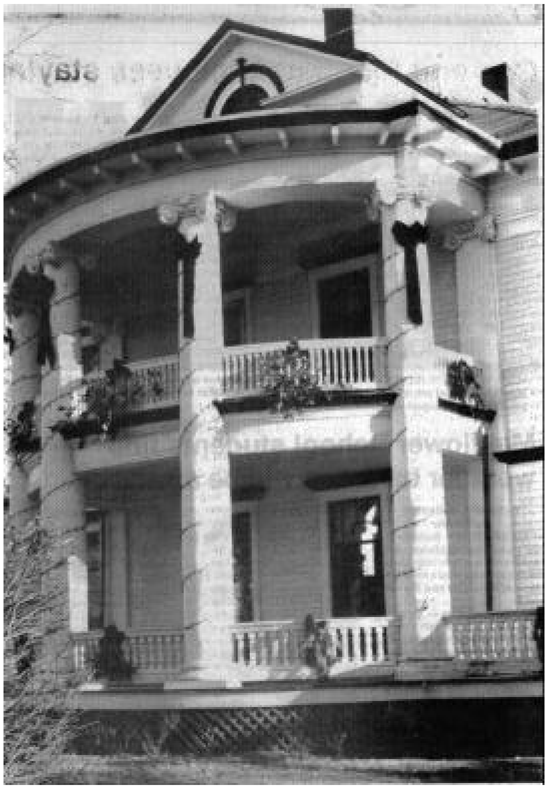
Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 149



1098. Maxim House

This house was long remembered as the Ernest L. Maxim home. I remember it more as the home of “Jack and Irene Turner” in recent years.

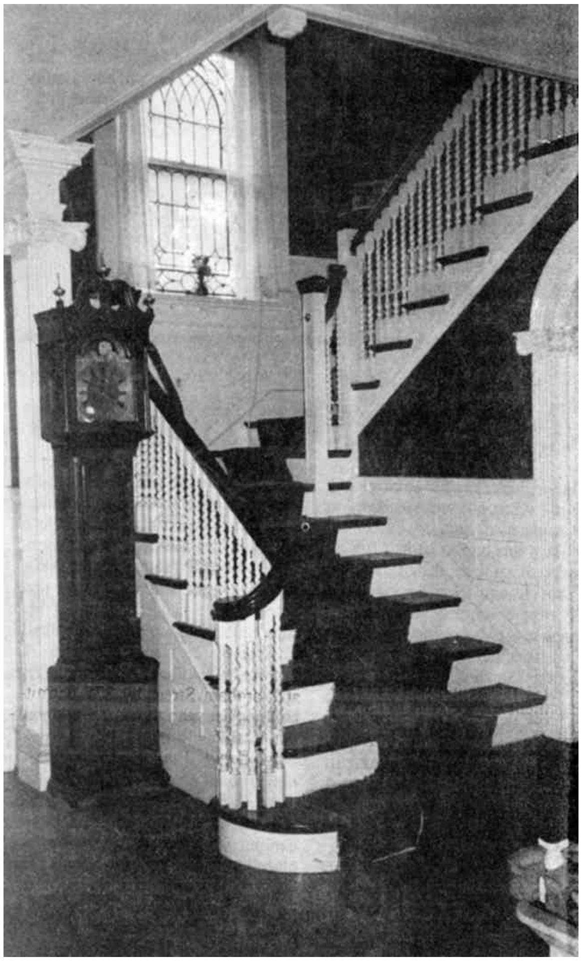
Source: Walter Thompson



1099. Barrows Mansion

“The Barrows mansion, now the home of Masons, Eastern Star, Rainbow and Demoley, is handsomely decorated for Christmas with boughs of evergreen adorning the front balustrade and green and red ribbons wound around its columns. The late 19th century Mansion has been the headquarters this year for the Christmas Castle, whose volunteers have been busy for the past month gathering Christmas gifts for 175 local families.”

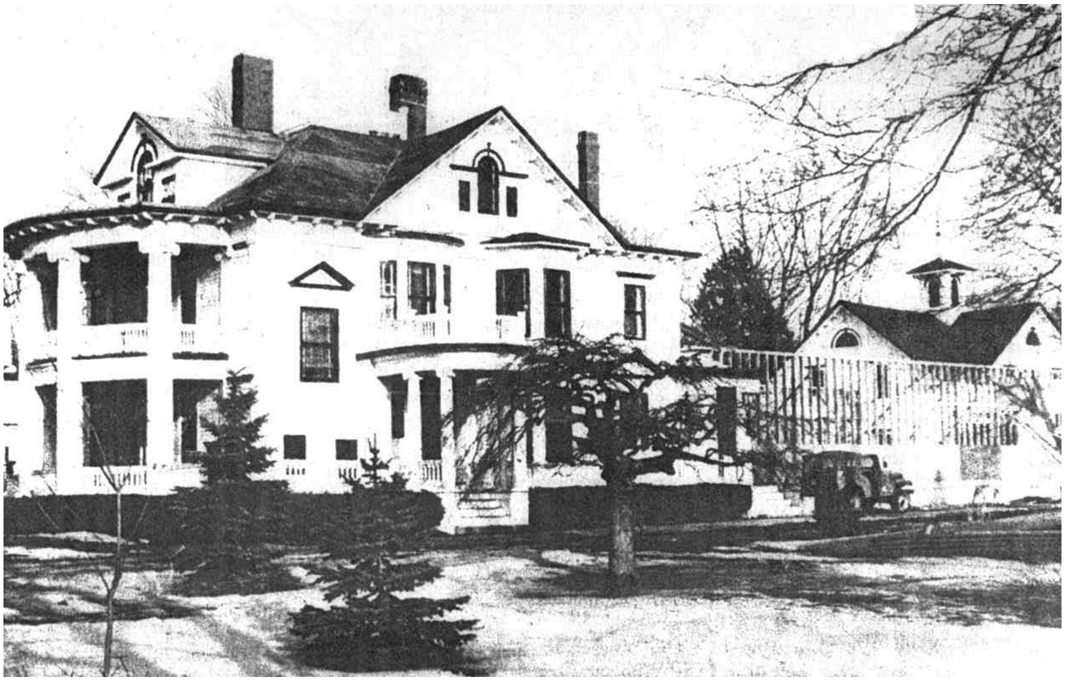
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, December 18, 1997.
Jane Lopes Quote



1100. Barrows House

“The handsome interior of the Barrows’ house on South Main Street will be the setting for tomorrow night’s Founders Day Ball.”

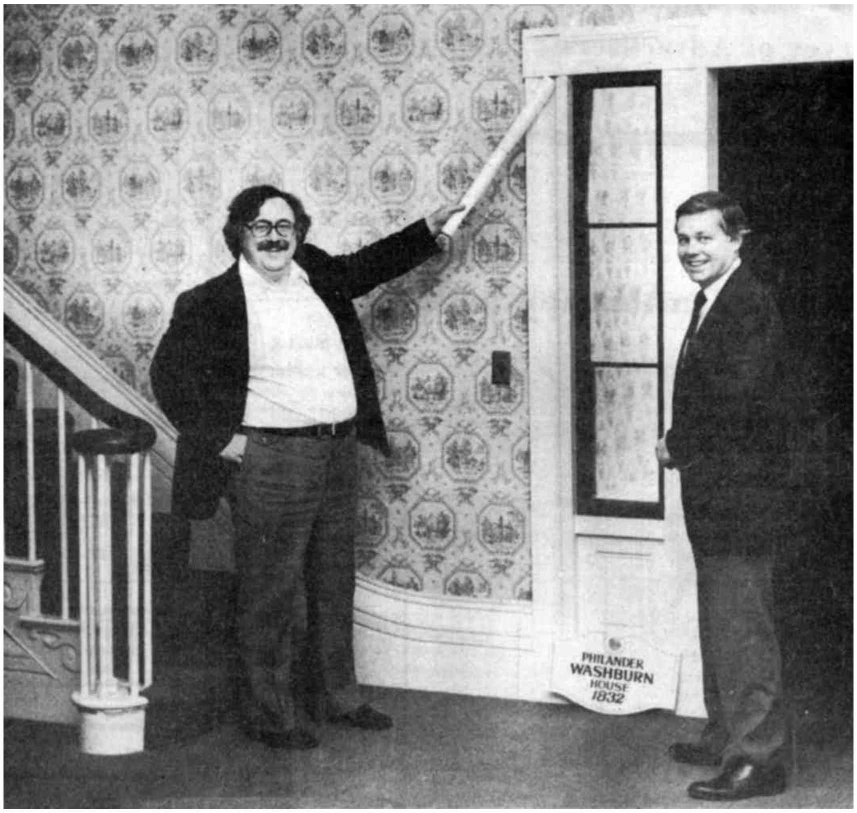
Source: 1996 Middleboro Gazette
Jane Lopes Quote



1101. Barrow’s Mansion

Showing progress is construction of the new Masonic Temple, which will be an addition to the rear of the Barrows home on South Main Street and will include a barn.

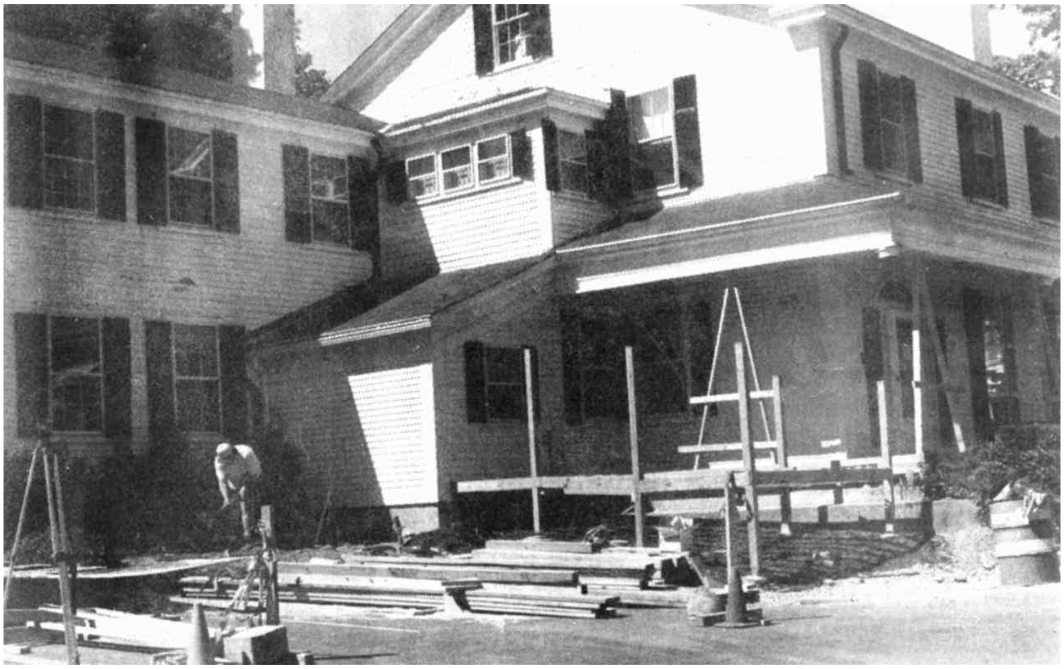
Source: The Middleboro Gazette
Clint Clark Quote



1102. Philander Washburn House

Architect Maximilian L. Ferro, AIA, of the Preservation Partnership, New Bedford looks over the foyer of the former Fahey Thompson Funeral Home with G & E Department Manager John Dunfey prior to a meeting with the G & E Commissioners Monday night. The G & E recently purchased the structure, built in 1832 for their offices.

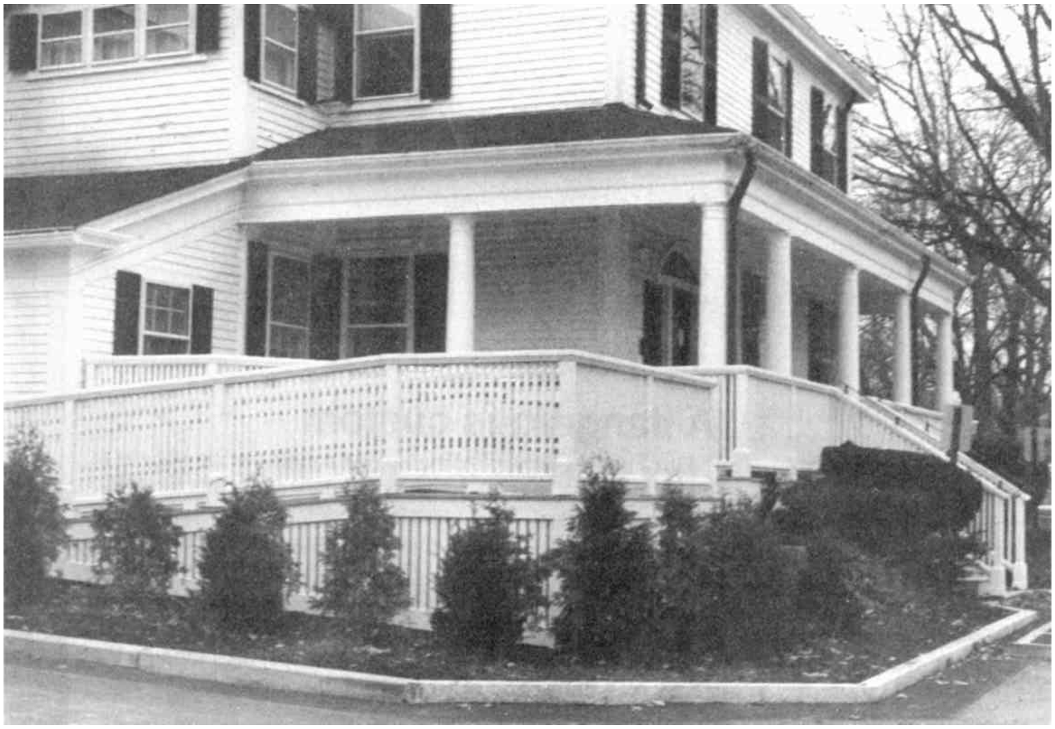
Source: The Middleboro Gazette



1103. Philander Washburn House

Renovations to the G & E administration building include replacement of the porch and construction of a handicap ramp.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette
Jane Lopes Quote



1104. Philander Washburn House

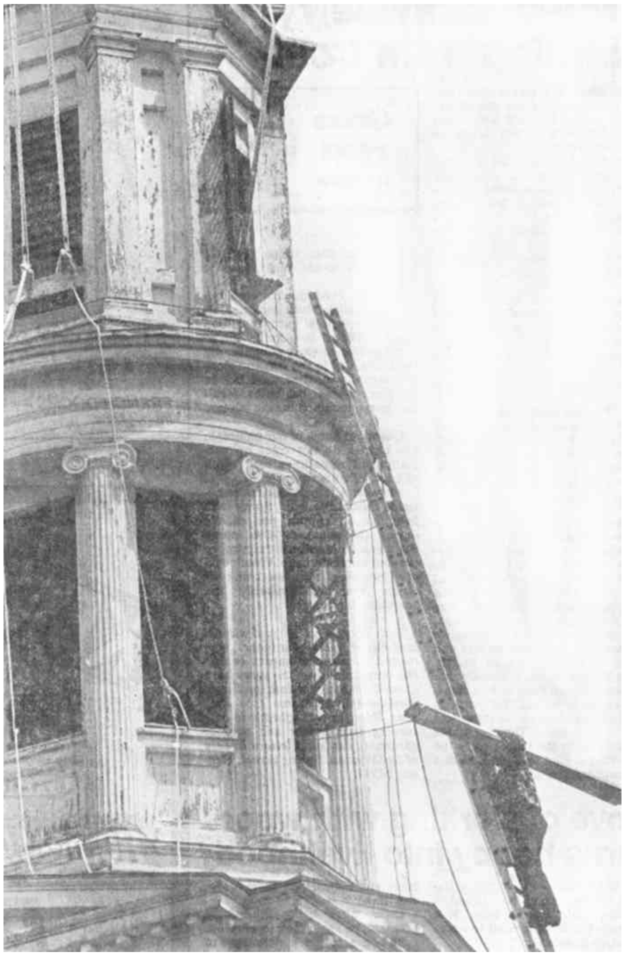
The Gas and Electric's main office porch was finally completed. At $60,000 plus, the porch cost more than some houses do, but it does maintain the historical integrity of the building.

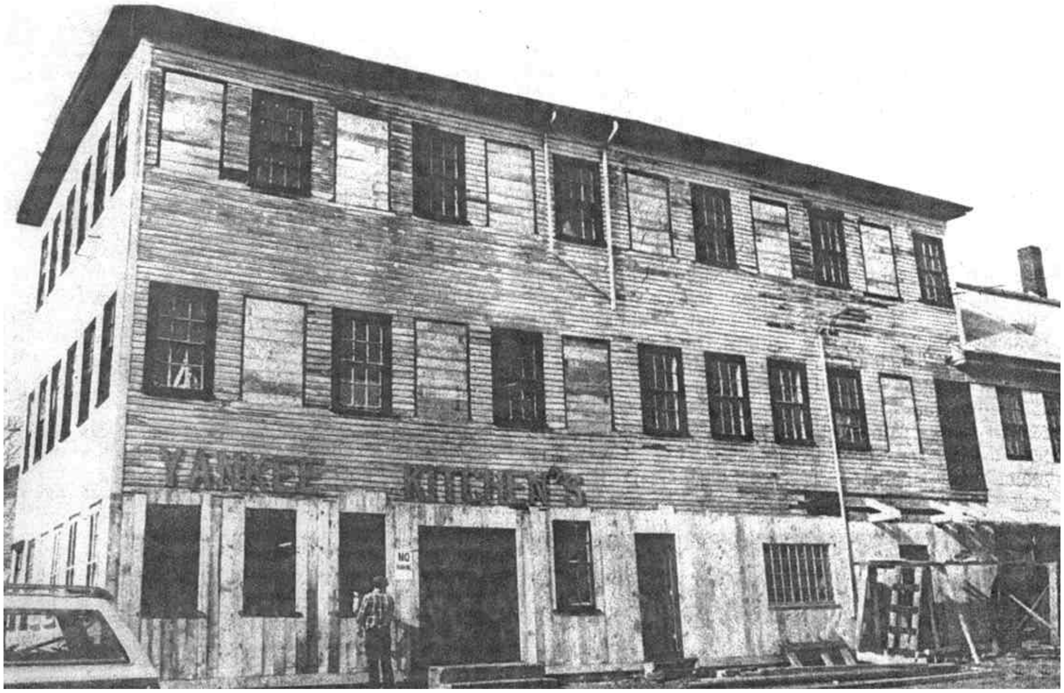
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, November 30, 1995
Jane Lopes Quote

1105. Central Congregational Church

High stepper, John Burgess carries lumber to repair storm damage to the steeple of the Central Congregational Church on South Main Street in Middleborough.

Source: The Sunday Enterprise, May 11, 1986
Craig Murray Quote

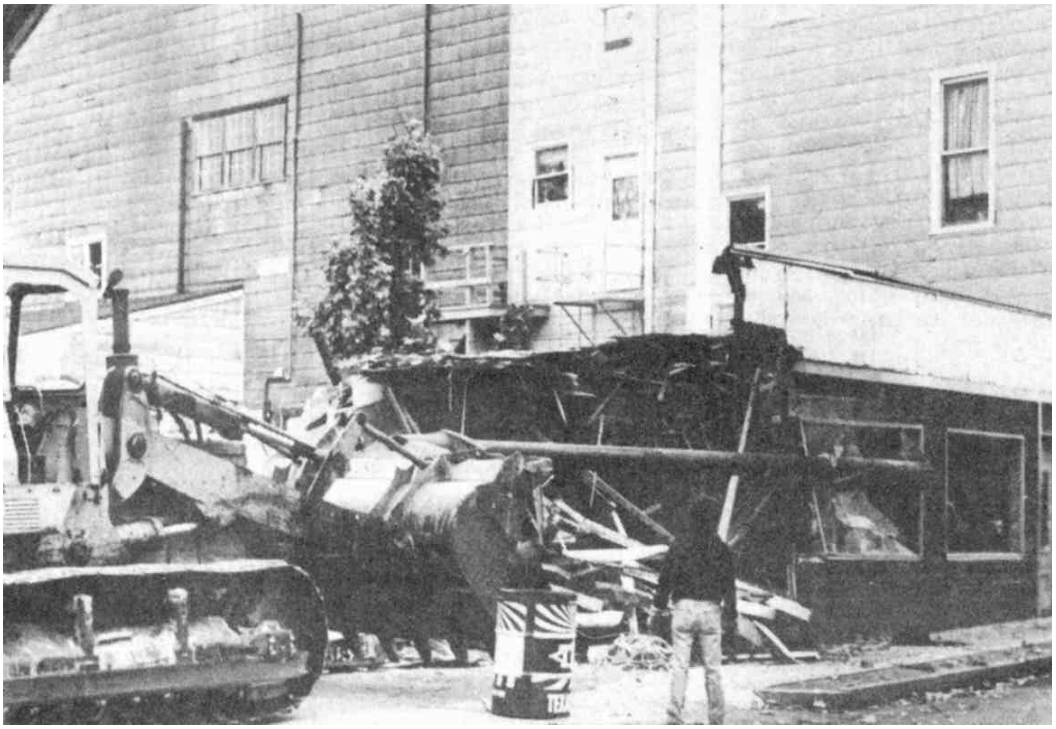




1106. Pina Block

Renovations of one time needle factory are in progress on Clifford Street, at rear of Pina’s plumbing shop. Building was erected in 1875, was used for manufacturing sewing needles until it closed in 1880.

Source: 1970’s Middleboro Gazette
Clint Clark Quote



1107. Middleborough Senior Center

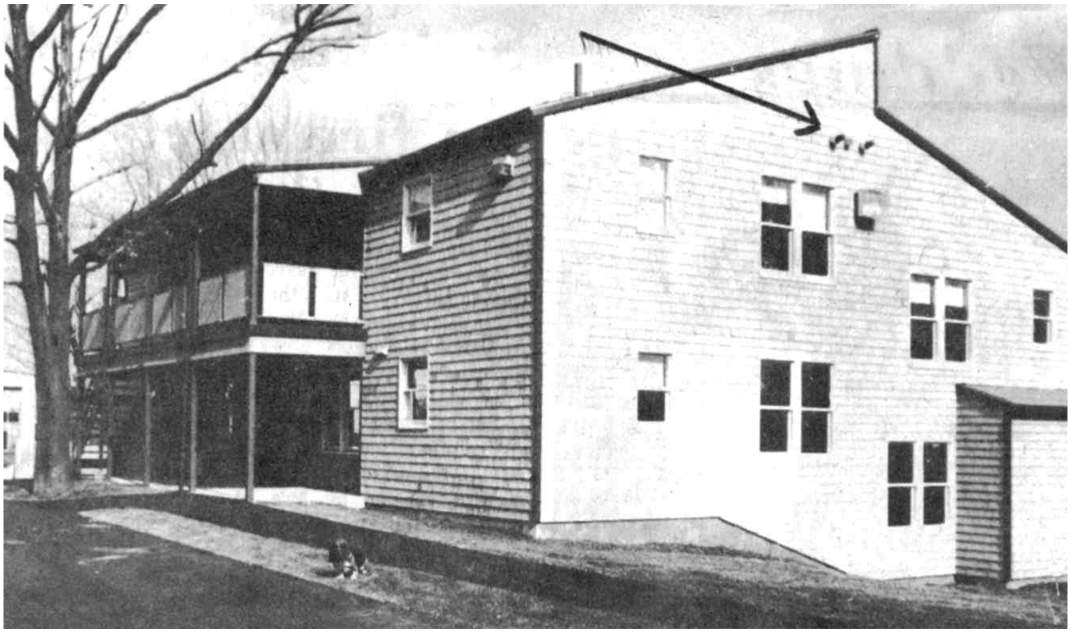
The little brick senior center at the Four Corners was built largely through the efforts of one Henry B. Burkland. It was simply a large open room with a bathroom, but it gave a sense of belonging to the older people of the town. After the Benton Street complex, with its community center, was built it was not longer needed. This picture shows the end of a once much needed resource.

Source: Walter Thompson

1108. Elderly Housing Development Kitchen

Typical kitchen in housing for elderly citizens' project is equipped with gas ranges; several units designed for handicapped persons have electric ranges.

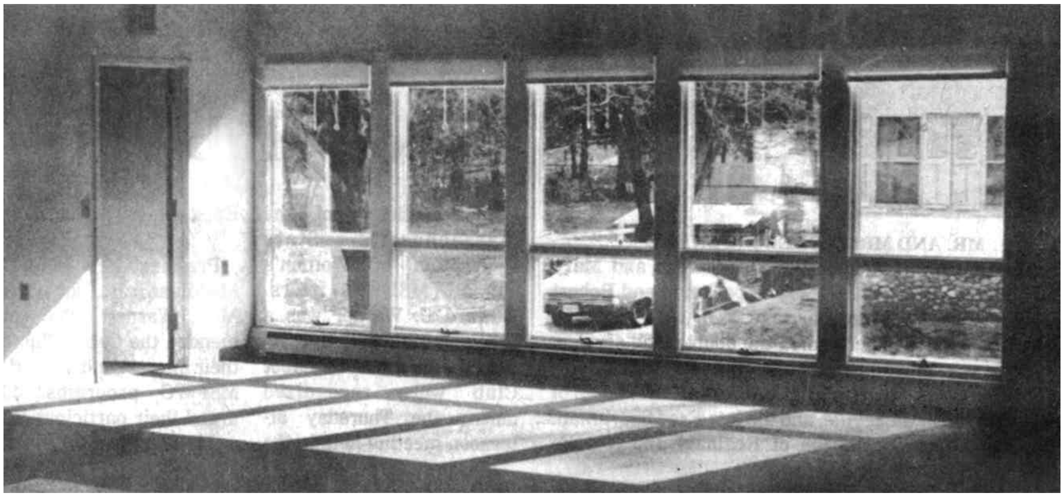
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, March 15, 1979
Clint Clark Quote



1109. Elderly Housing Project

Arrow indicates signal lights on units in housing project; blue light to pinpoint location of ambulance call, red in case of fire. Project was about 95 % complete this week.

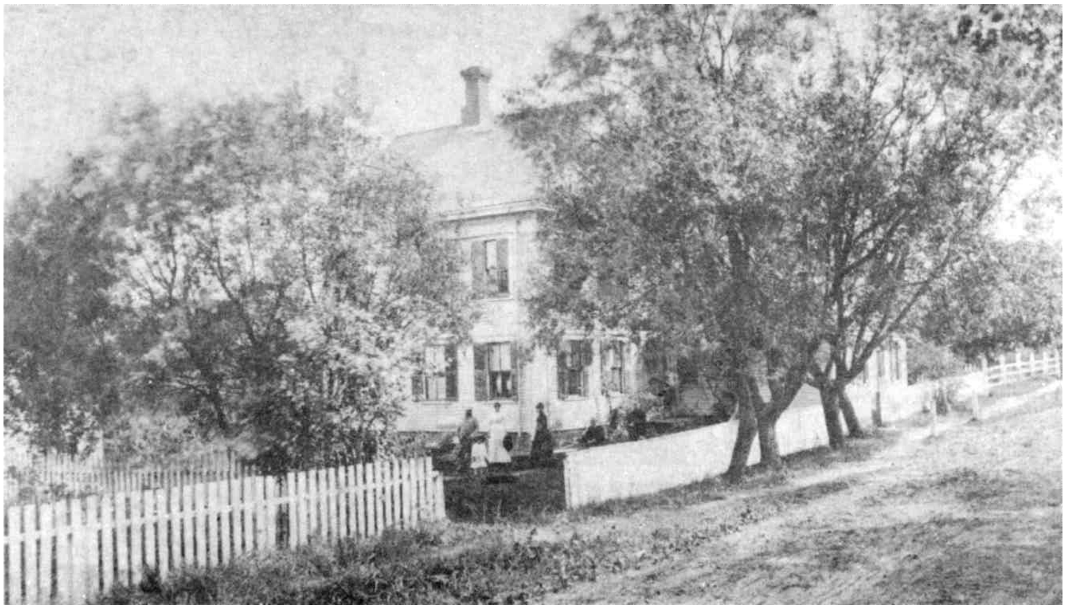
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, March 15, 1979
Clint Clark Quote



1110. Elderly Housing Project Lounge

Sunny lounge area in new COA center on Benton Street can be isolated from main dining hall by sliding partition.

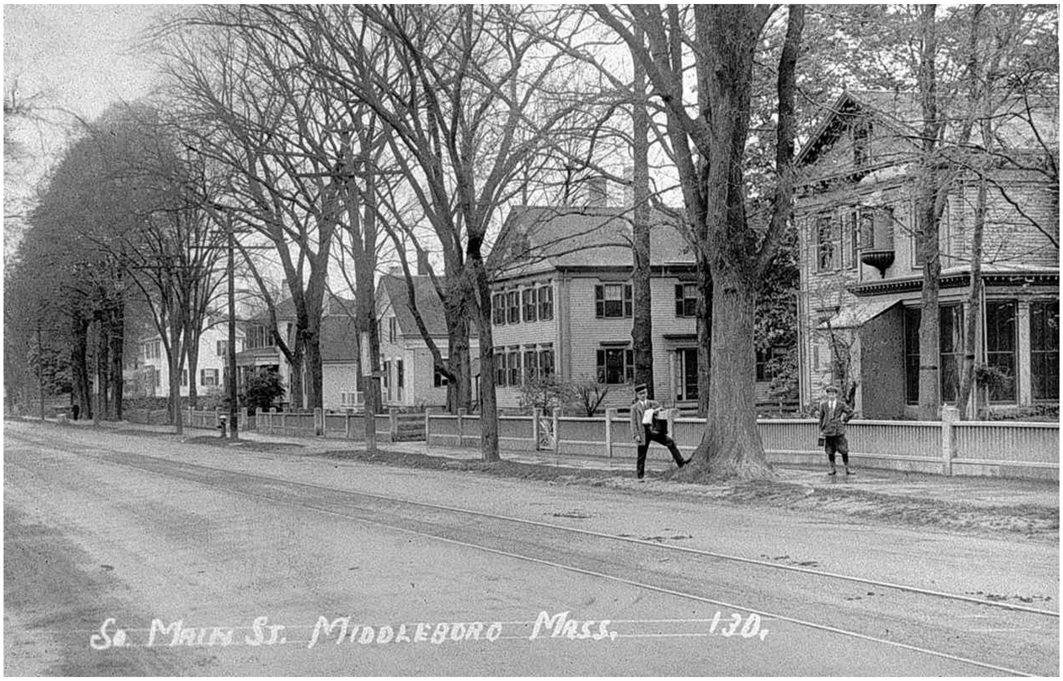
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, March 15, 1979
Clint Clark Quote



1111. Zachariah Eddy House

Turn of the century photograph shows the changes, which have taken place on South Main Street and in the home, which is now owned by Brad and Cheryl Leonard. The Leonards found this photograph in a drawer when they bought the house.

Source: Middleboro Gazette, Reflections, March 29, 1984, pg. 25



1112. South Main Street View

This is one of my favorite views of South Main Street. The first two homes on the right were built by Eddyville lawyer, Zachariah Eddy. The trolley tracks show very clearly on the hard packed dirt road, as do the large elm trees. The boy on the right seems to be holding a lunch pail.

Source: Walter Thompson

1113. Mr. James E. Peirce

James E. Peirce worked in his father's (Col. Peter Peirce's) store along with two of his brothers, Job and Thomas. He resided in the Zachariah Eddy home on South Main Street with his wife, Maria. In 1898, through his influence and money, the Church of Our Savior Episcopal was erected. He died July 21, 1901 from heart disease at the age of 67 and was interred in the church. In 1905, his widow had the crypt chapel built.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, pg. 7
Volume VIII, February 1966, Number 1

1114. Mrs. James E. (Maria Louisa Harlow Peirce)

Maria Louise Harlow Peirce, widow of James Earl Peirce, was a great benefactor leaving in her will $100,000 to establish St. Luke's Hospital as well money for other uses. She was very generous to the town of Middleborough and the Church of Our Savior. She died February 9, 1918 at the age of 80.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, pg. 7
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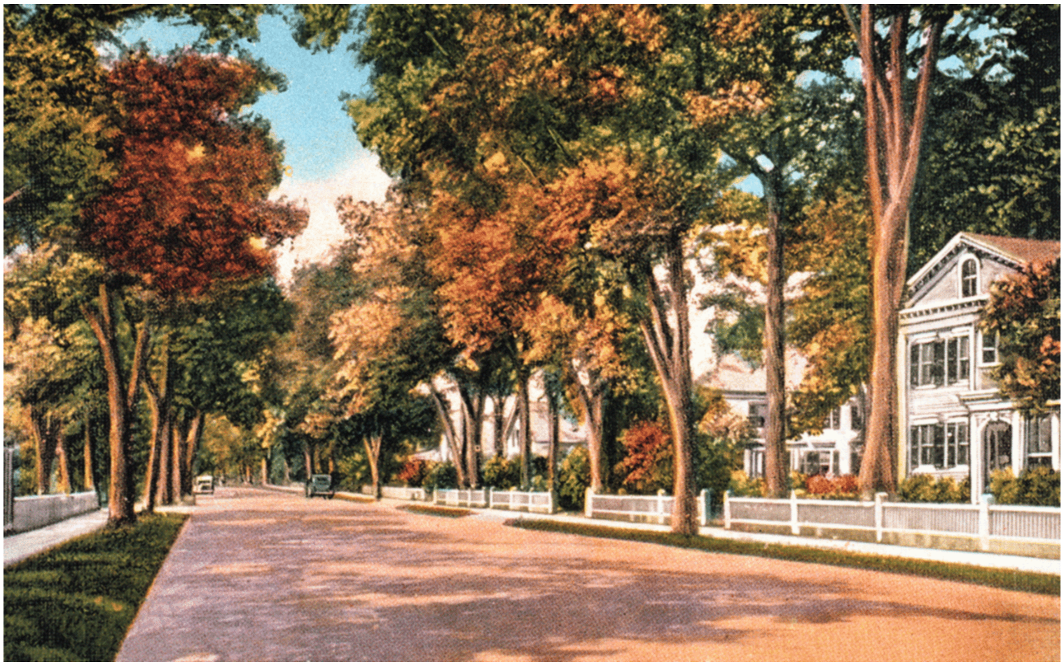
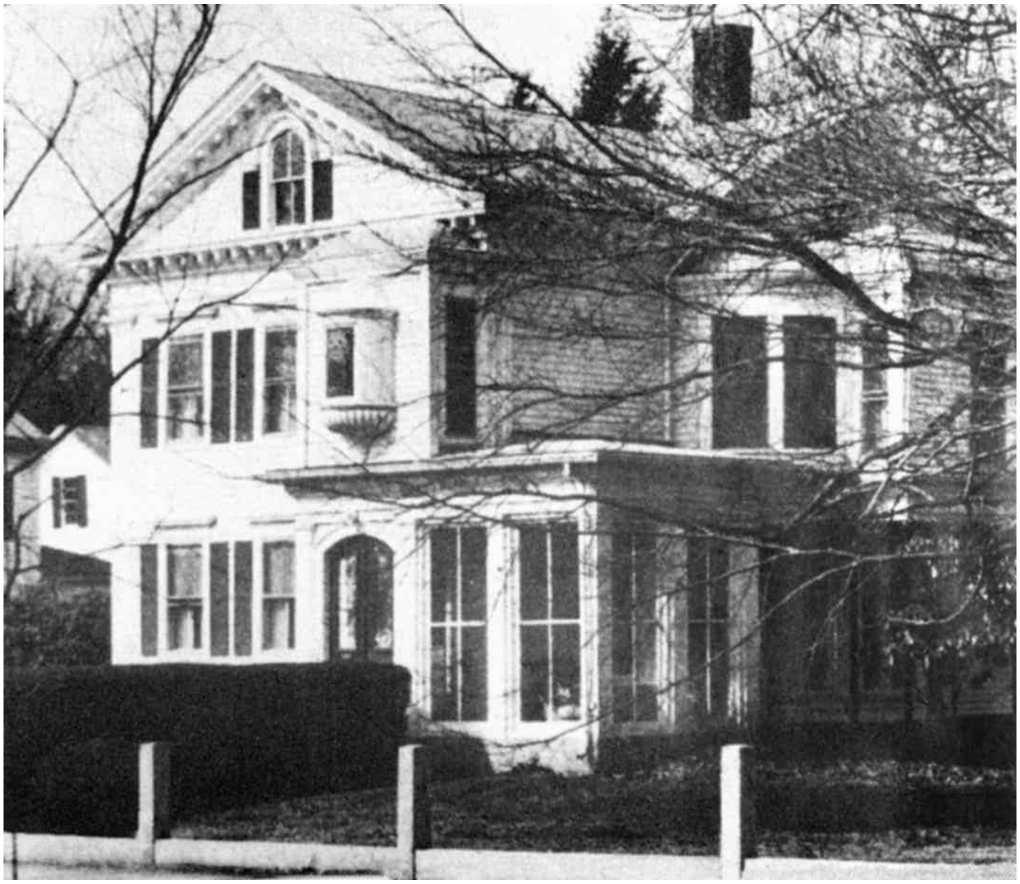


1115. Zachariah Eddy House Street View

This is a 1940's view looking down South Main Street from in front of the Barrows House showing the Zachariah Eddy home.

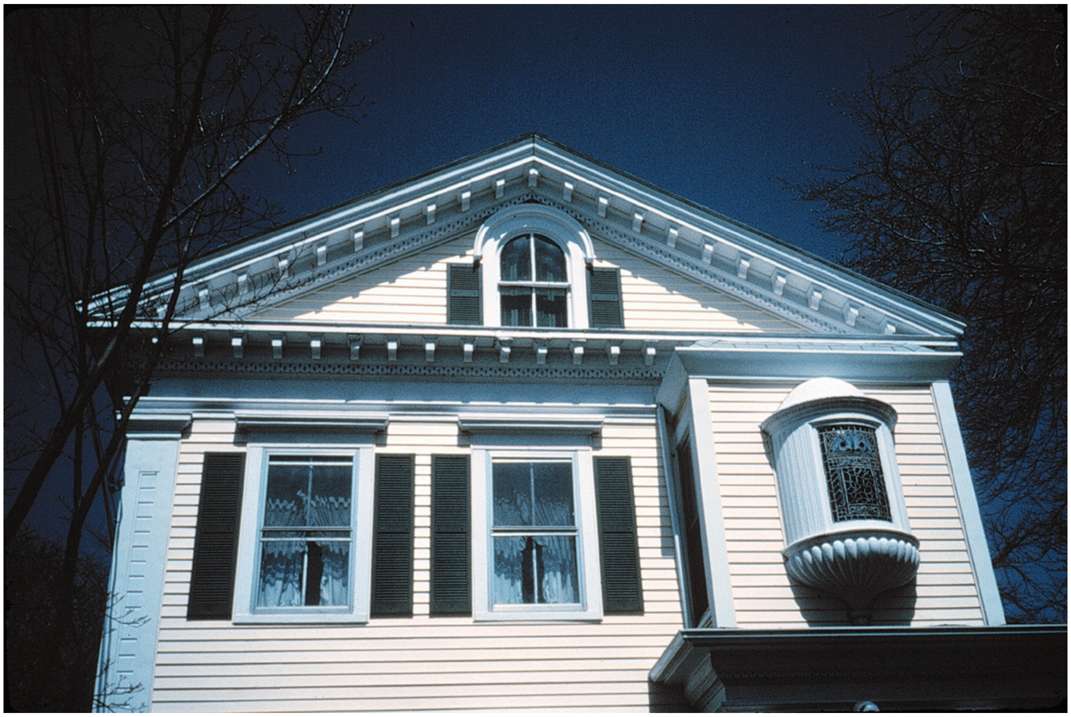
Source: Walter Thompson



1116. Zachariah Eddy Home

Zachariah Eddy built this gracious home. Zachariah originally lived in the home and practiced law in a building at the rear. James and Maria Peirce came into possession of the property that was later occupied by Jesse F. Morse, druggist, and Mrs. Morse. It went through various owners and in 1998 is operated as a bed and breakfast by Brad and Cheryl Leonard.

Source: Walter Thompson



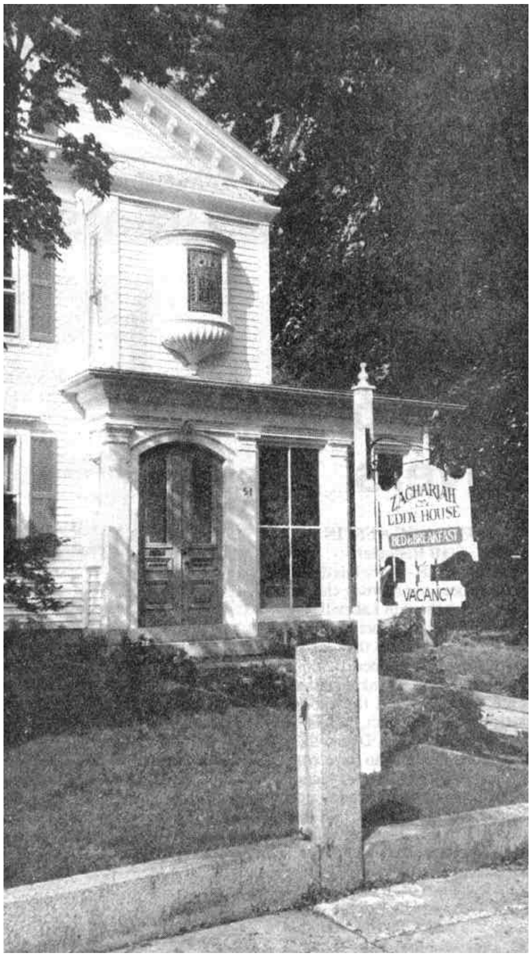
1117. Zachariah Eddy Façade

The frontal view of the Zachariah Eddy house shows Maria Peirce's chapel window, which in 1998 has been converted, to a bathroom for the Bed and Breakfast operation.

Source: Walter Thompson

1118. Zachariah Eddy House

The Leonard family now hosts a bed and breakfast in the 19th century house built by noted Middleborough lawyer, Zachariah Eddy. The town's first bed and breakfast was also home to Maria Louisa Harlow (Peirce), benefactress of the former St. Luke's Hospital and the Church of Our Saviour, and her husband James Peirce, son of Colonel Peter Peirce.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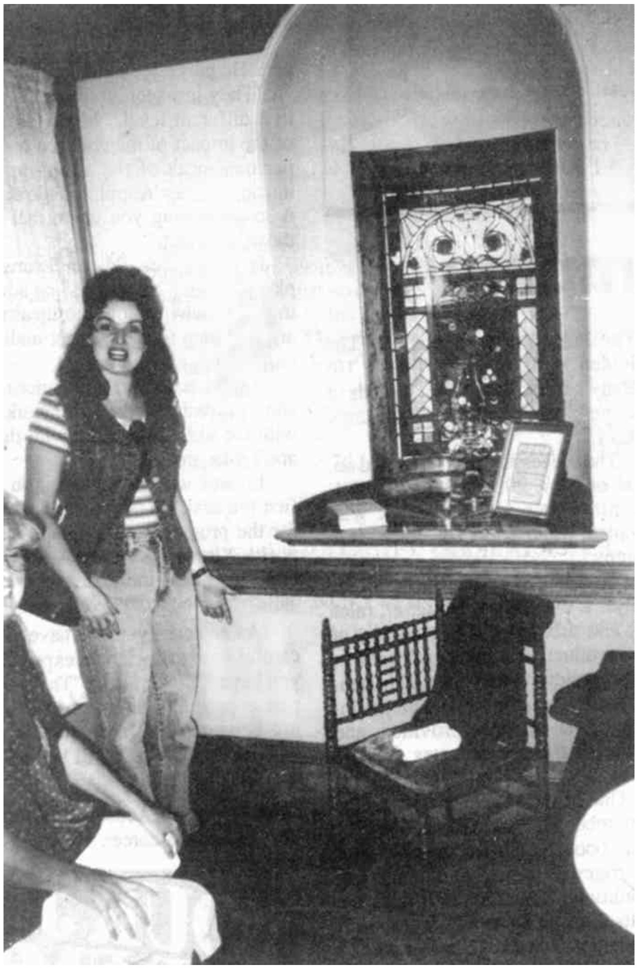
ZACHARIAH EDDY HOUSE
BED & BREAKFAST
VACANCY

Source: 1996 Middleboro Gazette
Jane Lopes Quote

1119. Zachariah Eddy House

“The coordinators of the storefront decoration contest, Cheryl Leonard and Pattie O’Brien, are shown here admiring the Chapel Bath in the Zachariah Eddy Bed and Breakfast. The recently remodeled bathrooms are only one of the many charming features of this historic home, which offers overnight accommodations.”

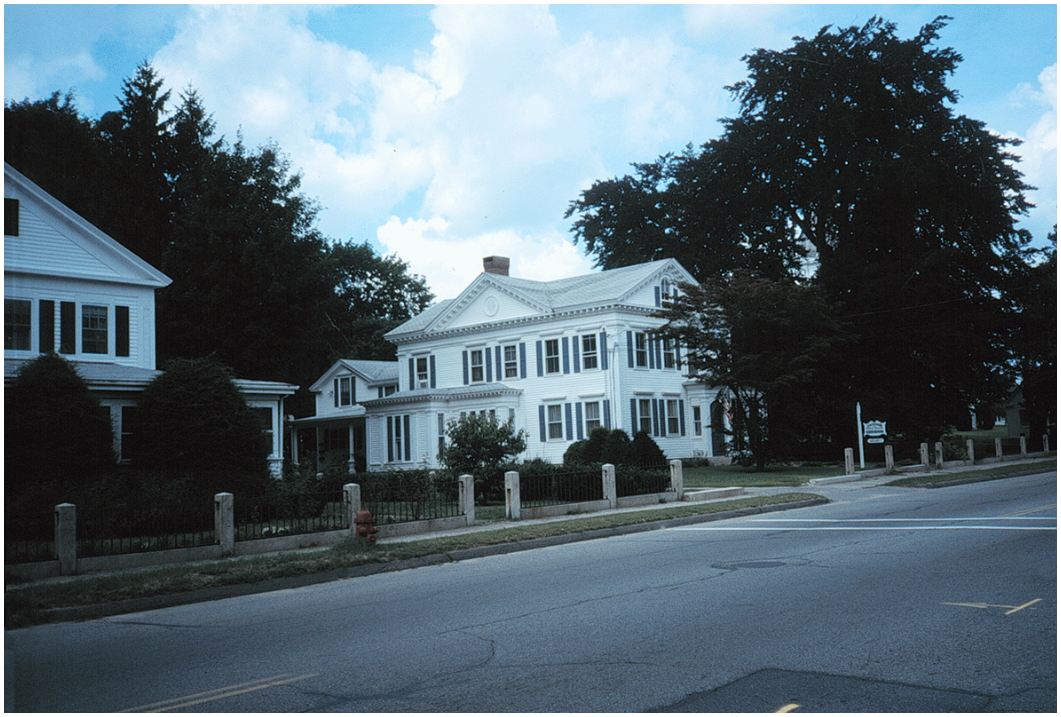
Source: Middleboro Gazette, November 14, 1996
Jane Lopes quote



1120. Zachariah Eddy House

“Cheryl (Scanlon) Leonard relaxes in the dining area of the Zachariah Eddy Bed and Breakfast she and her husband, Brad opened at 51 South Main Street.”

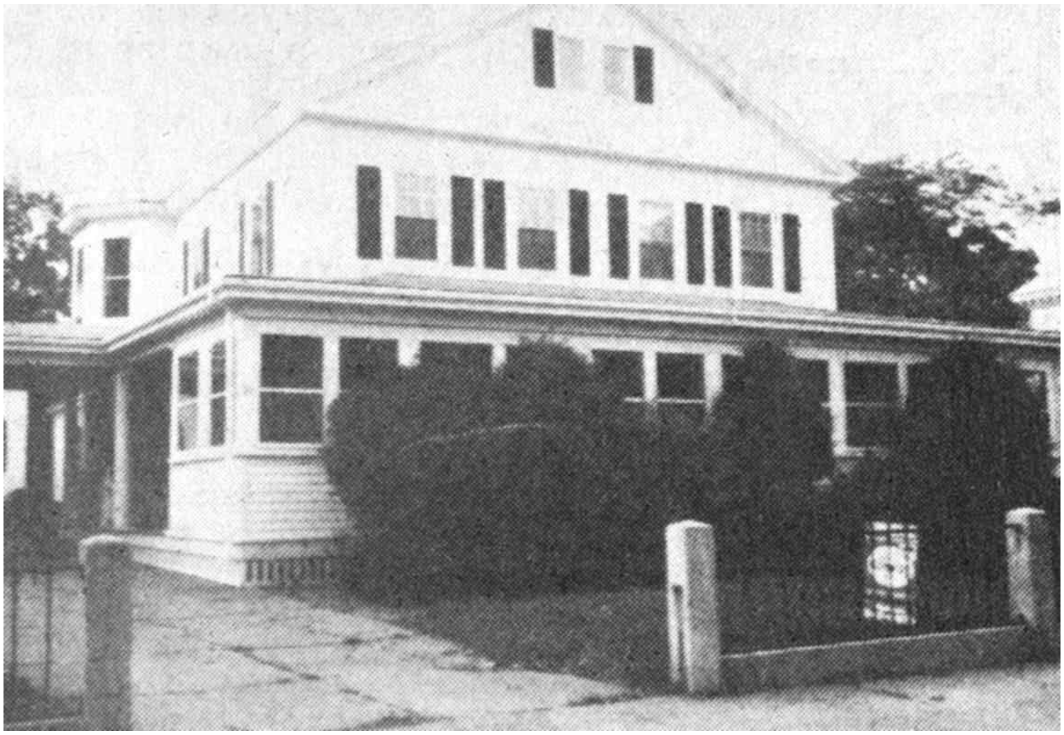
Source: Middleboro Gazette, November 2, 1995
Jane Lopes Quote



1121. Zachariah Eddy House

This is a view of the Zachariah Eddy House taken from the Rock Street area.

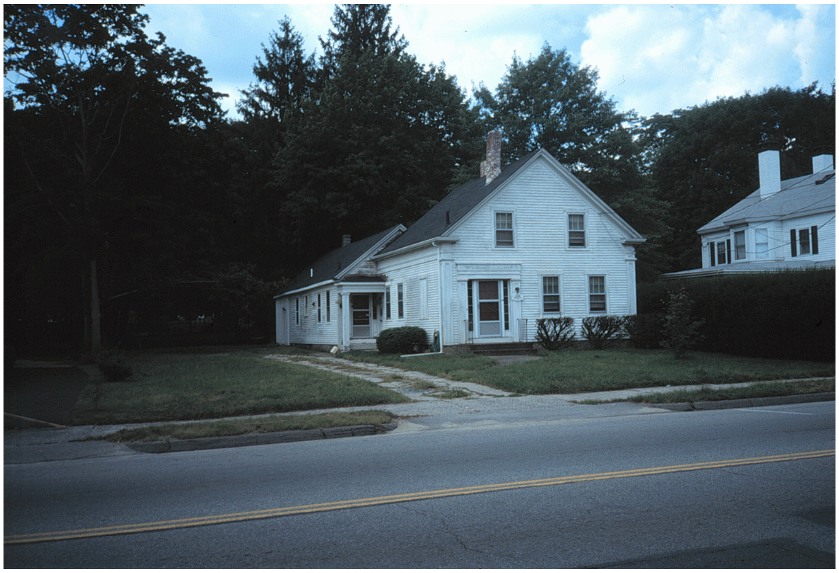
Source: Walter Thompson



1122. The Gertrude Kenyon House

This home on South Main Street was also built by Zachariah Eddy adjacent to his own residence and left to his daughter Anne Juliette Eddy-Barrett. In the mid 1930's Mr. and Mrs. James Kenyon purchased the property.

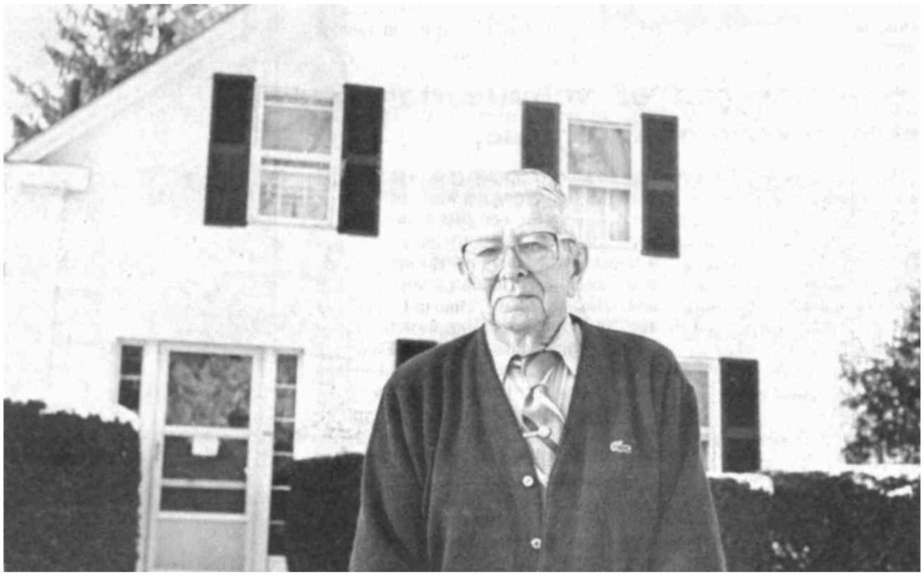
Source: Walter Thompson



1123. Tucker Homestead

This home started its life as a very large farm stretching from Union Street to the Nemasket River as the property of Sydney Tucker. The home passed through various owners until it was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Keedwell in 1942.

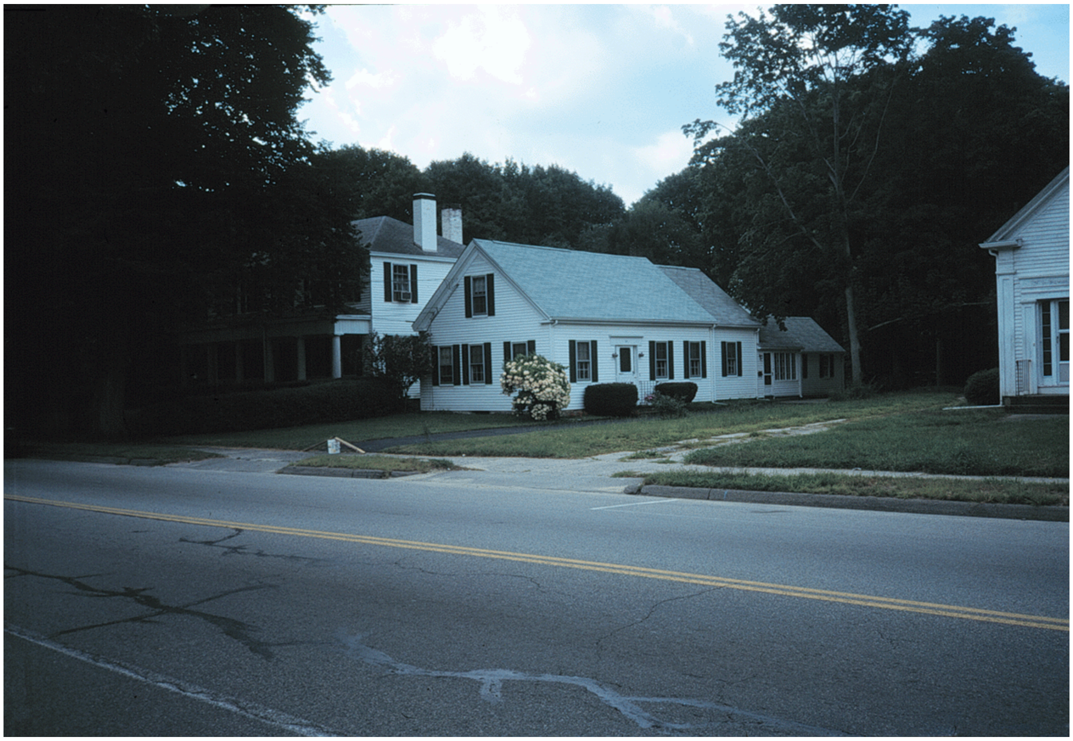
Source: Walter Thompson



1124. Tucker Homestead

“Middleborough native, Kenneth Keedwell 90, stands in front of the Tucker Homestead, the historic South Main Street home he owned for 45 years. Keedwell is selling the home and moving out of town to live with his daughter.”

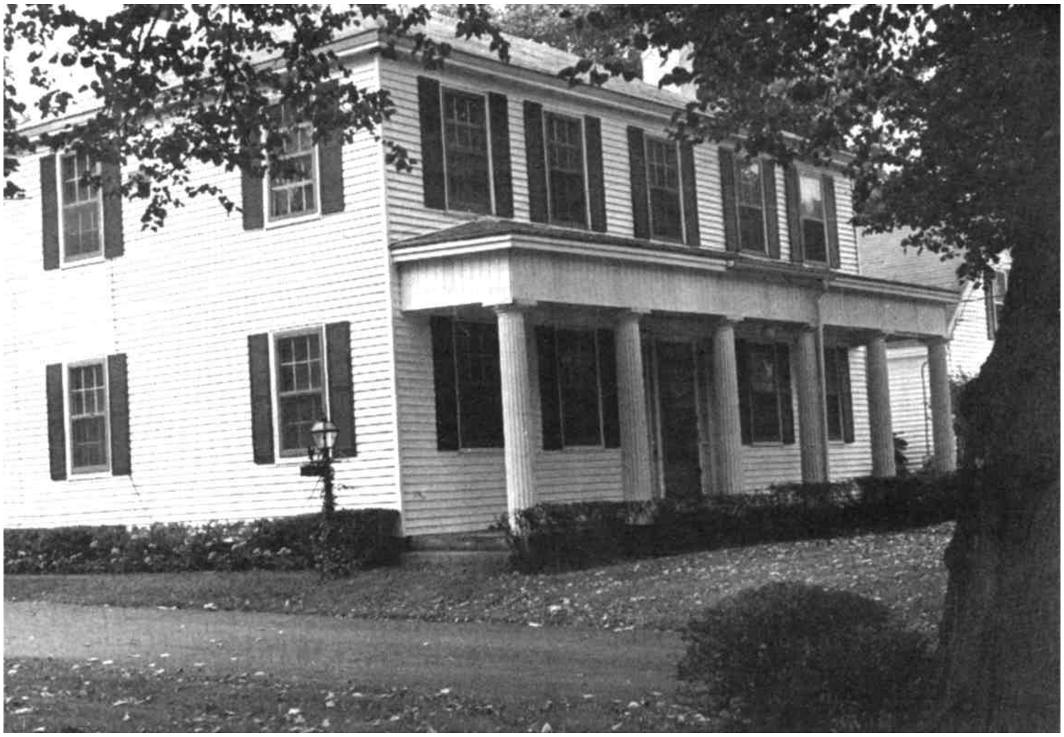
Source: 1990 Middleboro Gazette



1125. Medeiros House

This small home was originally Sydney Tucker Farm shoe repair shop until he had it moved from the rear of the property adjacent to his dwelling on South Main Street. George Hathaway came into possession of the home in 1925 and it eventually passed into the hands of his daughter Barbara and her husband Joseph M. Medeiros.

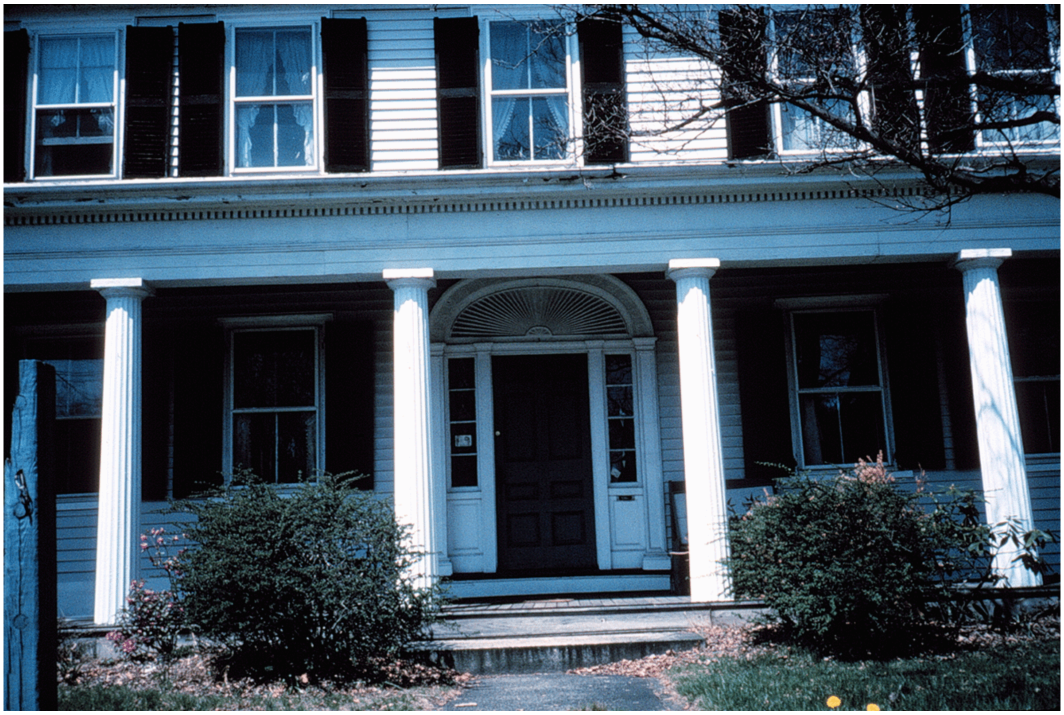
Source: Walter Thompson



1126. Andrew's Home

One of the oldest homes on South Main Street is the federal style hipped roof house owned by the Andrews family for more than a century. It was built around 1780.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette Reflections, September 29, 1988, pg. 10
Jane Lopes Quote.



1127. Andrews Home Porch

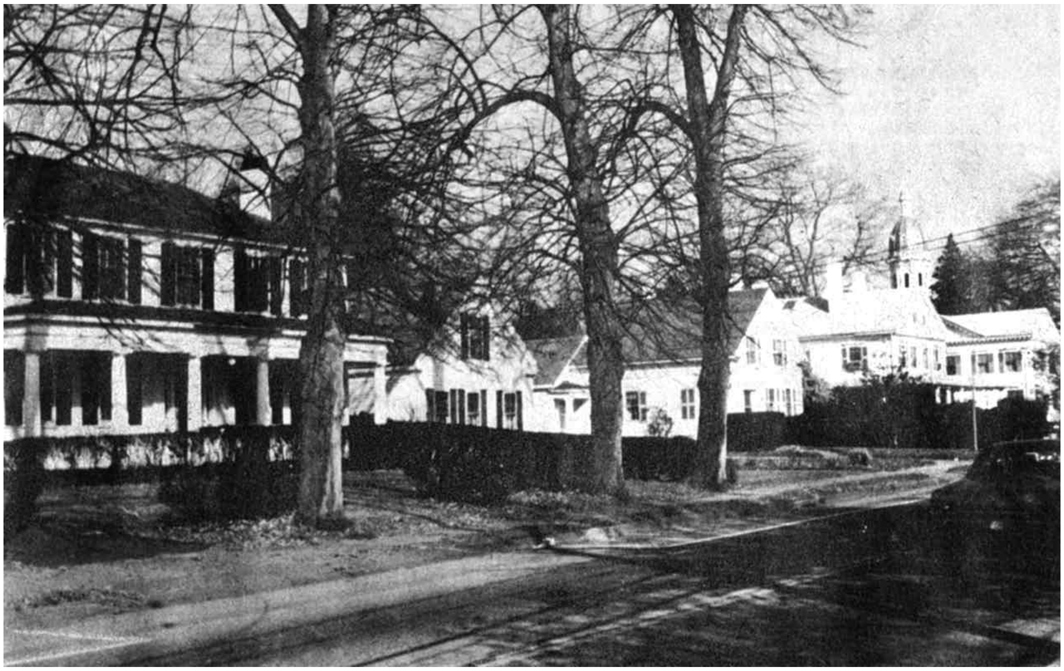
This is a view of the graceful Doric columns on the porch of the Andrew's home at 61 South Main Street. Also shows the door topped with an architectural wooden fan and sidelights.

Source: Walter Thompson

1128. Andrews Homestead

This home was built in 1855 by Mr. Washburn of Bridgewater. William S. Andrews purchased the house in 1880 and it has remained in the family until 1998. One of the most memorable and colorful members of the Andrews family was Myra Andrews Shaw a schoolteacher and principal.

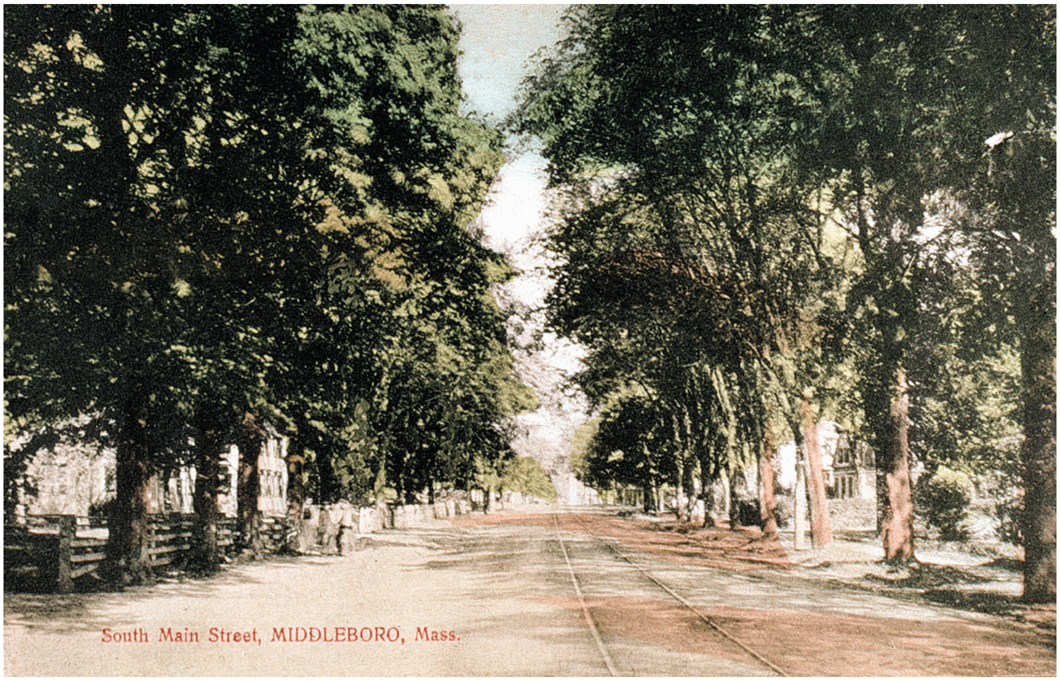
Source: Walter Thompson



1129. So. Main Street View

This scenic view shows five of South Main Street’s historic homes.

Source: Walter Thompson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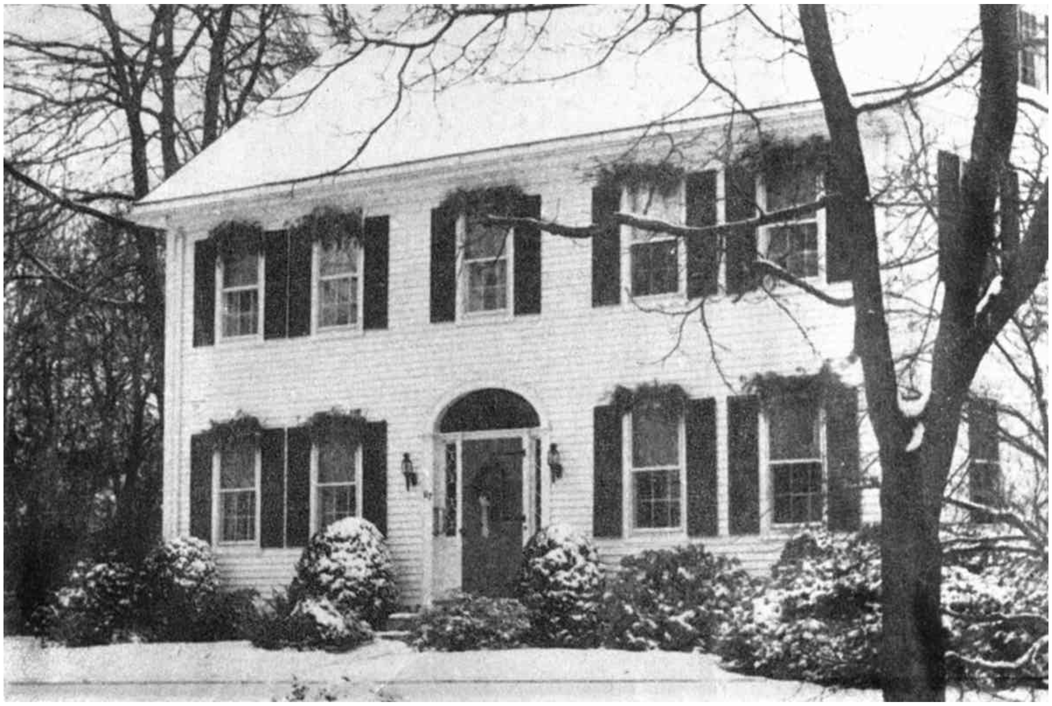
1130. South Main Street View

This is one of the early 20th century postcards depicting South Main Street with its graceful Elm Tree canopy. The Hannah Harlow house can be seen on the left.

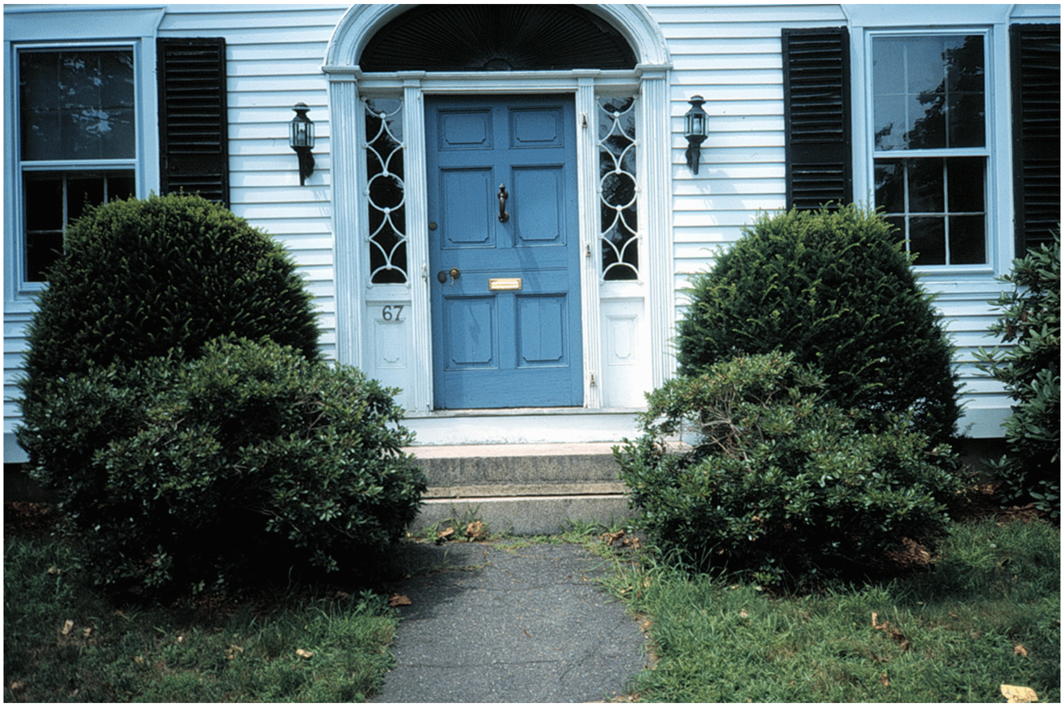
Source: Walter Thompson



1131. Hannah Harlow

Built approximately 1820 by Attorney Isaac Stevens and lived in by the Jackson family for many years, it was originally a one-story cottage and raised to two stories by Ebeneezer Briggs during his ownership. He died in 1872 leaving the property to his daughter Hannah and her husband Bradford G. Harlow and their daughter Hannah Jackson Harlow. The home in 1998 is owned by the James Hiltons.

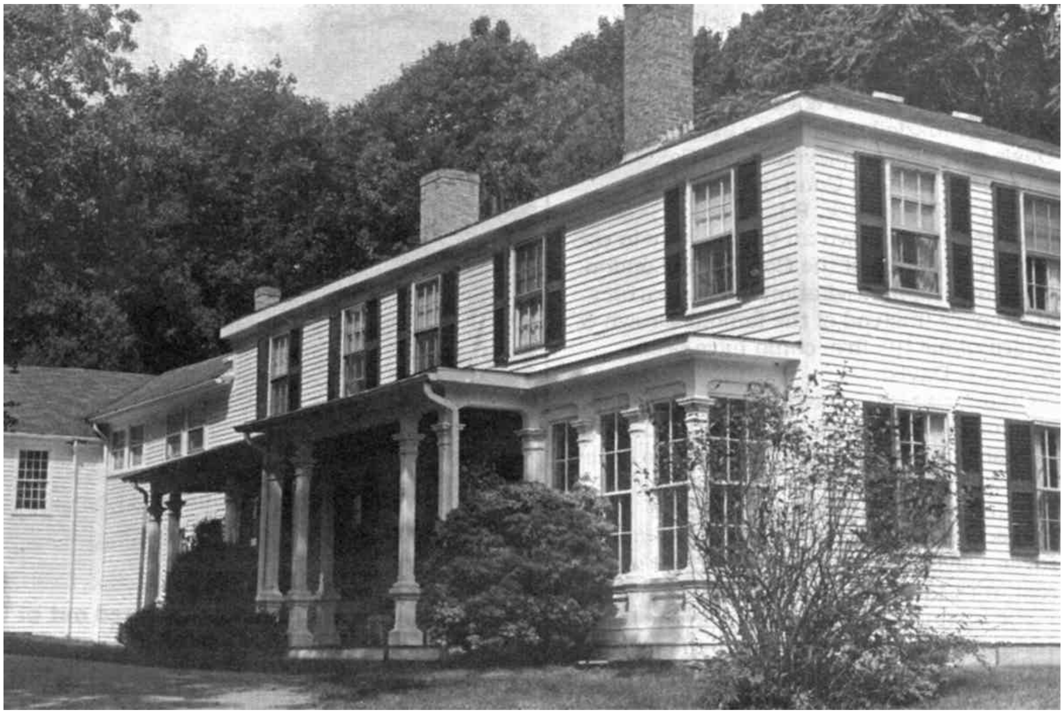
Source: Mertie Romaine’s History of Middleborough



1132. Harlow House

This view of the front entrance of the Harlow House, 67 South Main Street, shows the leaded glass sidelights and wooden fan top.

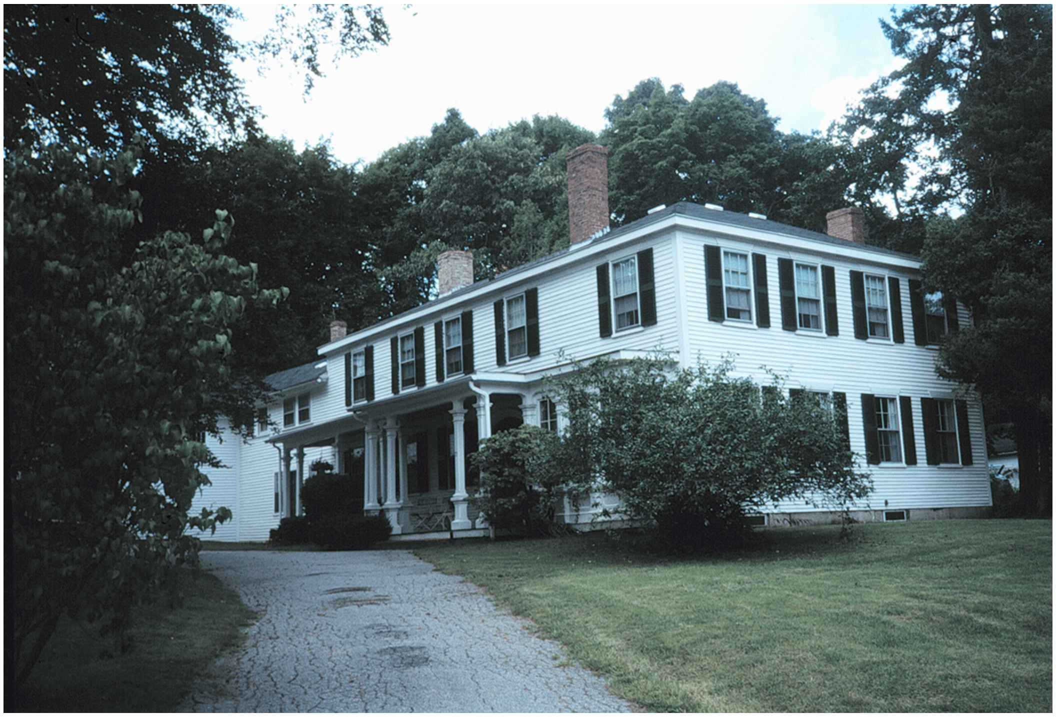
Source: Walter Thompson



1133. Robert Cushing

A 19th century Italianate porch was added to this late federal style home built around 1840 on South Main Street. Dr. George Snow and Dr. John Perkins both lived in the house at one time.

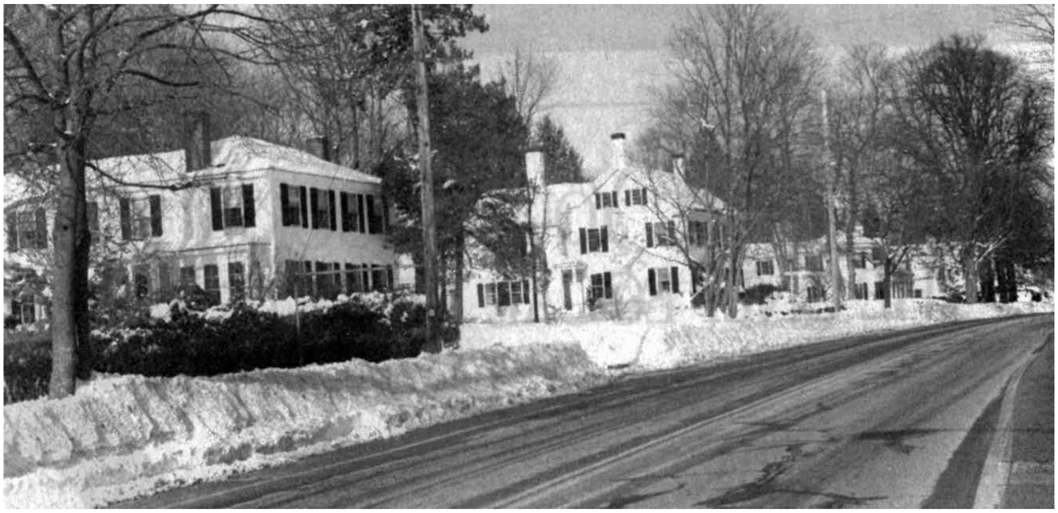
Source: The Middleboro Gazette Reflections, September 29, 1988, pg. 8
Jane Lopes Quote.



1134. Robert Cushing House

This home was built in 1840 by a Mr. Hinds and occupied at various times by Dr. Joseph W. Snow and Dr. John Perkins. About 1935 Earl F. Gates a reporter for the Middleboro Gazette acquired the property and in 1954 it was purchased by Robert and Elizabeth Cushing.

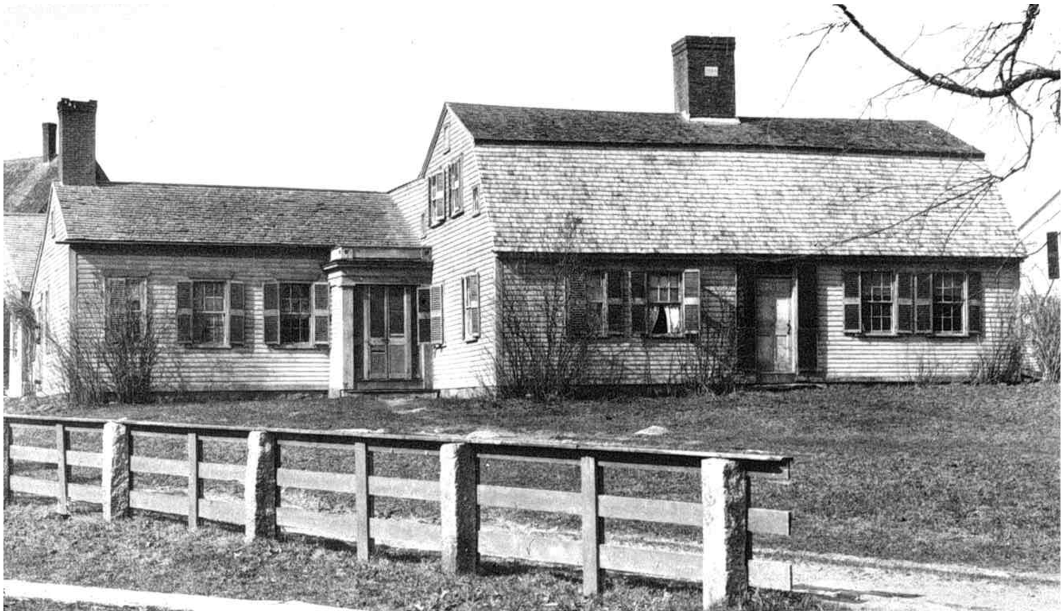
Source: Walter Thompson



1135. South Main Street View

“Historic South Main Street is the subject of controversy resulting from a proposal to widen the street in order to improve traffic flow near the intersection of route 28 and 105. Selectmen and B & I Commission members have voted to oppose any alteration that would adversely affect the proposed historic district and citizen groups have been formed to watchdog state planning in conjunction with the commuter rail station and industrial park to be built on Rte. 105 in Lakeville. Volunteers are being sought to serve on a historic district study commission.”

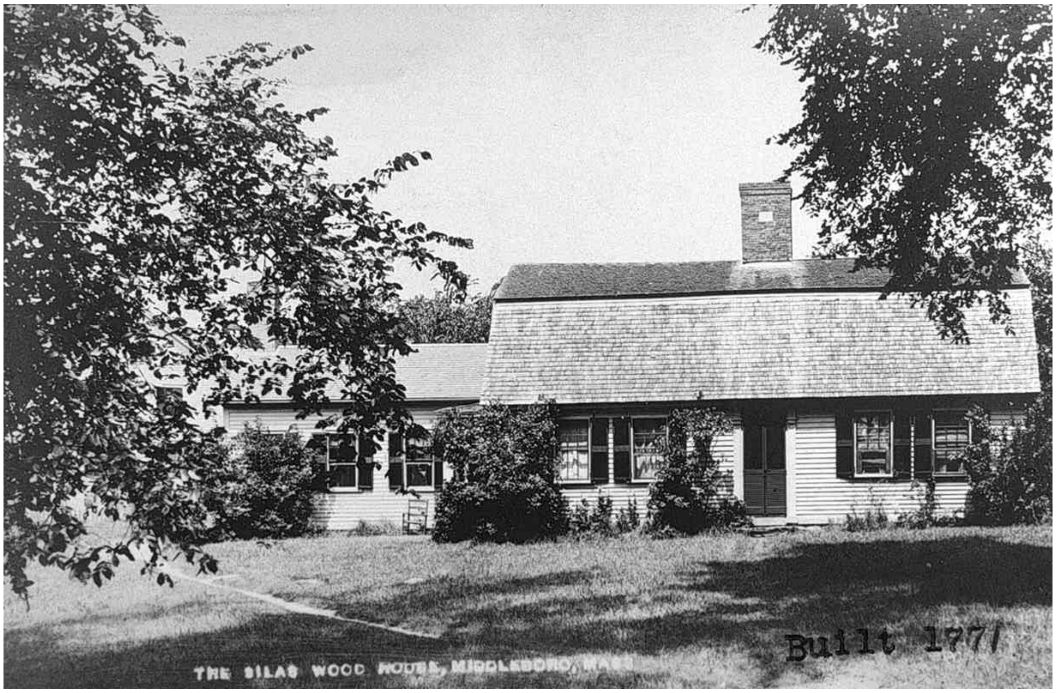
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, 1995
Jane Lopes Quote



1136. Silas Wood House

Silas Wood built this farmhouse in 1771 as inscribed on the central chimney, but there is evidence it could have been constructed as early as 1710.

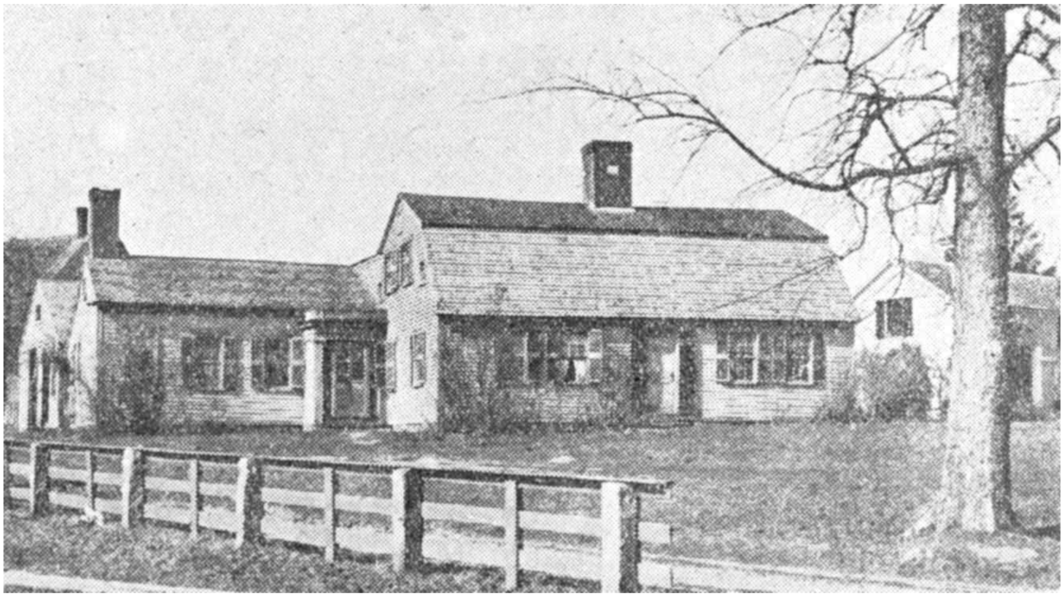
Source: Walter Thompson


THE SILAS WOOD HOUSE, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.
Built 1771

1137. Silas Wood

The Silas Wood house at 77 and 79 South Main Street was rented as a duplex for many years. William S. Andrews was a former owner.

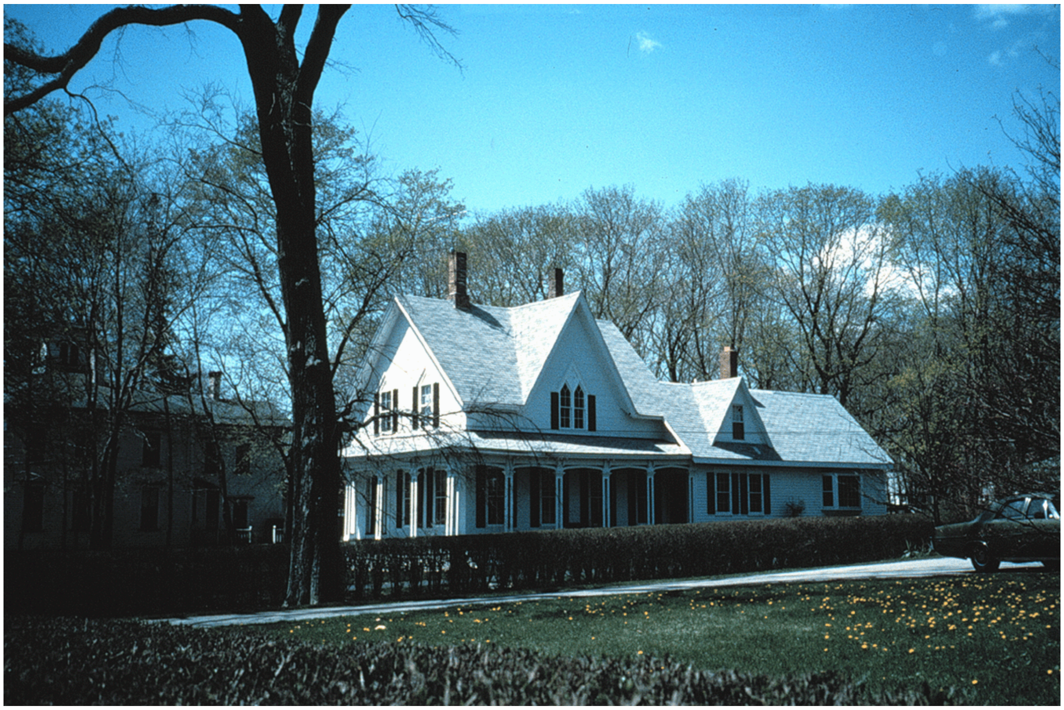
Source: Walter Thompson



1138. The Silas Wood House

The Silas Wood house now standing on South Main Street was built in 1771 according to the date on a tile in the chimney. Later it was occupied by Dea Abiel Wood. Mr. Wood was a wealthy and influential citizen, a man well known throughout the colony for his integrity and ability and his opinions were sought after and respected in all matters pertaining to public affairs."

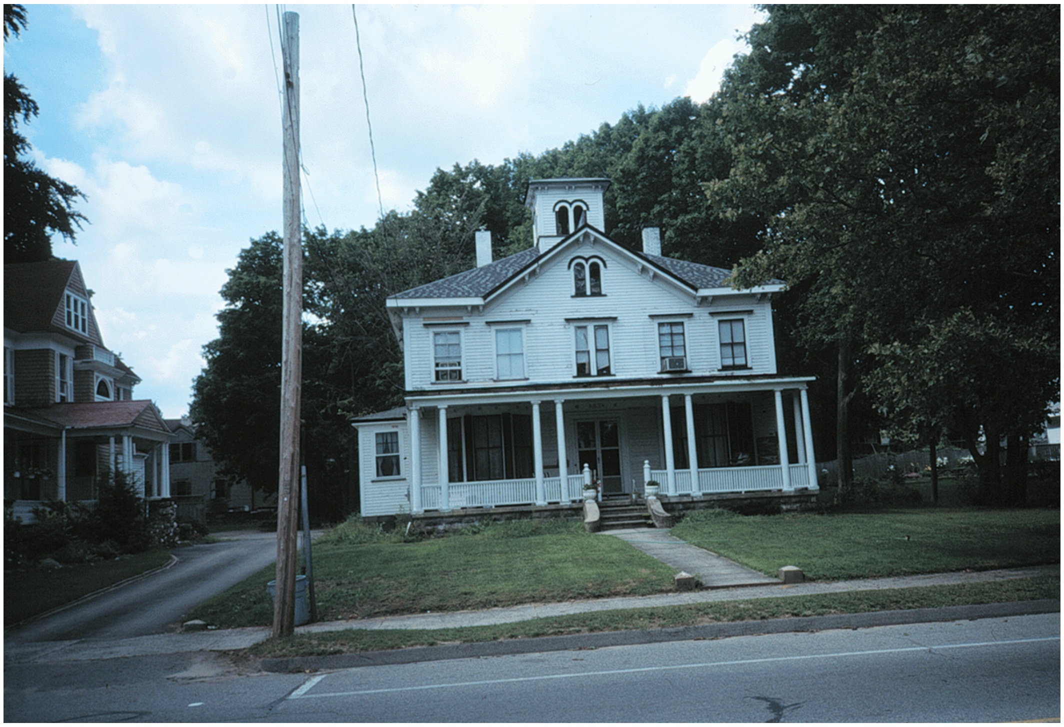
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, ca. 1933



1139. William S. Andrews Home

This house was built on the Silas Wood property by the grandfather of Myra Shaw.

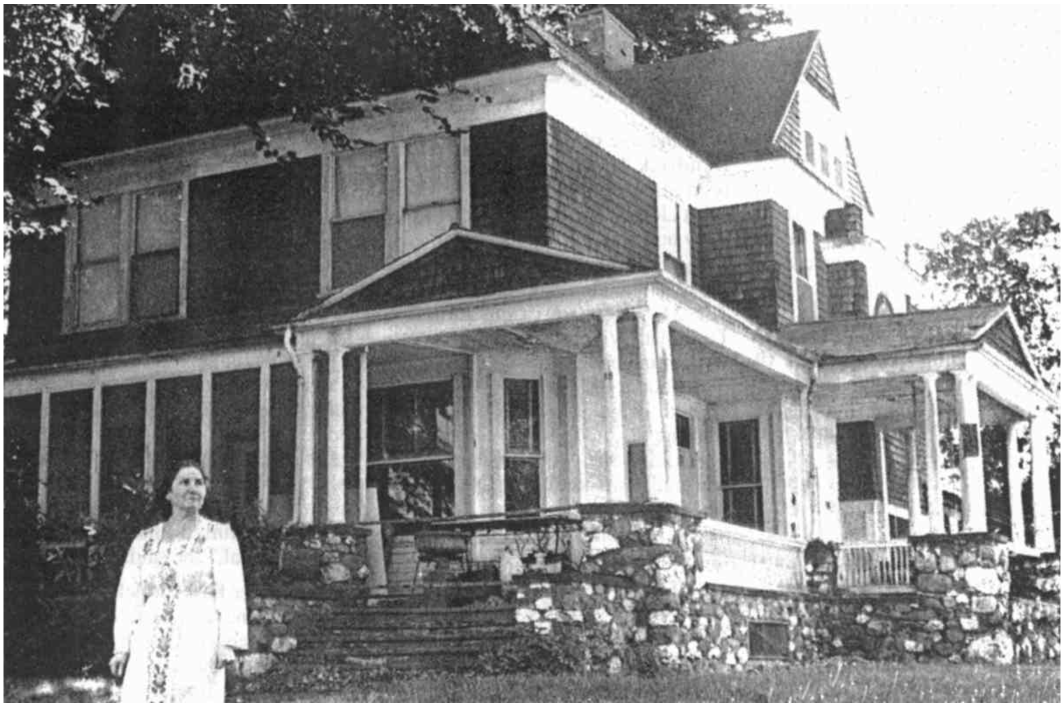
Source: Walter Thompson



1140. Alden House

This house was lived in by Mrs. Charles F. Alden and her daughter Delle Alden, who was one of our schoolteachers from 1895-1910.

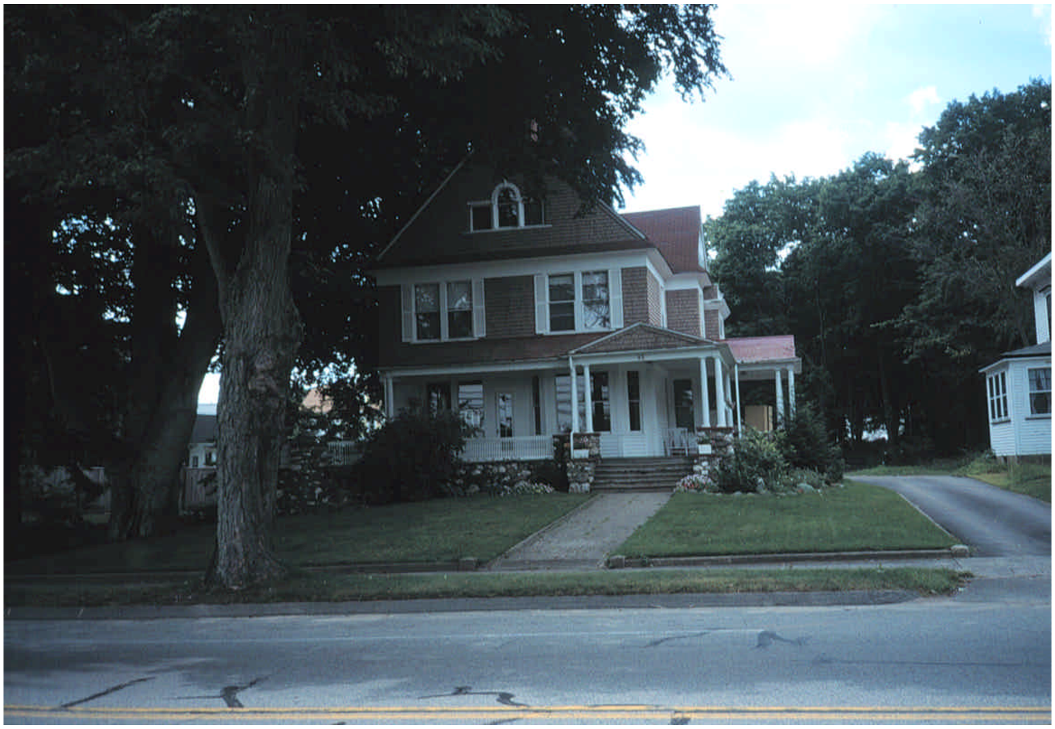
Source: Walter Thompson



1141. J. Augustine Sparrow House

“Standing in front of her once stately home on South Main Street is 63 year old Barbara Washburn Judge. The dilapidated home is in dire need of exterior repair. Mrs. Judge is hoping the home may one day become a homeless shelter for women and children.”

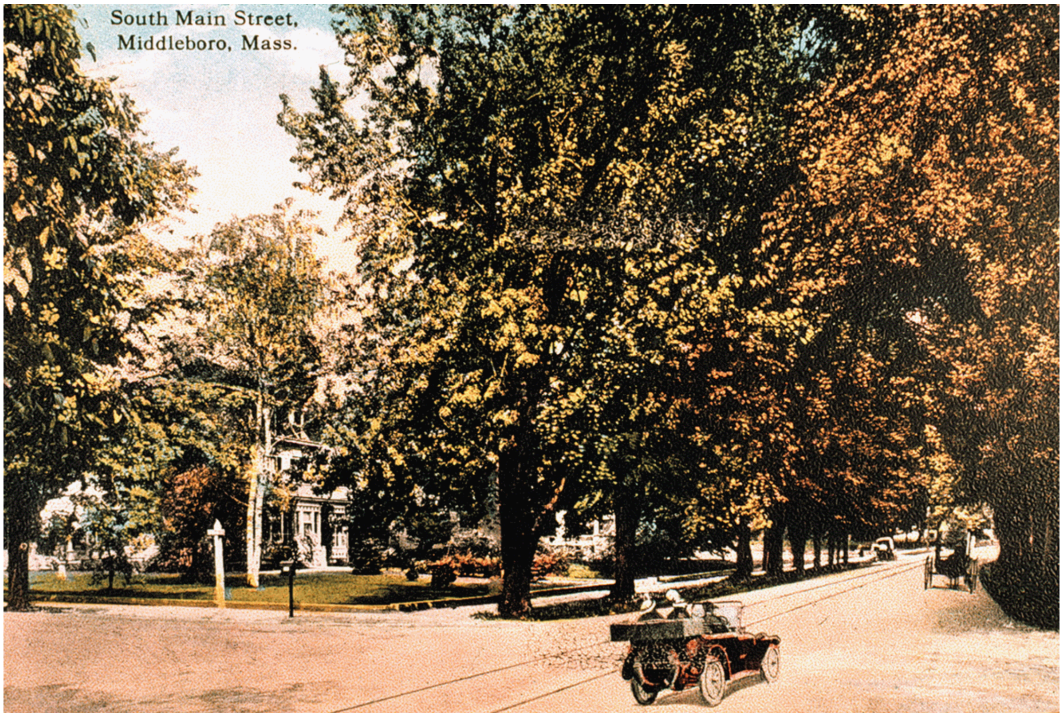
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, June 30, 1988
Michael Mello Quote



1142. J. Augustine Sparrow House

The Sparrow House was built in 1896 on So. Main Street. After many owners it ended up in the hands of Robert Fish. The home was purchased by his daughter Barbara then sold once more to Clinton Ross.

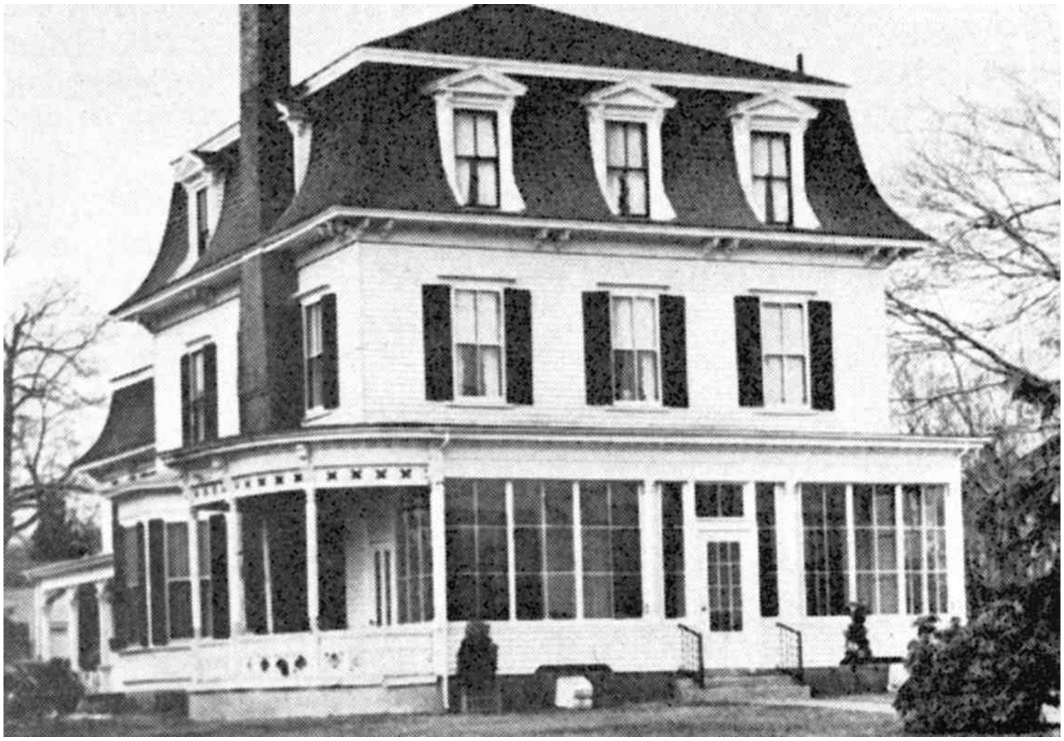
Source: Walter Thompson


South Main Street,
Middleboro, Mass.

1143. South Main Street Intersection

This view shows the Philo Perkins house on the corner of So. Main and Courtland Street. The picture shows progress in action, an early automobile beside the trolley tracks overtaking a horse and wagon.

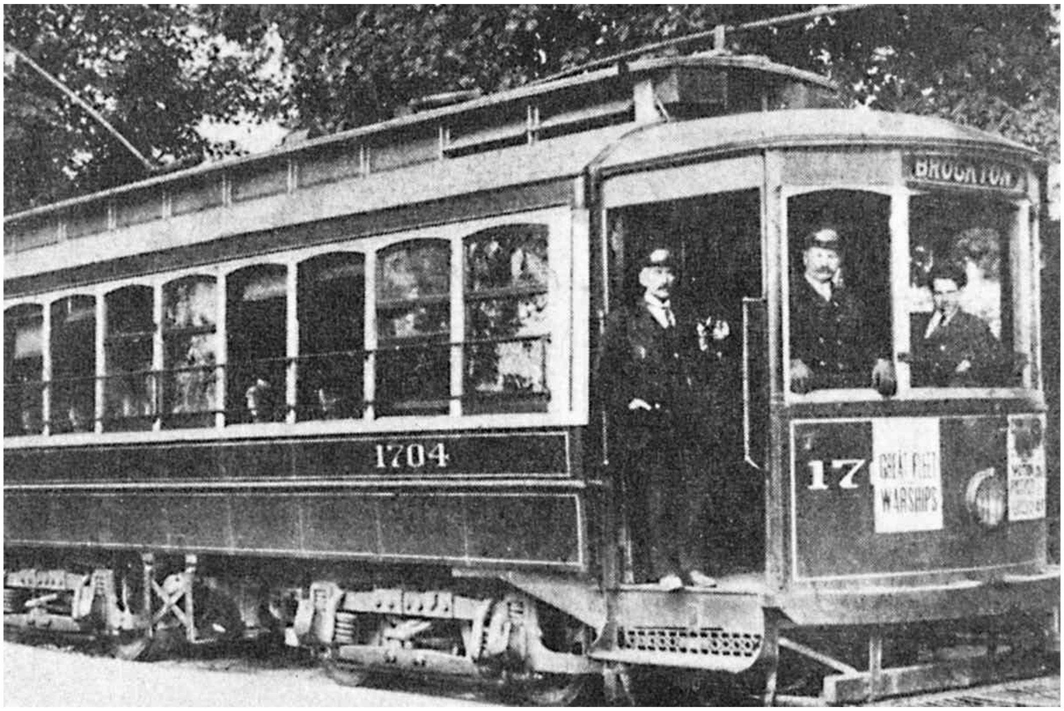
Source: Walter Thompson



1144. Philo Perkins House

Philo Perkins built this house located the corner of So. Main and Courtland Streets about 1860-1870. Pre-1920 William W. Crossley of the Nemasket Woolen Mills lived there with his daughter Caroline and she continued to live there with her husband William D. MacMillan after her father's death. James Pollard purchased the house in 1961.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume VII, April 1965, Number 2, pg. 9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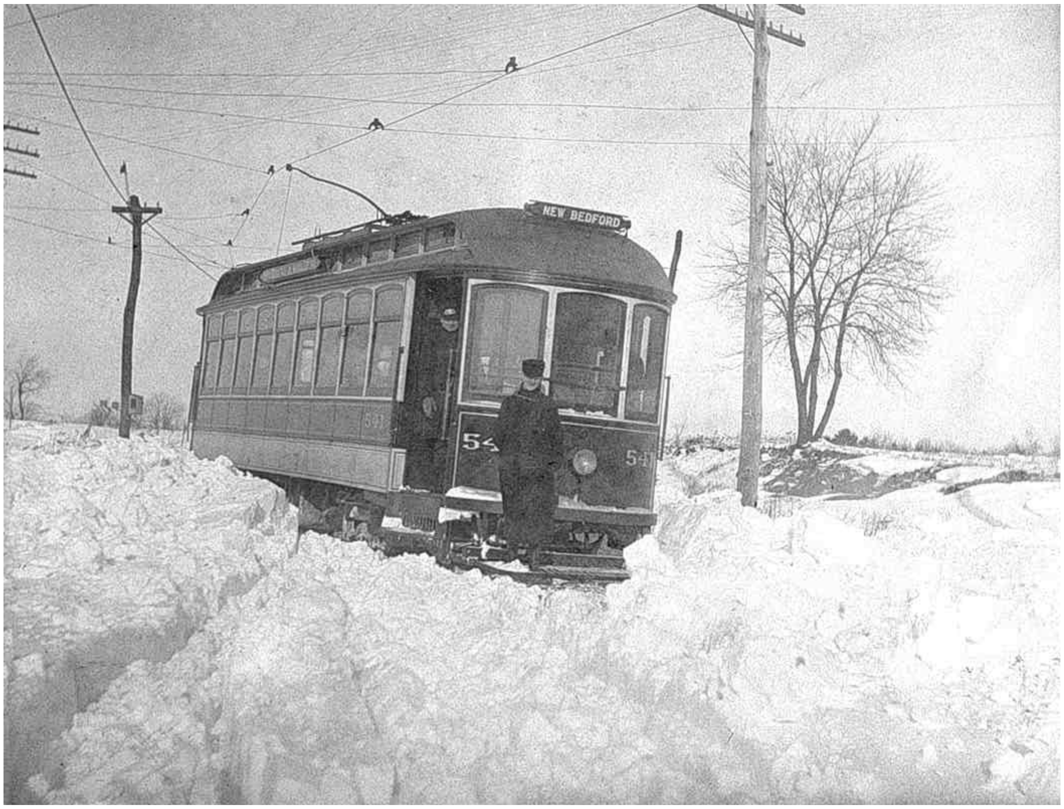
1145. Brockton/Middleborough Trolley

This picture shows a trolley on South Main Street with its crew posing for the camera.

Source: Walter Thompson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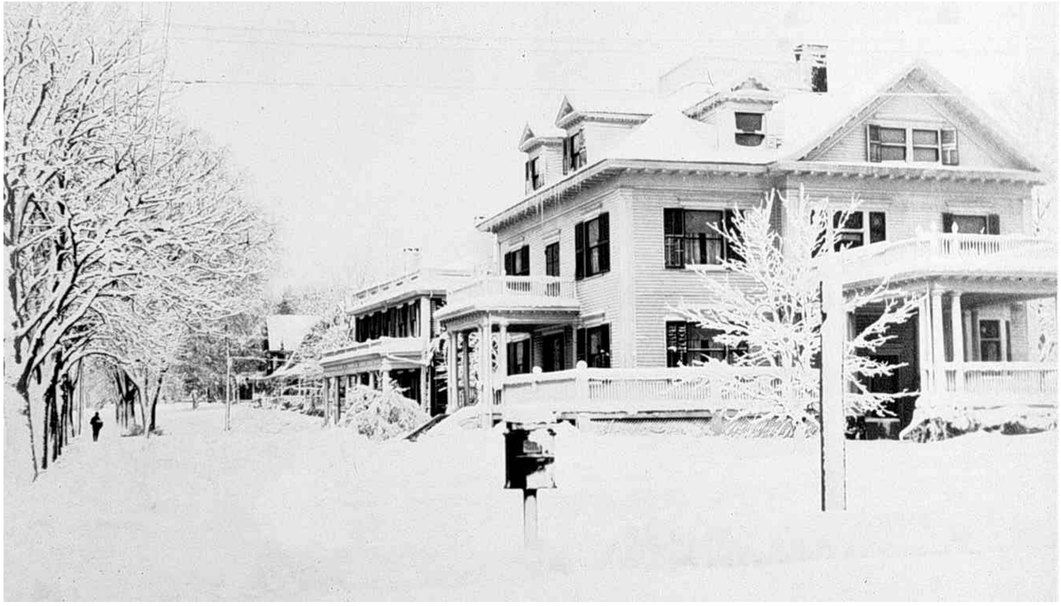
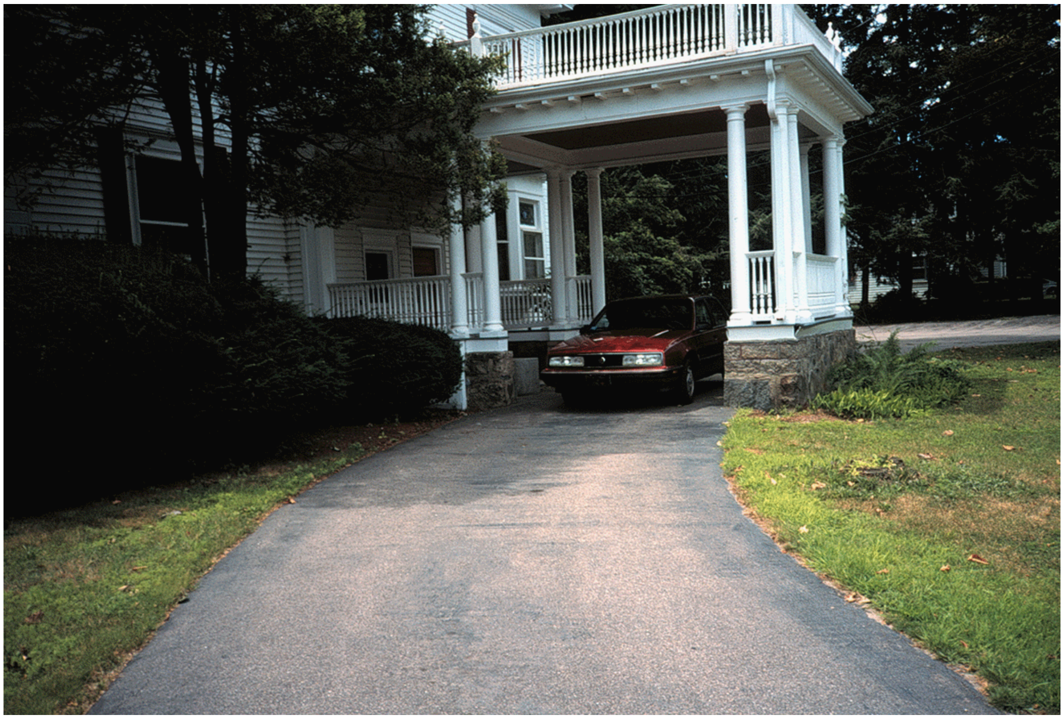
1146. Snowbound Trolley



1147. Henry Sears Home

Henry W. Sears built his family home on the corner of South Main Street and Courtland Street. A local druggist, Leo LaForest lived here in 1948 and he in turn sold it to restauranteur, Eugene Starvish in 1960. Today, the house is a mental health center.

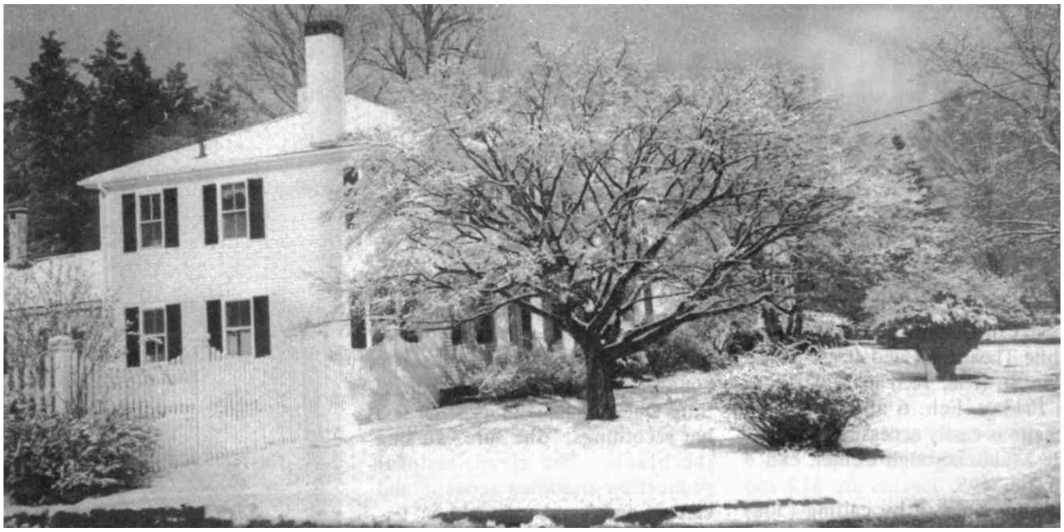
Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 164



1148. Mental Health Center

Henry W. Sears built and owned this house in 1900. Mr. Sears's father owned the Sears Lumber Company.

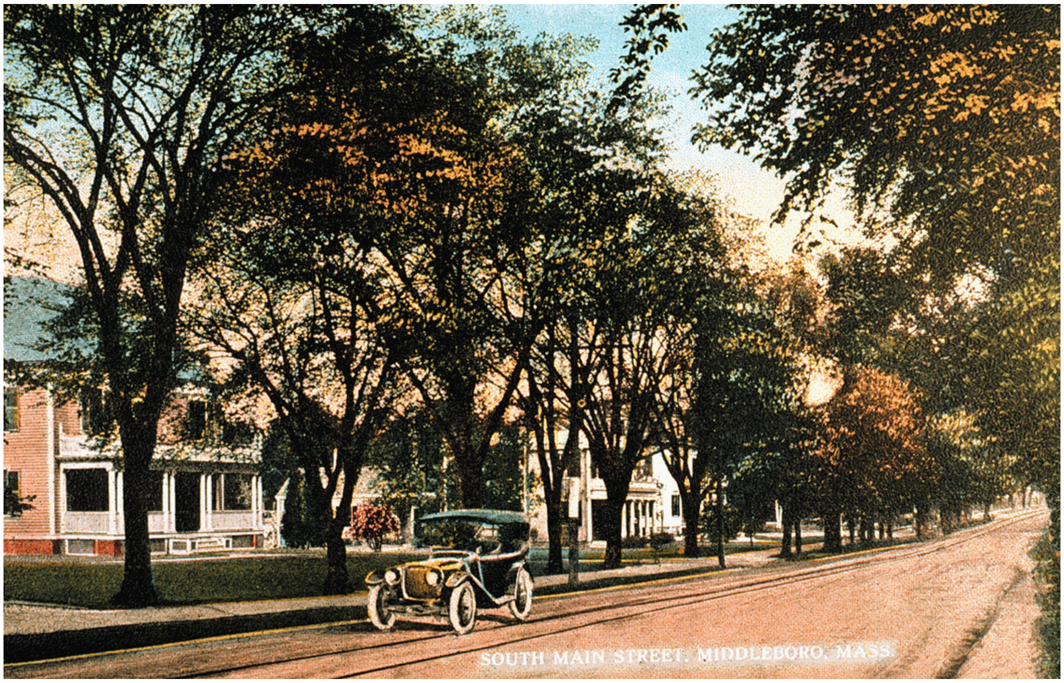
Source: Walter Thompson



1149. Pickens House

This is a case of true love, for this house was originally in Lakeville and moved to South Main Street by Ebeneezer Pickens for his homesick wife, Mary Bourne Thompson.

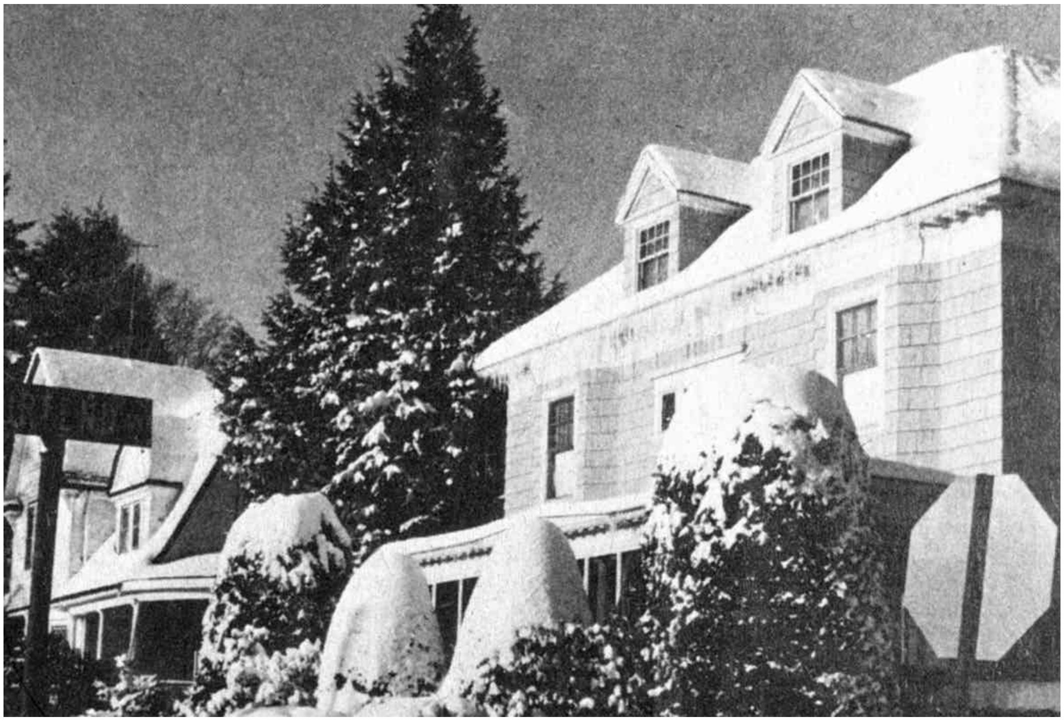
Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough


SOUTH MAIN STREET, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

1150. South Main Street View

This post card shows Fred Whitman’s and Ebeneezer Picken’s houses on the left.

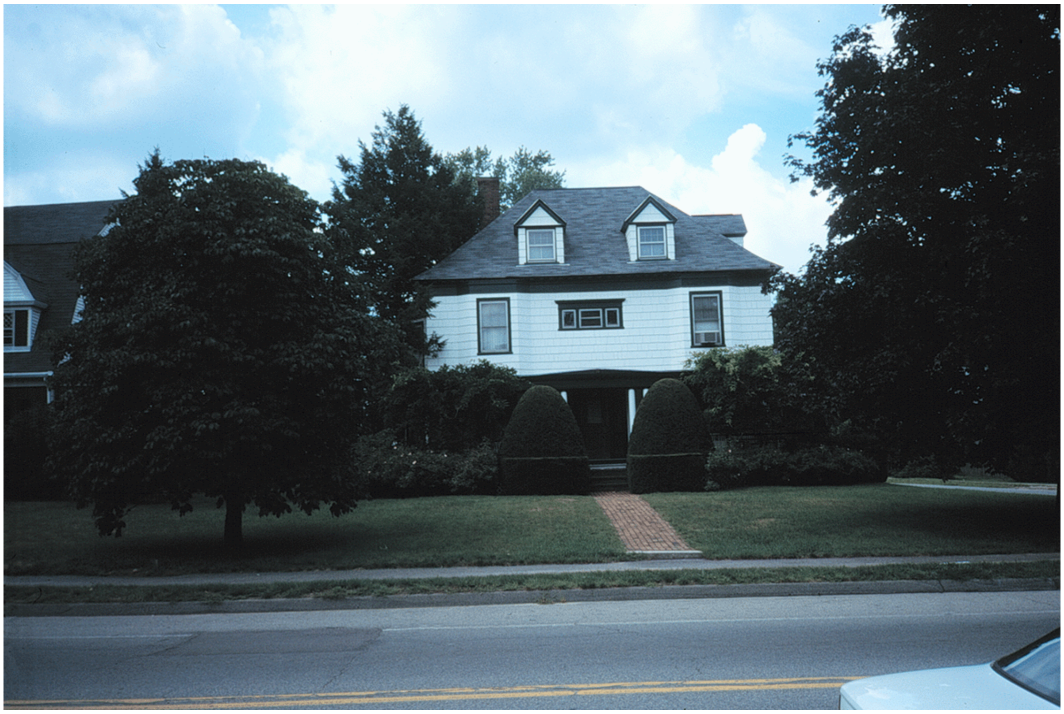
Source: Walter Thompson



1151. Fred N. Whitman

This house was erected in 1899 for Fred N. Whitman, of the Whitman Sparrow Department Store. It was sold in 1917 to Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Wood. He was a local dentist.

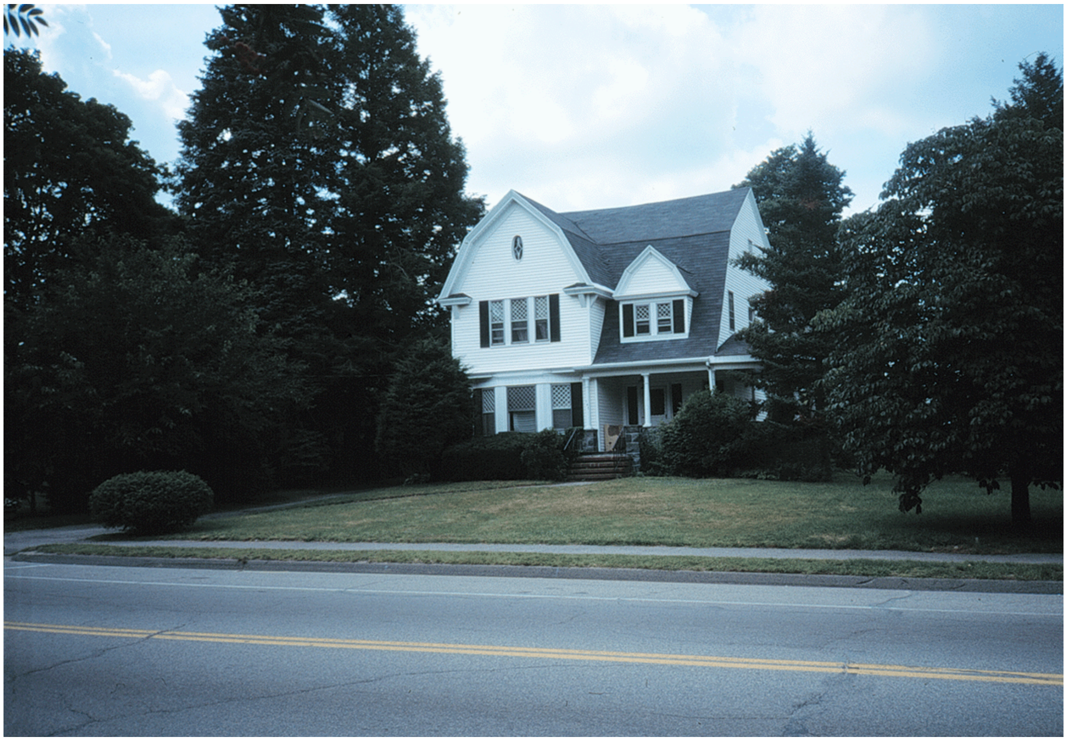
Source: Walter Thompson



1152. Fred N. Whitman Home

This house at 99 South Main Street is the home of Ed and Gloria Braun where they operate a “just roses” business from green houses they built at the rear of the property.

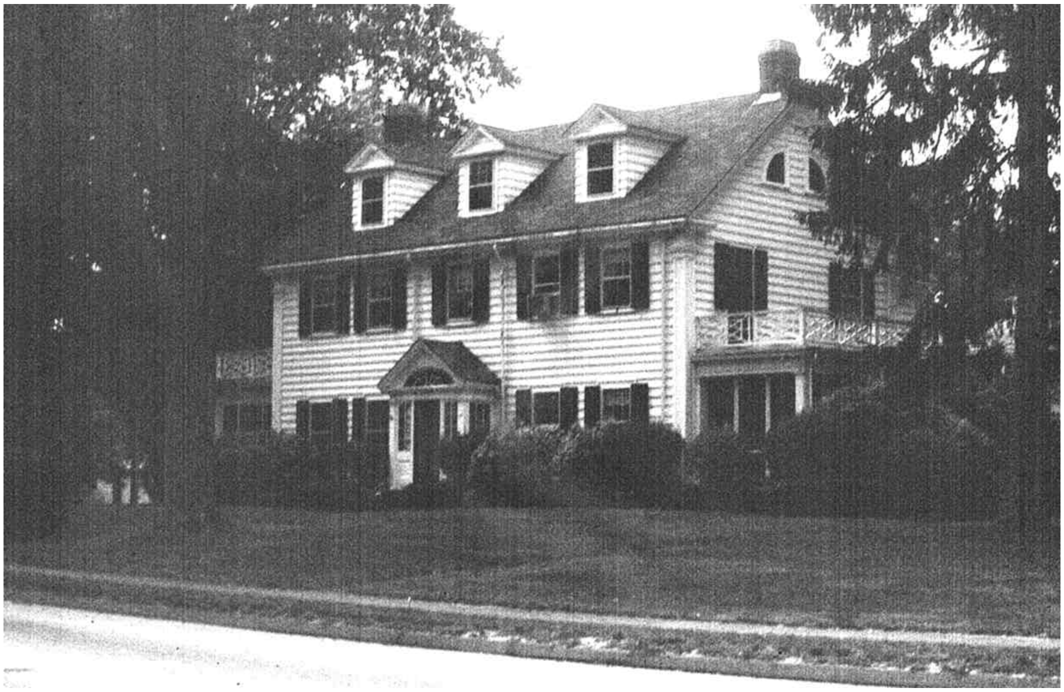
Source: Walter Thompson



1153. The James H. Kennedy Home

Charles A. Wood built this home in 1899 and lived there until 1913. In the mid 1920's, James H. Kennedy, a well known banker acquired the property and lived there until 1961 when the Central Congregational Church purchased it as the parsonage.

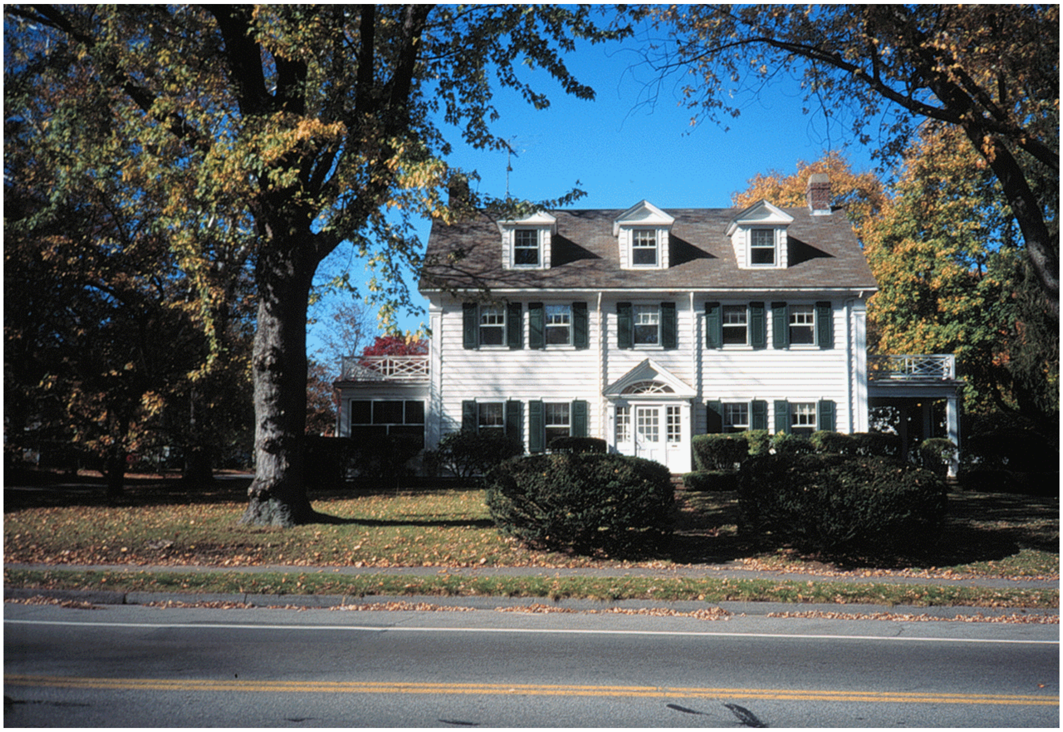
Source: Walter Thompson



1154. “Lynde House”

This house was built on the site of the Bourne mansion. One third of the original mansion still exists on Grove Street, which now stands below street level. Thomas Peirce’s brother Charles lived in the old Bourne house until his demise. Elwyn B. Lynde tore down the mansion in 1916 to build the present home.

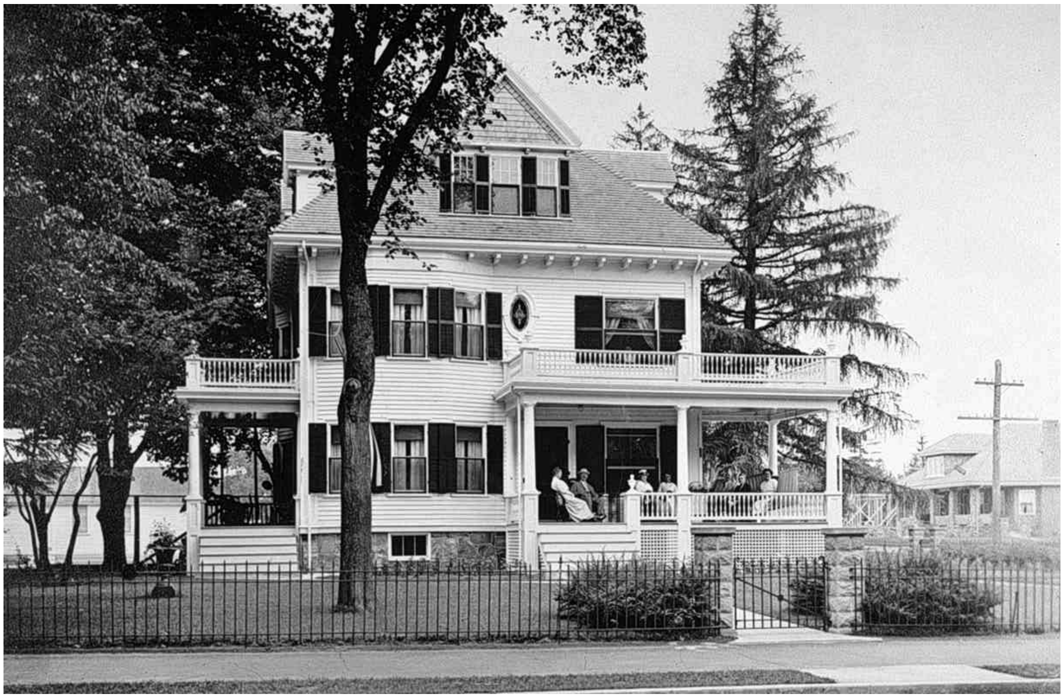
Source: Walter Thompson



1155. “Lynde House”

This beautiful home has been lived in by family members since it was built in 1916 by Elwyn B. Lynde. I waited on Mr. Lynde many times in the First National Grocery Store on the corner of South Main and East Grove Street, his neighborhood grocery.

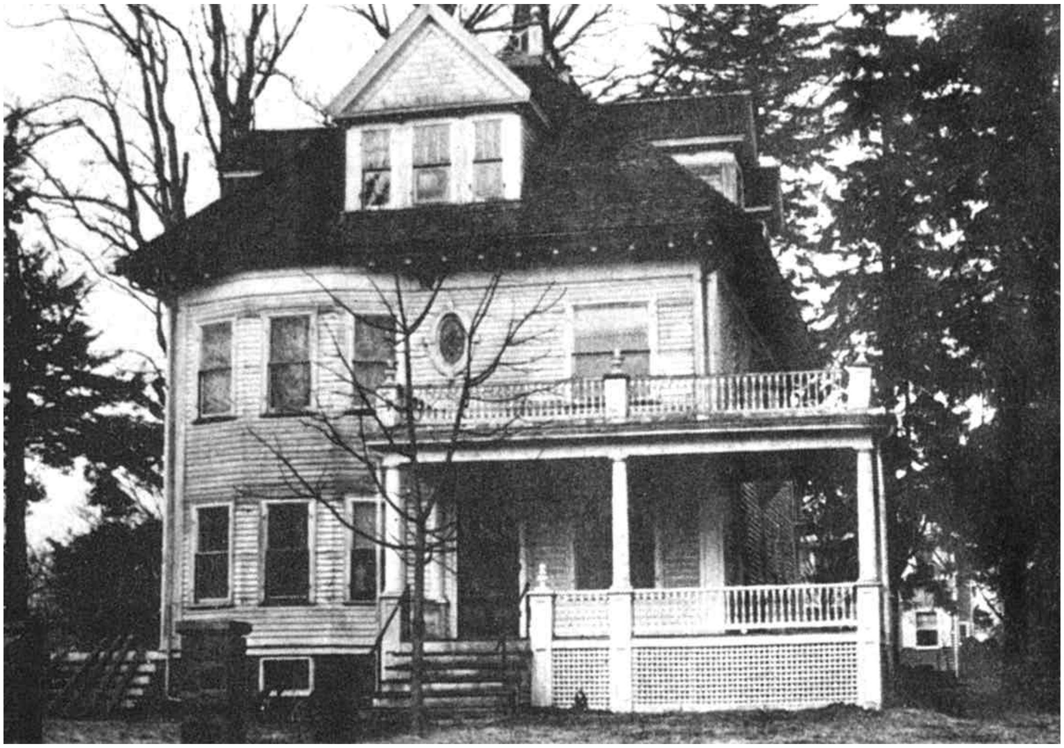
Source: Walter Thompson



1156. J. Augustine Sparrow House

This home was built for J. Augustine Sparrow in 1910. For many years the Ralph McQuade family occupied the home. McQuade owned a men's clothing store on Centre Street.

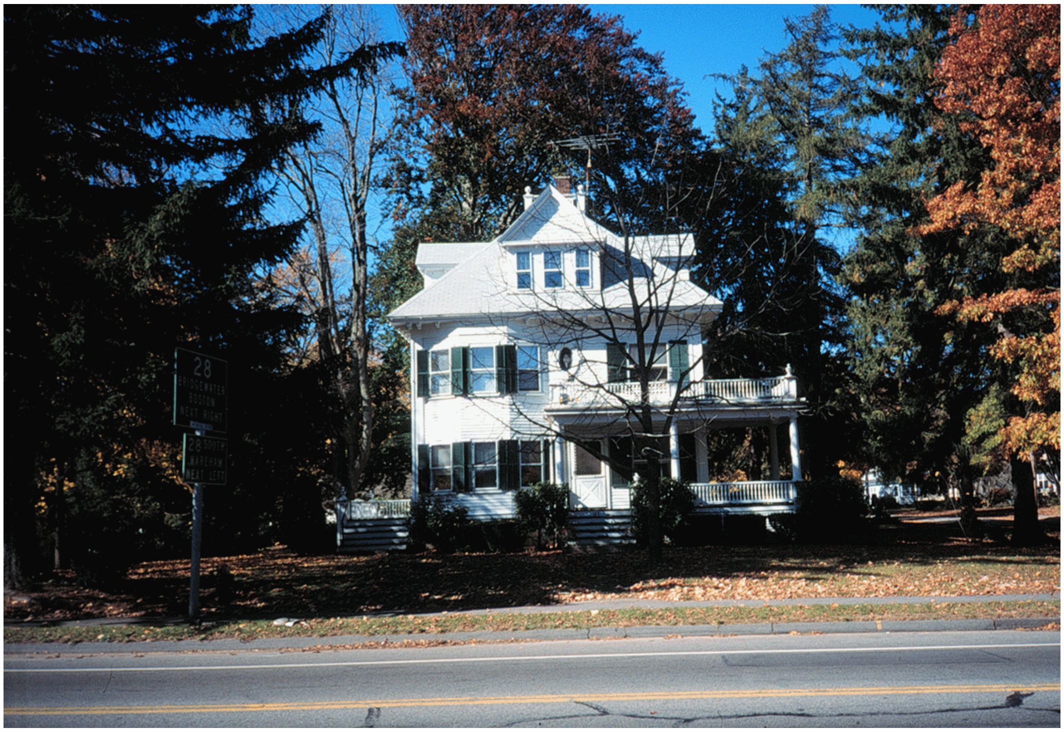
Source: Walter Thompson



1157. J. Augustine Sparrow House

This photo shows how the ravages of time affect a proud old dwelling.

Source: Walter Thompson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WAREHAM
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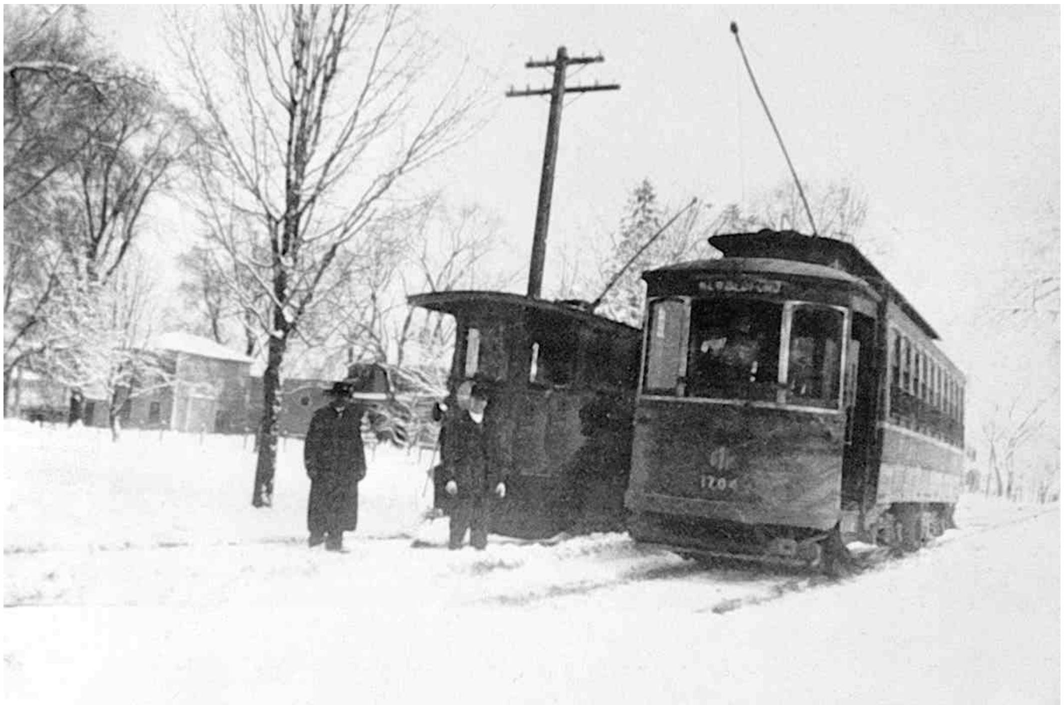
1158. J. Augustine Sparrow House

The old Augustine Sparrow home although it has lost its beautiful wrought iron fence and the roof over its side porch, in 1998 it still presents a stunning picture.

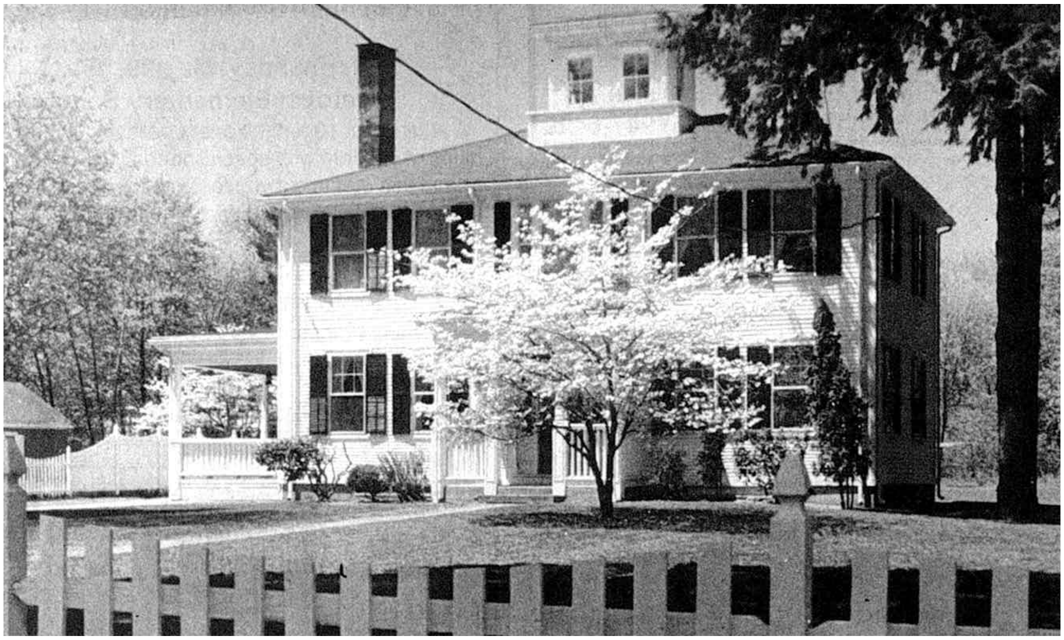
Source: Walter Thompson



1159. Trolley Plow Conference

This is a Bay State Street Railway trolley parked next to a trolley snowplow on the corner of South Main Street and East Grove Street.

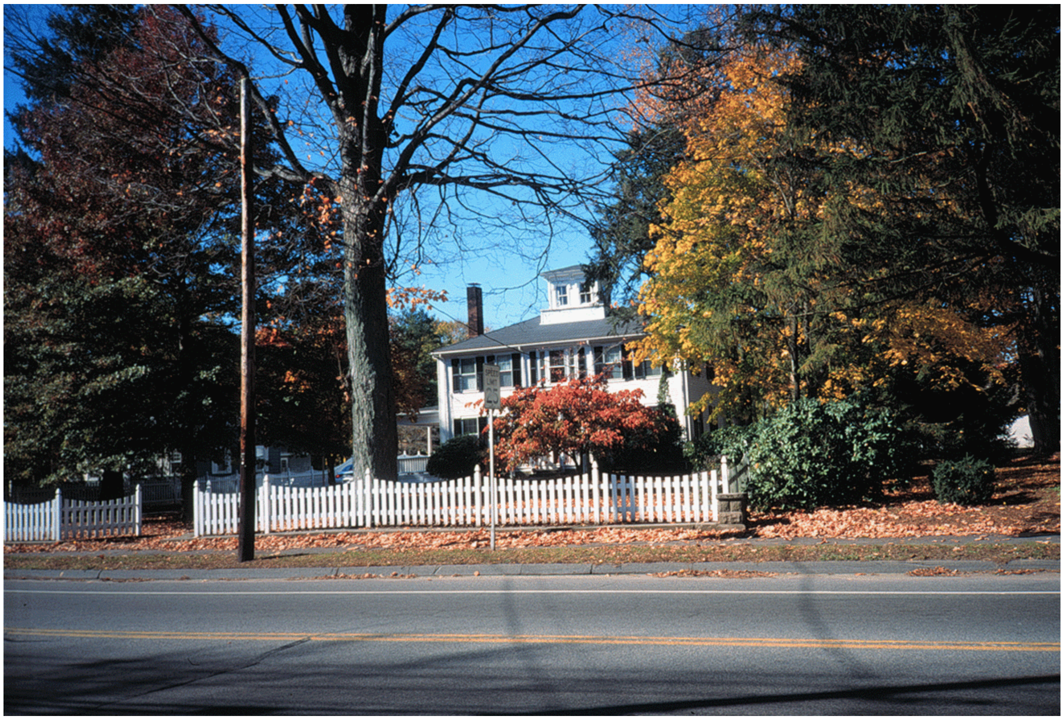
Source: Walter Thompson



1160. The King Estate

This home was built by Dr. Ared Thompson for his daughter when she wed Nathan King. The daughter, a niece of Cephas Thompson, used several rooms as art studios.

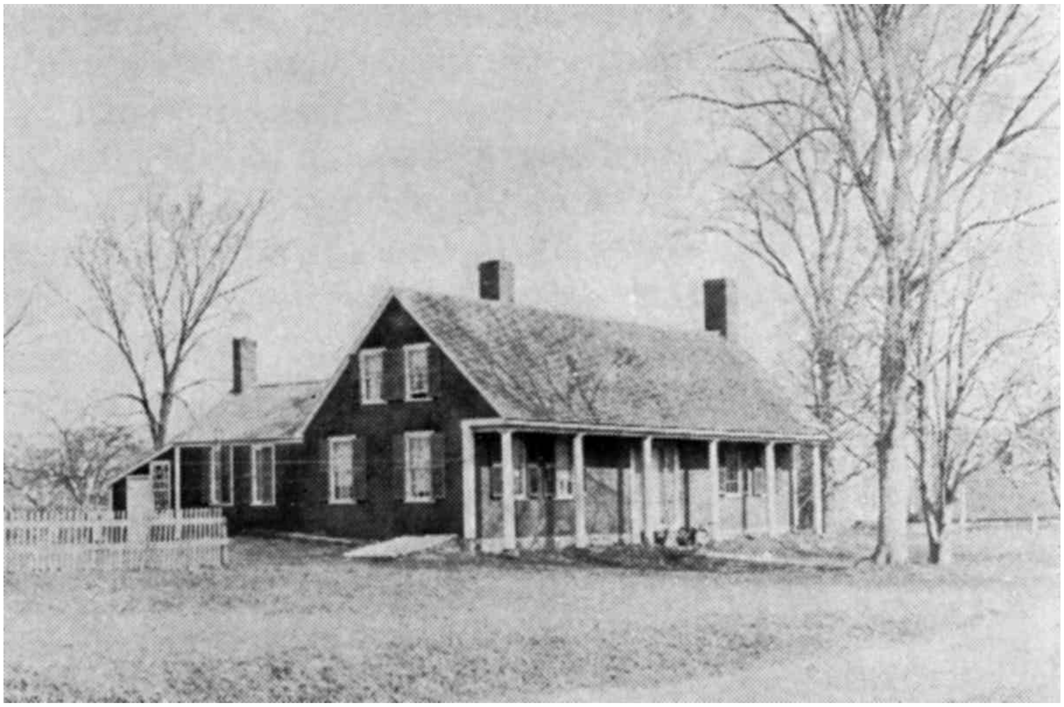
Source: Walter Thompson



1161. The King Estate

Purchased in 1925 by Clarence L. Hathaway, this house was later acquired by John “Tiger” Nichols.

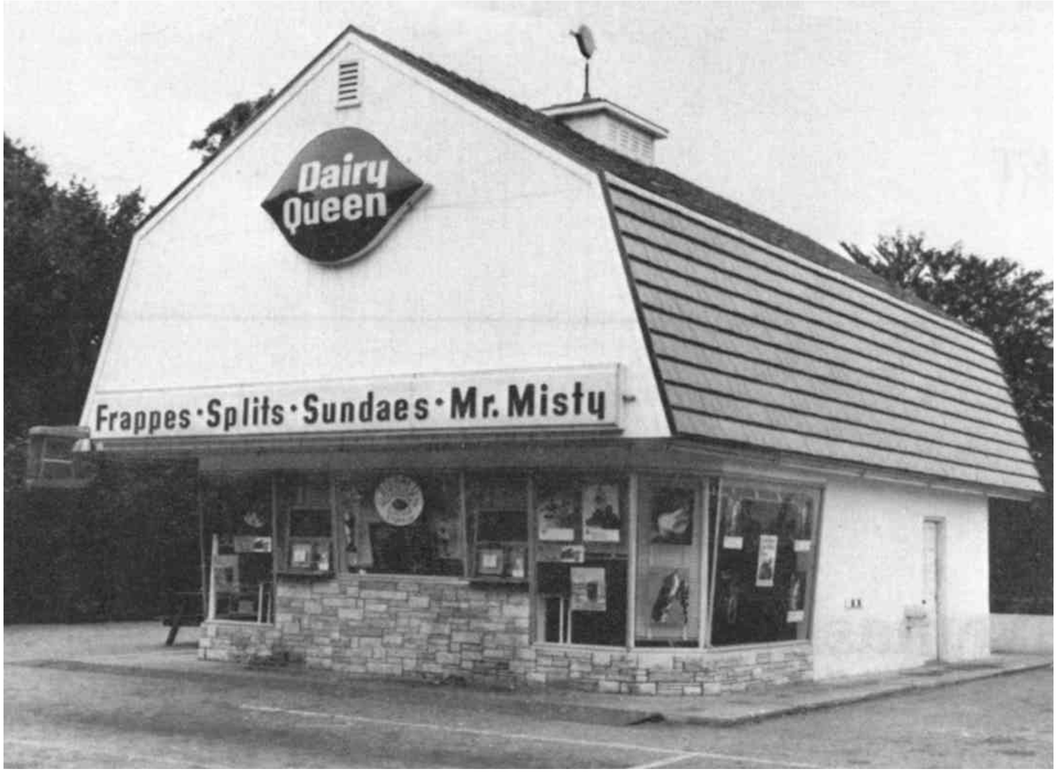
Source: Walter Thompson



1162. Thomas House

Believed to be ancient in 1873 when the old townhouse was dismantled at the corner of West Grove and South Main Streets, it was occupied by the Thomas family for many years. A jeweler, Fayette W. Hayden, bought the house in 1906. Walter E. Alger became the owner in 1912.

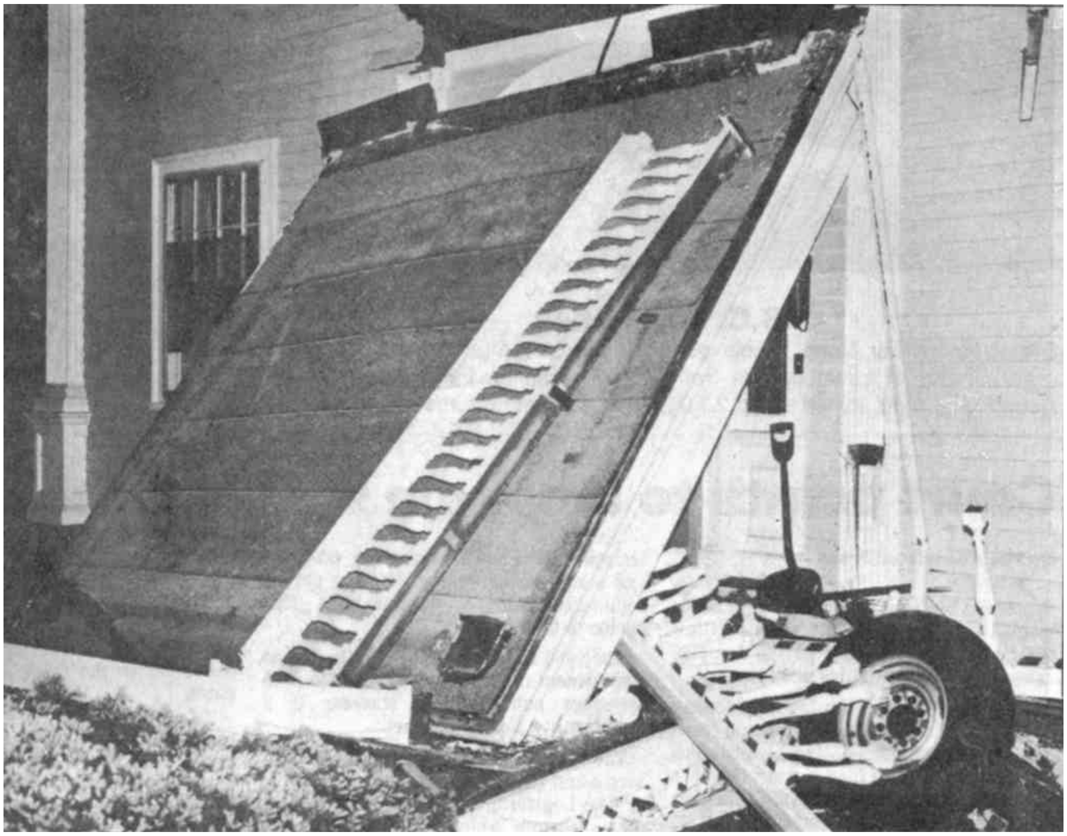
Source: Walter Thompson



1163. Dairy Queen

In the early 1950's Mr. Chamberlain set off some fireworks in the South Main Street area when he purchased the Stetson house lot on the corner of East Grove and South Main Streets, which had been a residential area. He maintained an excellent trade because of the cape traffic on Grove St., Rte. 28. He agreed to sell the lot to First National Stores Inc. with the stipulation that they build a new Dairy Queen for him.

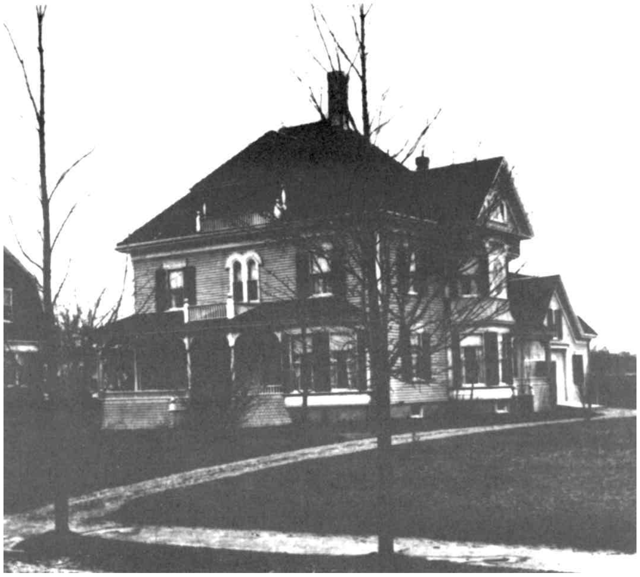
Source: Walter Thompson



1164. Albert Thomas House

This used to be Bill and Susan Sherman’s front porch on East Grove Street in Middleborough before a careening truck demolished it early this morning

Source: The Brockton Enterprise, May 20, 1986
Gil Bliss Quote.



1165. Walter L. Beals Home

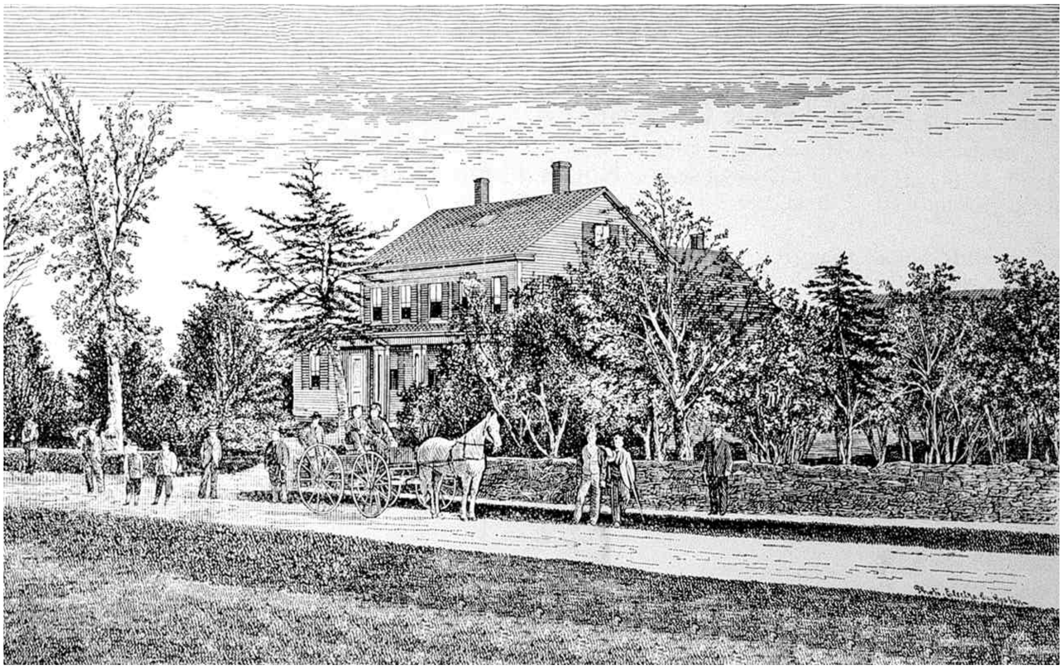
“When my grandparents, Walter and Ella Beals purchased the property at 14 East Grove Street in 1911, one of the primary reasons was because it was a “nice quiet street.” For several years now, this property has been the Green Lawn Nursing Home and many additions and other changes have been made to the house and grounds.”

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXVIII, Number I, pg. 13 Robert M. Beals Quote

1166. Former Greenlawn Nursing Home

The Brockton Coalation for the Homeless is proposing a shelter for homeless families in the former Greenlawn Nursing Home. The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on the coalition petition tonight in the town hall, while the selectmen will meet with residents of the area on February 10.

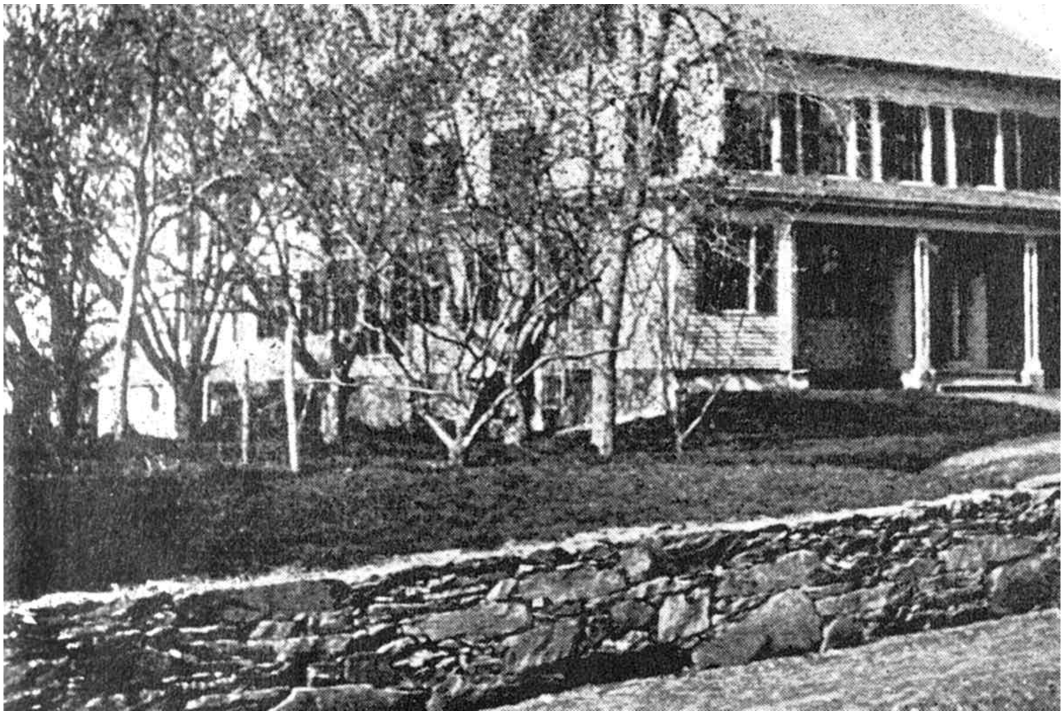
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, February 6, 1997.



1167. Amos Eaton Family School

The school was founded in 1863 by Reverend and Mrs. P.L. Cushing in their home on East Grove Street and continued in that location as long as the school was in existence. The title “Family School” was used because it was intended to accept only a few pupils who would live in the Cushing home receiving their education and at the same item enjoying family living. Before long the number of day pupils exceeded those who came to board with the Cushing family.

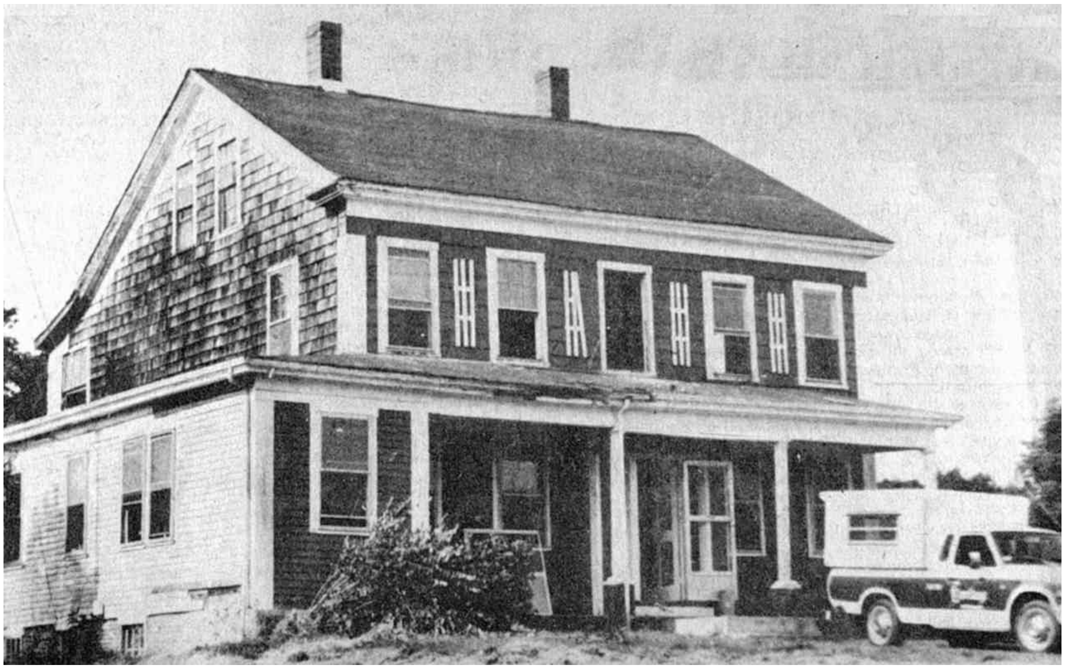
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume VIII, April 1966, Number 2, pg. 1 cover



1168. Amos Eaton Family School

In 1874, Amos H. Eaton came from Norridgewock, Maine, to take over the school having purchased it with his father Reverent Herrick M. Eaton of Westerly Rhode Island. Mr. Eaton with an older brother, Hamlin F. had been conducting a similar school in Norridgewock

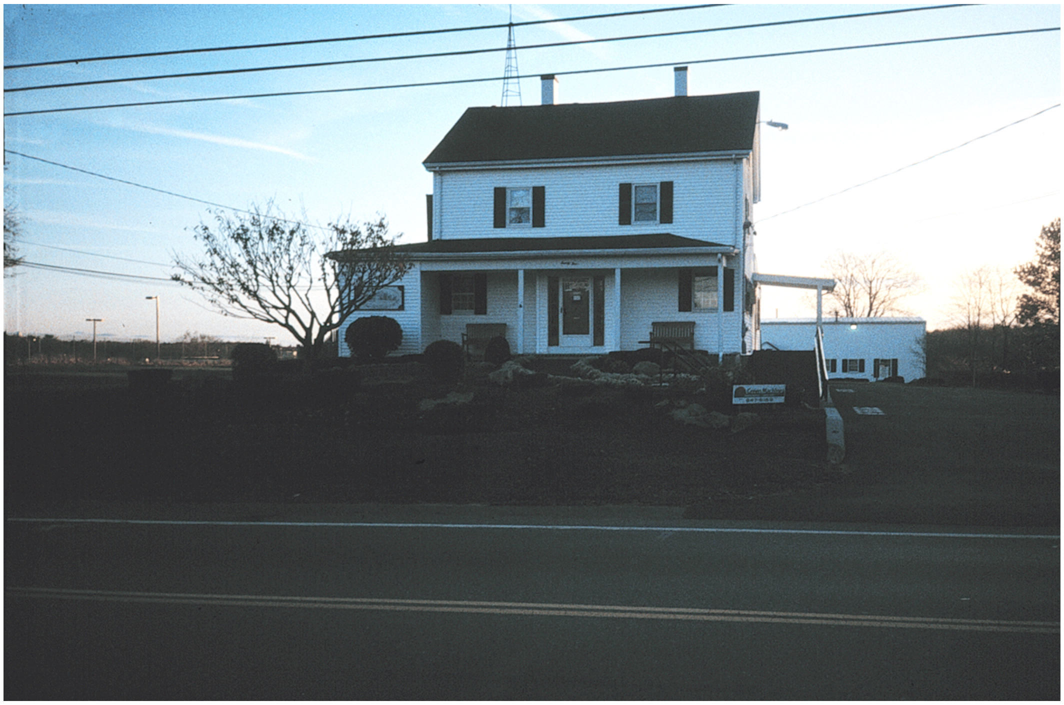
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume VIII, April 1966, Number 2, pg. 1 cover



1169. Amos Eaton Family School Renovation

“New role for historic Eaton School for Boys (1654-97) began last summer, when Heritage Oil company undertook renovation and remodeling of this dwelling place on East Grove Street.”

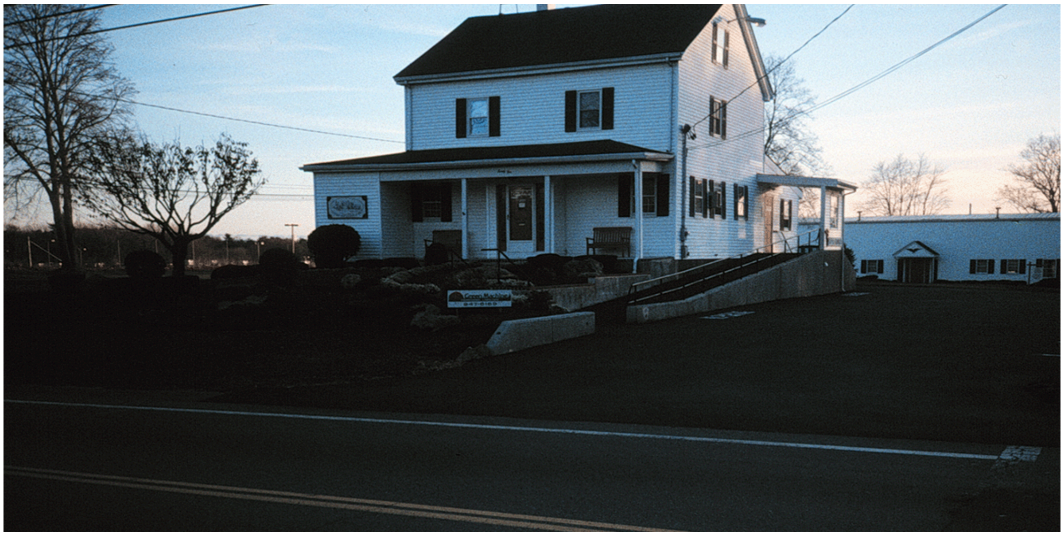
Source: Middleboro Gazette, Dec. 6, 1979
Direct Quote – Clint Clark



1170. Heritage Oil Company

This old Eaton School was spared the wreckers' ball that has demolished many of Middleborough's historic homes. It was renovated by Vic Bernabeo into offices for his Heritage Oil Company with an apartment on the second floor for his mother.

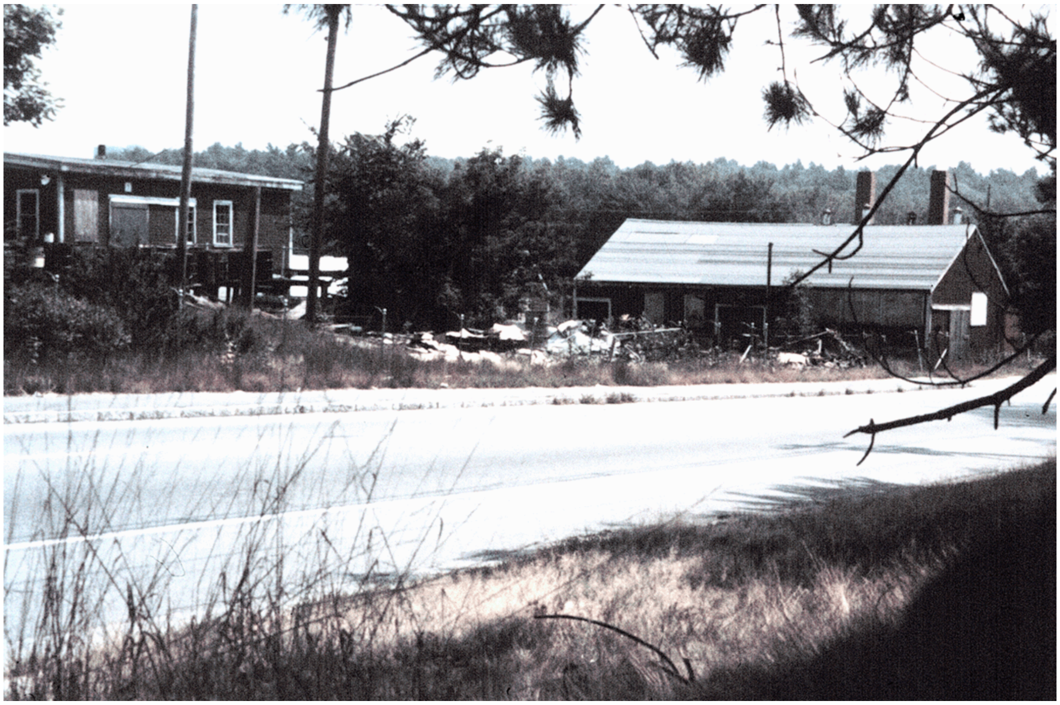
Source: Walter Thompson



1171. Heritage Oil Company

Victor Bernabeo sold this business to another party and it remains the Heritage Oil Company today.

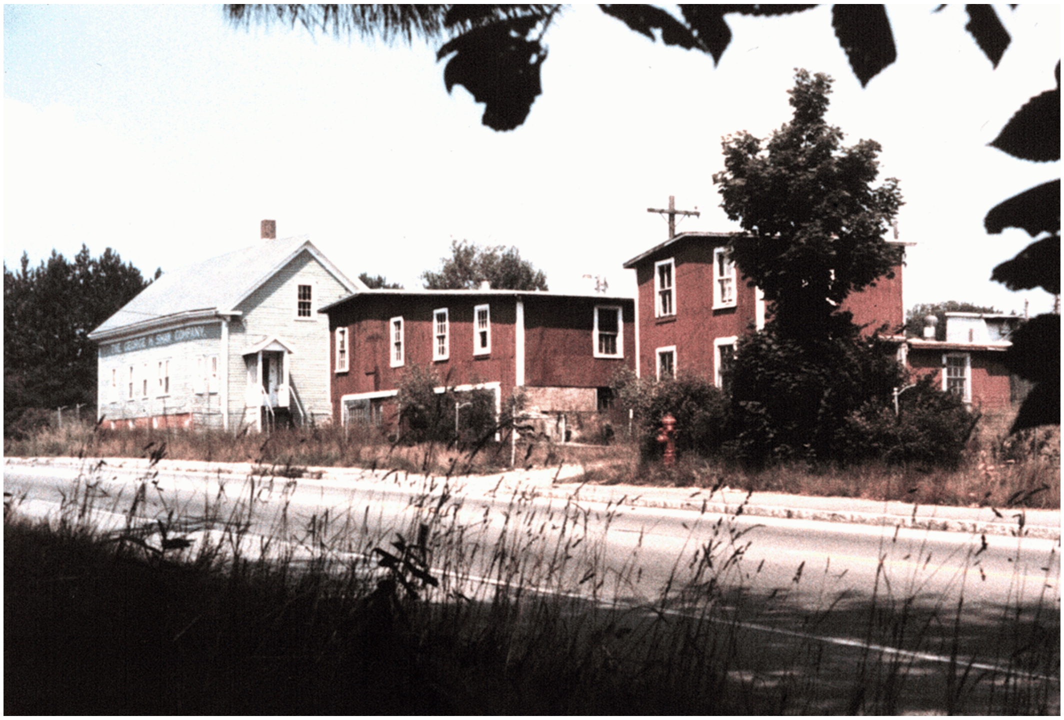
Source: Walter Thompson



1172. Japan Works

George Henry Shaw established the Japan Works in 1856. He was a former painter for the Sparrow and Rogers Company on Wareham Street, which painted houses, signs and carriages. The company was dissolved in 1856.

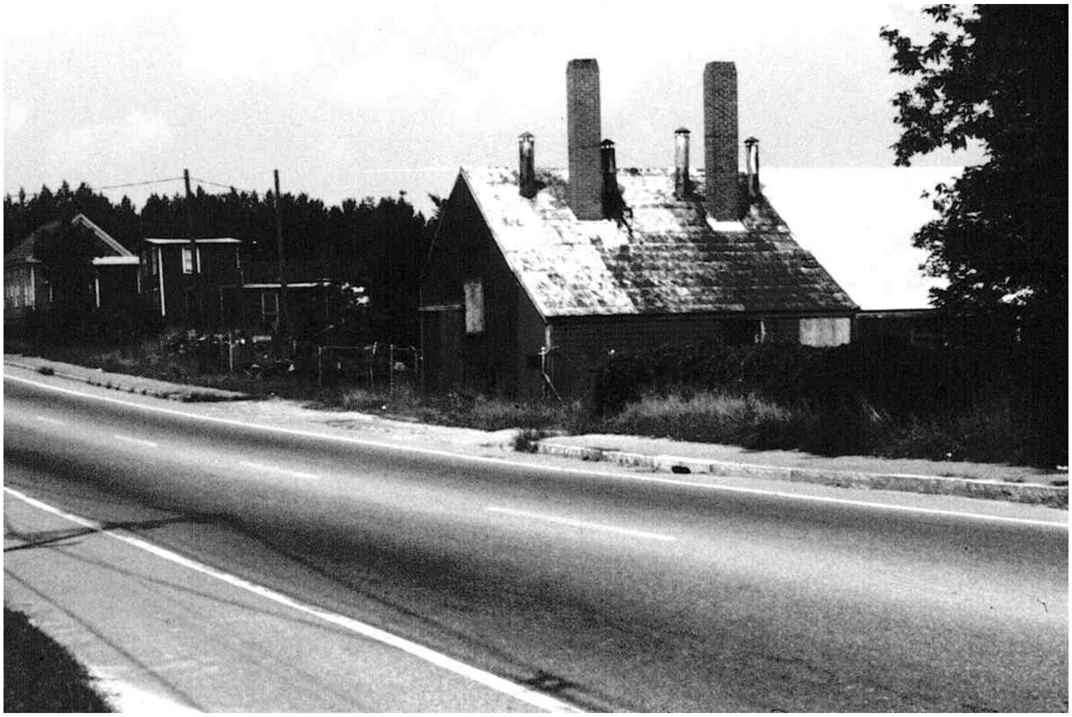
Source: Michael Maddigan "Japan Works"



1173. Japan Works

This shows the green building on the left, which was used as offices. It used to have a sign on the side, which read “The George H. Shaw Varnish Co.” These buildings were painted red originally.

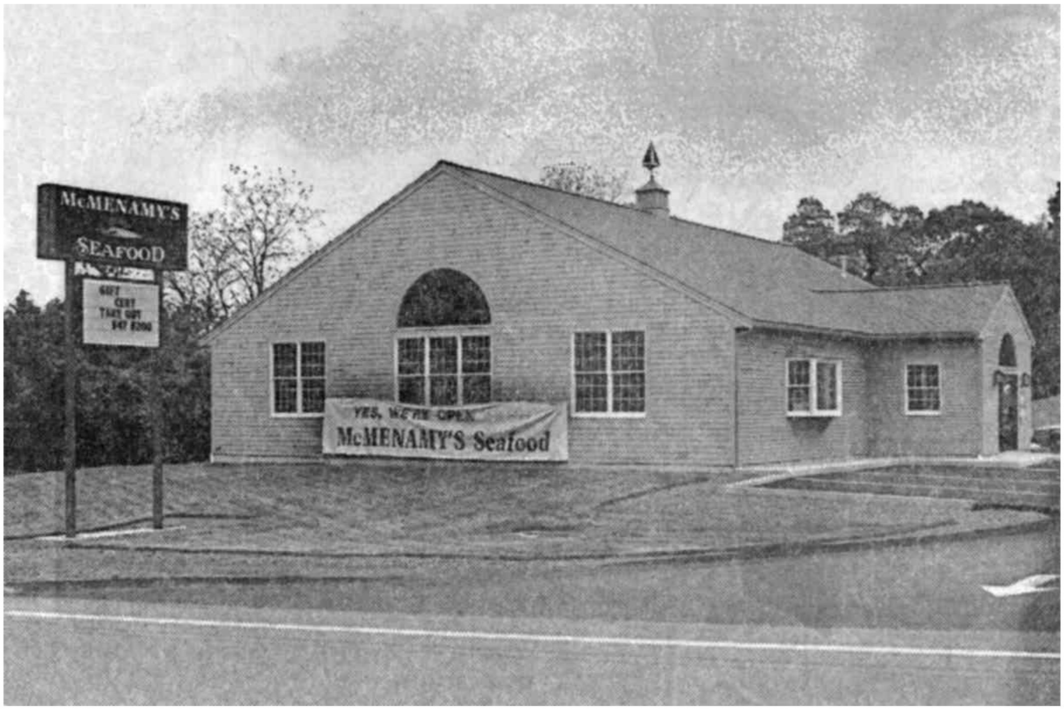
Source: Michael Maddigan “Japan Works”



1174. Japan Works

This picture shows the various buildings used in the solution manufacture and storage buildings for the finished product. It is well remembered by local residents of the stink that could overtake a person when the wind was right

Source: Walter Thompson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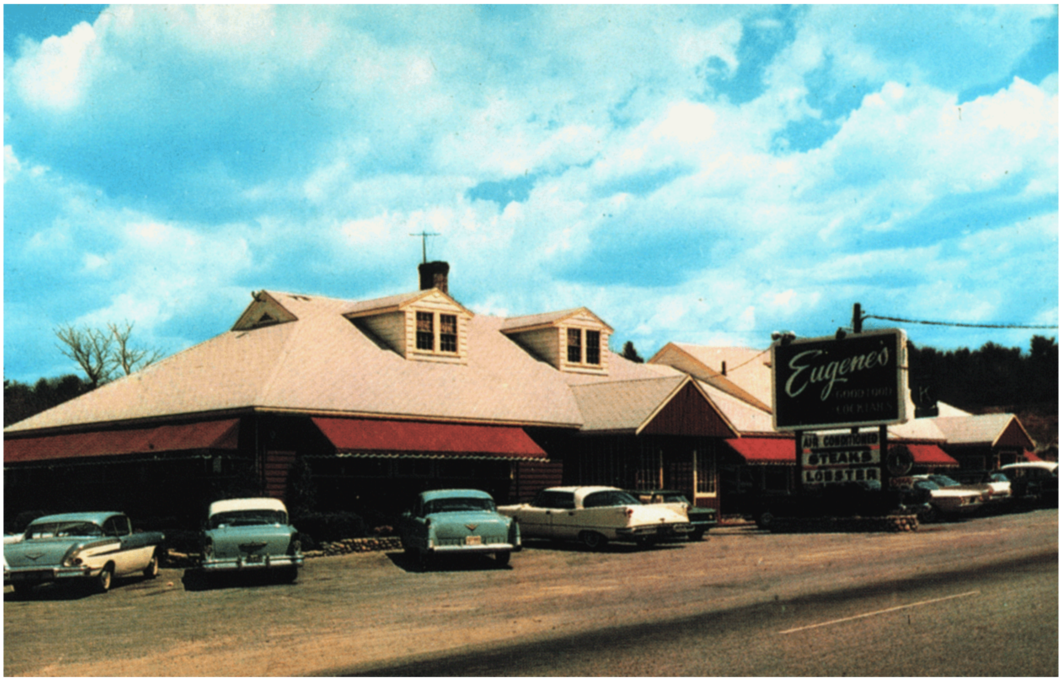
YES, WE'RE OPEN
McMENAMY'S Seafood

1175. McMenamy's Seafood

"The newest McMenamy's Seafood has opened on Route 28 in Middleborough. McMenamy's, founded in Brockton, is celebrating its golden anniversary this year."

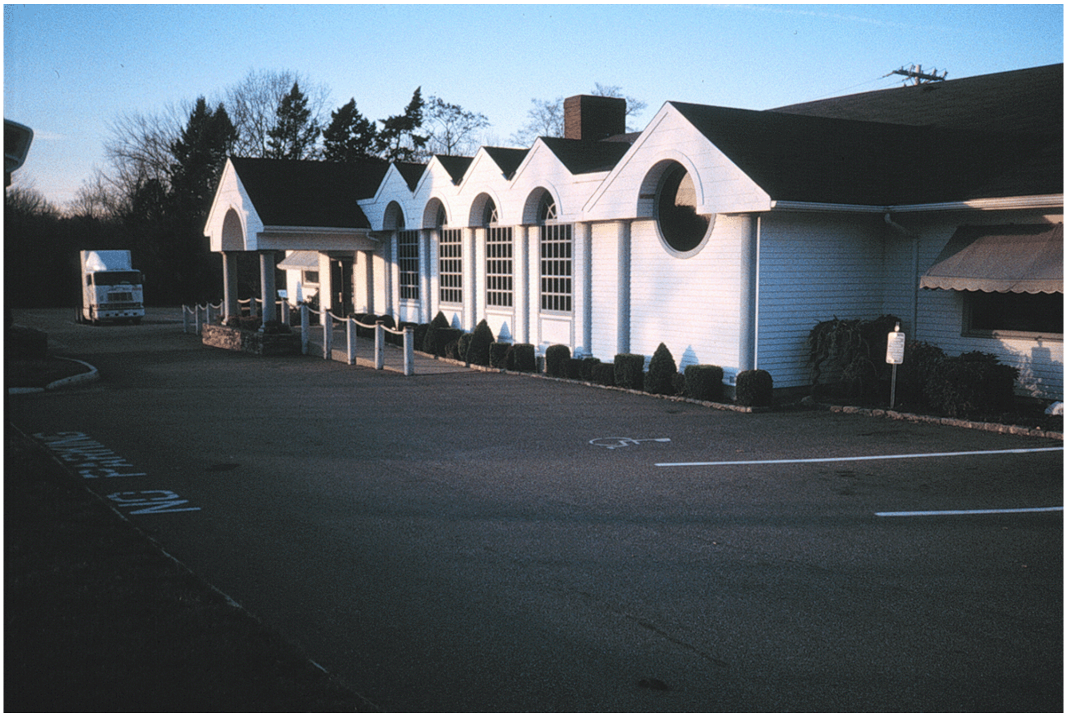
Source: The Brockton Enterprise, Dick Arikian Quote


Eugene's
AIR CONDITIONED
STEAKS
LOBSTER

1176. Eugene's Restaurant

Eugene Starvish opened his restaurant in what has been a restaurant for many years and formerly known as Finn's and the Zombie. This building on East Grove Street when operated by the Finn family had a large crab on the left side roof and lobster on the right, with fins across the front roof.

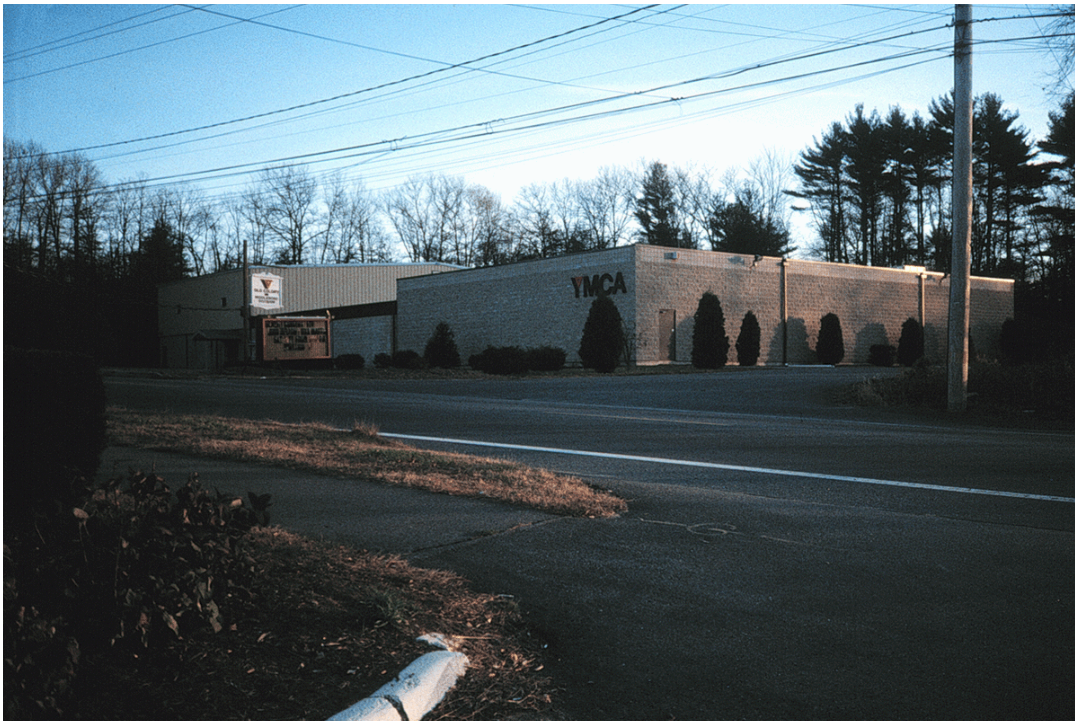
Source: Walter Thompson



1177. Riverside Restaurant

This elaborate facade room was added to the front of the bar lounge a couple of years back on the former Eugene's Restaurant.

Source: Walter Thompson



1178. YMCA

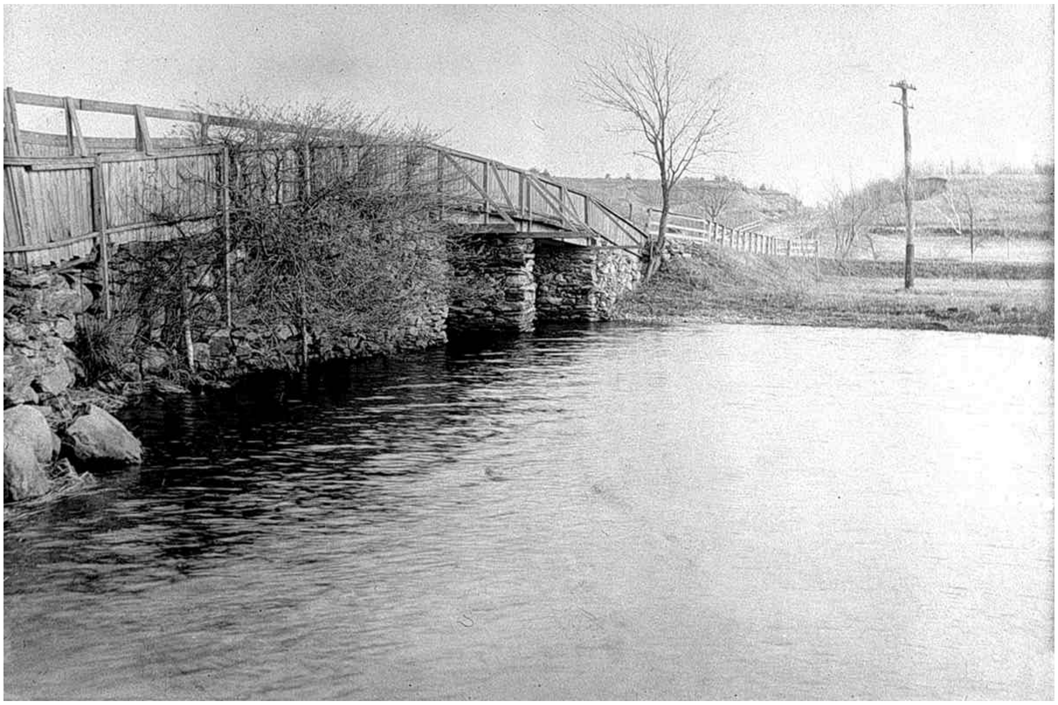
After the closure of the North Main Street YMCA building, the Y programs were run from storefront on Centre Street in the old Thatcher block. A fund drive was held and a search for a new location ensued.

Source: Walter Thompson

1179. YMCA

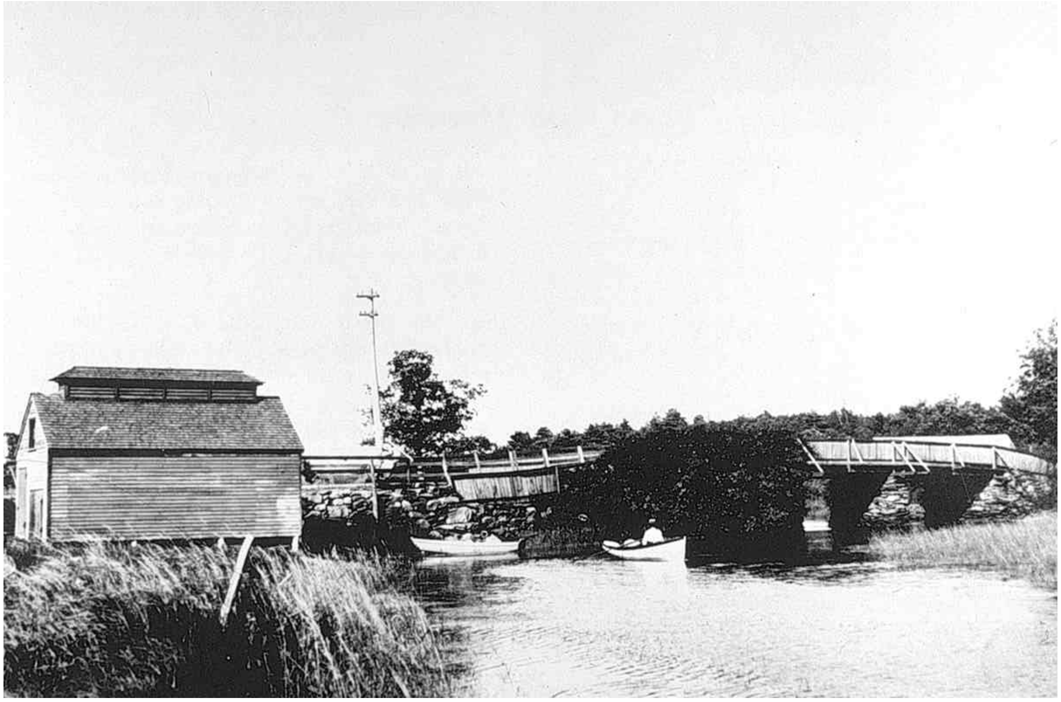
With much anticipation, the new YMCA was built in 1979 on East Grove Street in the old sandpit. Originally the building contained a gym and swimming pool and an exercise room was added. In 1997 work began on a massive earth removal to make way for an addition for expanded daycare and exercise programs as well as playing fields.

Source: Walter Thompson and The Middleboro Gazette



1180. East Grove Street Bridge

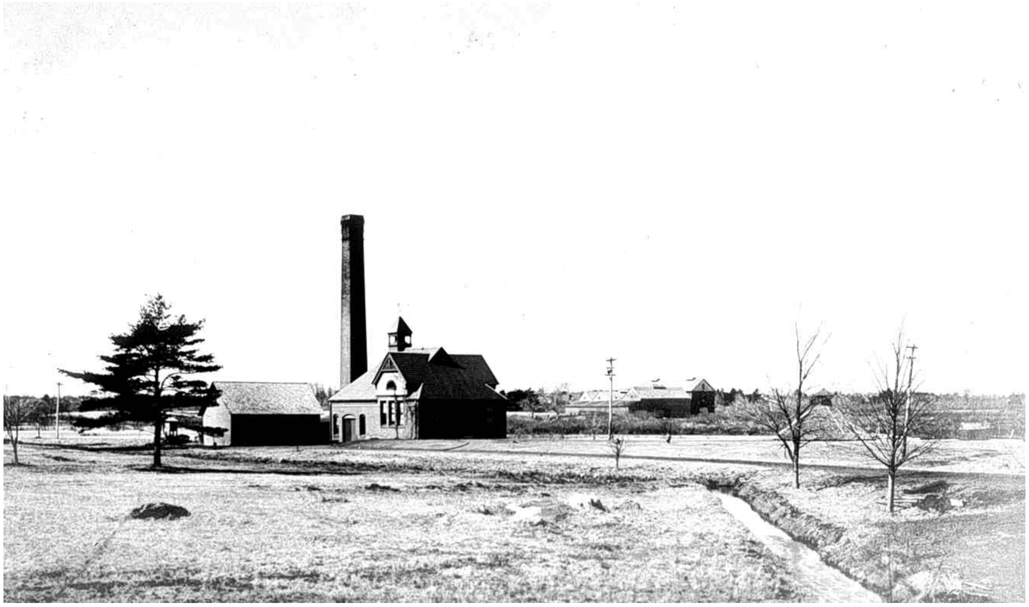
This is an early view of the East Grove Street Bridge over the Nemasket River. This particular section was much enjoyed by boating enthusiasts. There was a boathouse and docks across the river from the town well and pumping station.



1181. Nemasket River at the East Grove Street Bridge

“In the early 1900’s, Nemasket River was widely used for recreation and the boathouses, (there were two) were filled with boats. The river was so populated by craft it was difficult to find a spot for a mooring. The boathouses here were so constructed that a canoe could be paddled directly inside with a platform on each wall on which to disembark. The canoe was then lifted from the water and stored on one of the racks attached to the interior wall. From 1905 to 1918 traffic on the river was brisk. It was a one-hour canoe trip from the East Grove Street Bridge to the mouth of the river at Lake Assawampsett. The Middleboro Gazette of June 10, 1907 published the following item: “Nemasket River is becoming unusually popular. This year powerboat, rowboats and canoes have been added to the fleet in large numbers and each night the river is well filled with pleasure parties.”

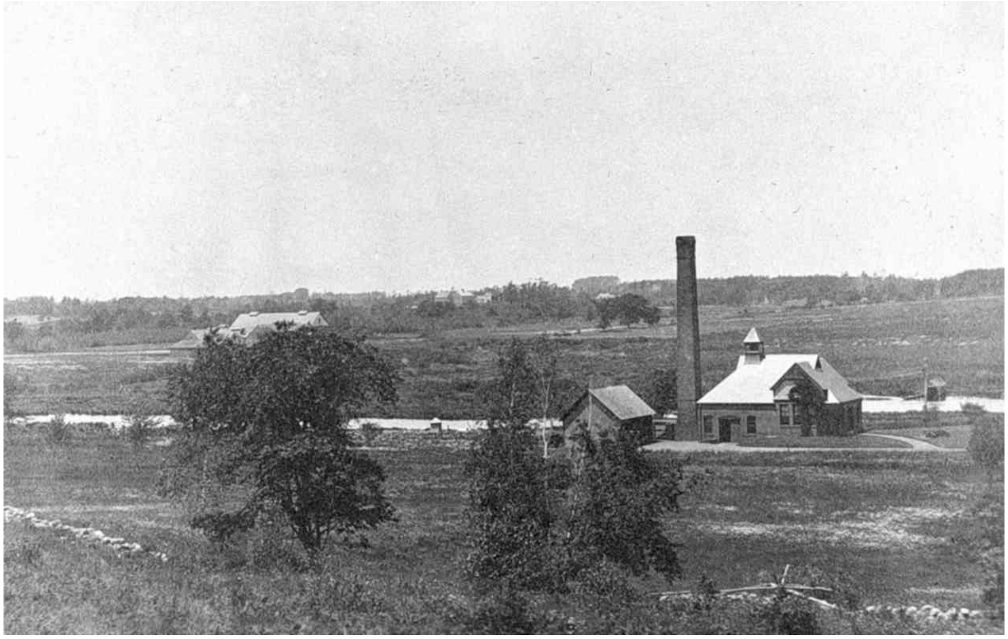
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XIX, July 1979, Number 4, pg. 1 cover



1182. Pumping Station

A very early photo of the town’s water pumping station located on East Grove Street on the shore of the Nemasket River.

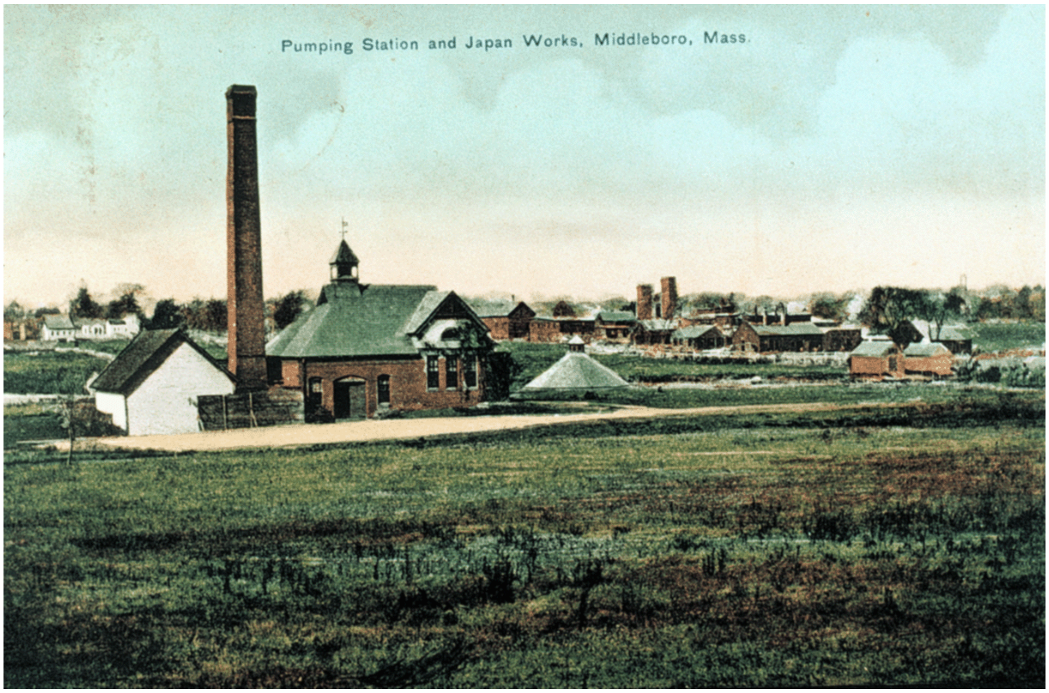
Source: Walter Thompson



1183. Pumping Station

This photo was taken of the town’s pumping station and includes the predecessor of the Japan Varnish works across the street.

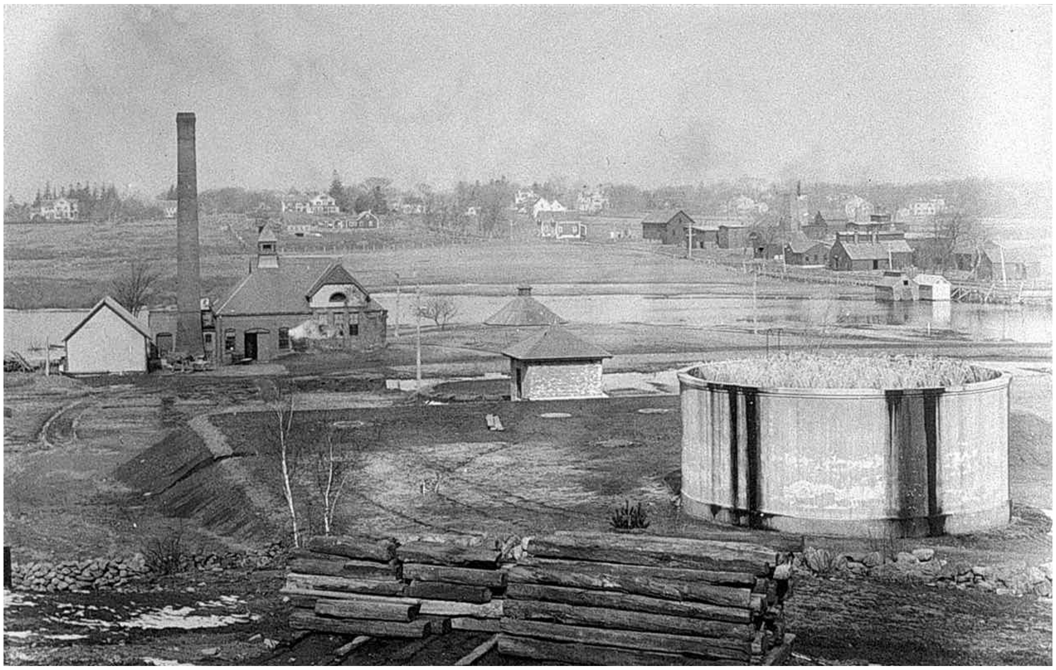
Source: Walter Thompson


Pumping Station and Japan Works, Middleboro, Mass.

1184. Pumping Station and Japan Works

Visible in the center of this photo is the cone shaped spring-fed well, built in 1885. The town's water supply pumping station on East Grove Street is the brick building, and across the street can be seen the many buildings of the Japan works.

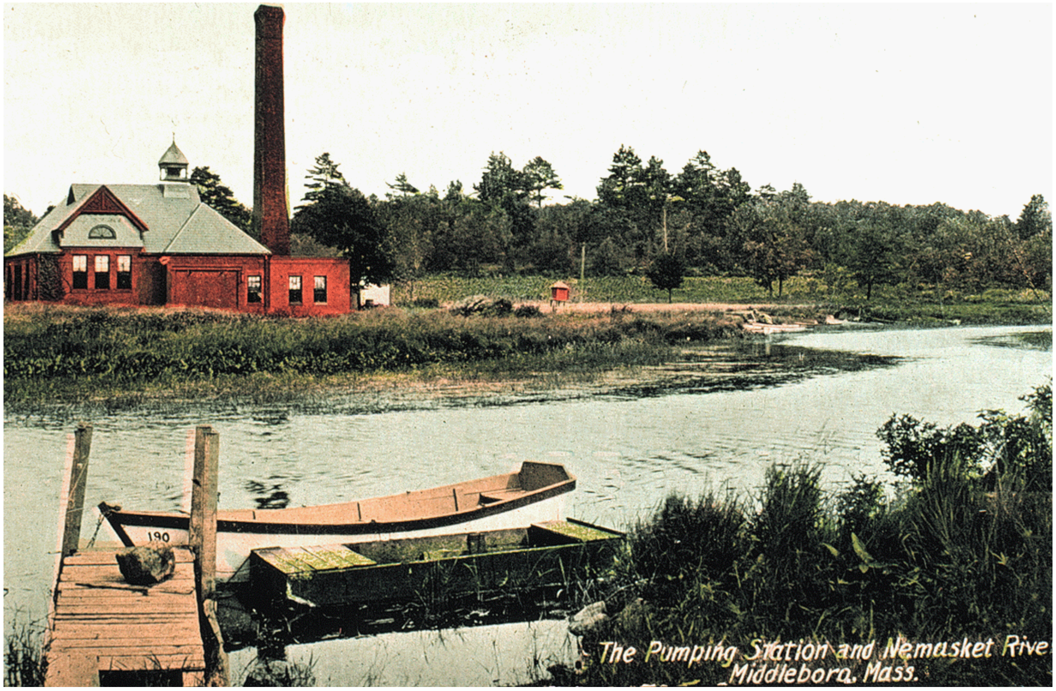
Source: Walter Thompson



1185. Water Filter Tank

The tank is the coke filter system designed to remove iron and manganese from the town’s water supply. Still in daily use, the system built in 1913 removed 85% of the impurities.

Source: Dick Tinkham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The Pumping Station and Nemasket Rive
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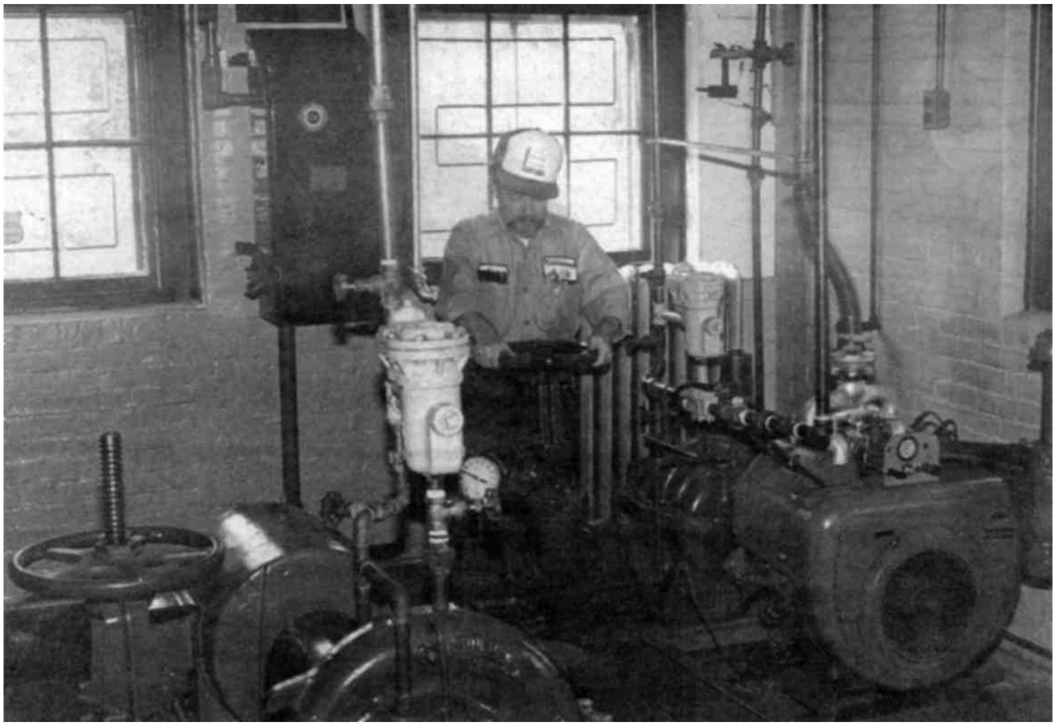
1186. The Pumping Station, Showing Boat Dock

This early photo shows the dock near the boathouse where two boats are moored and the town of Middleborough pumping station across the river.

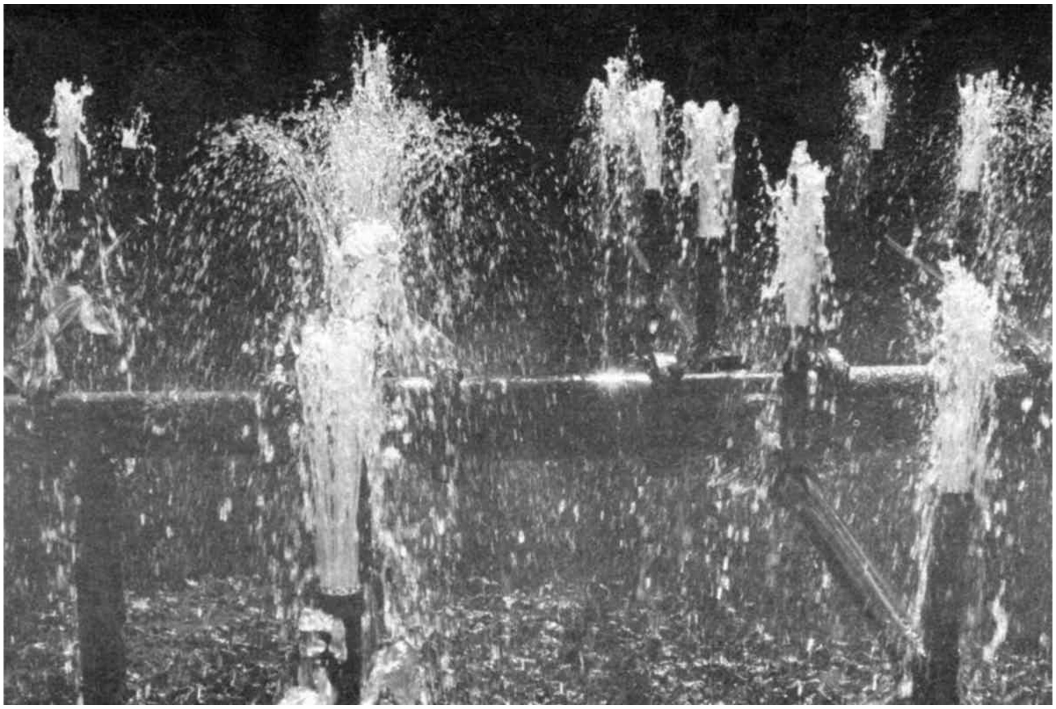
Source: Walter Thompson



1187. Middleborough Pumping Station

“Dick Tinkham, Chief Operator for the Middleborough Water Department checks the pumping equipment at the Grove Street pumping station, built in 1885 and still operating with some turn of the century equipment.”

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, Reflections, September 25, 1986, pg. 22



1188. Pumping Station Water Aerators

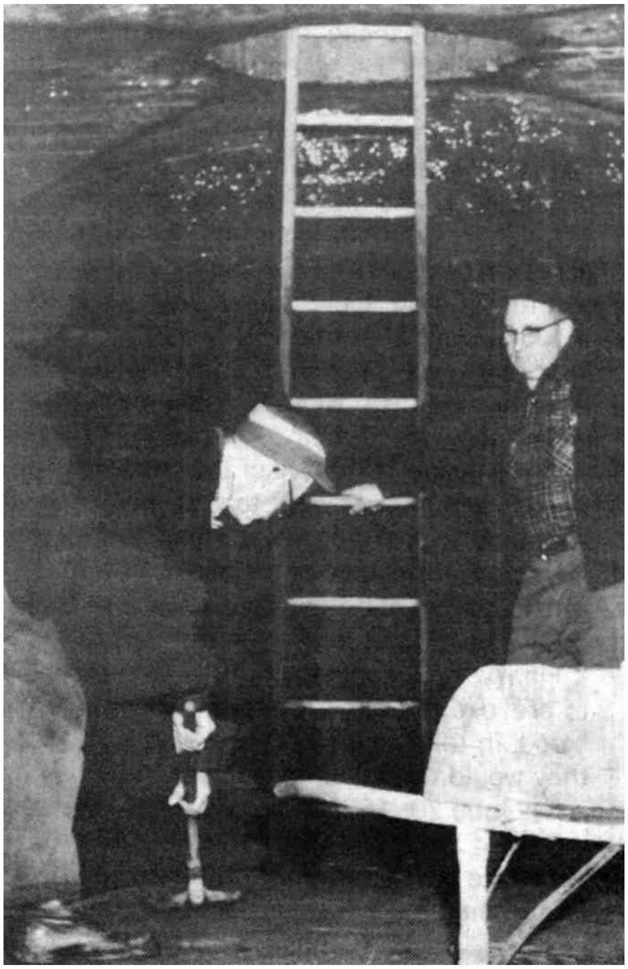
"While modern day engineers wrestle with treatment systems designed to remove iron and manganese from public water supplies, water is still treated at the Grove Street pumping station the old fashioned way. Water from the well-dug in 1885 is forced through aerators that expose the water to the air and oxidize the iron and manganese."

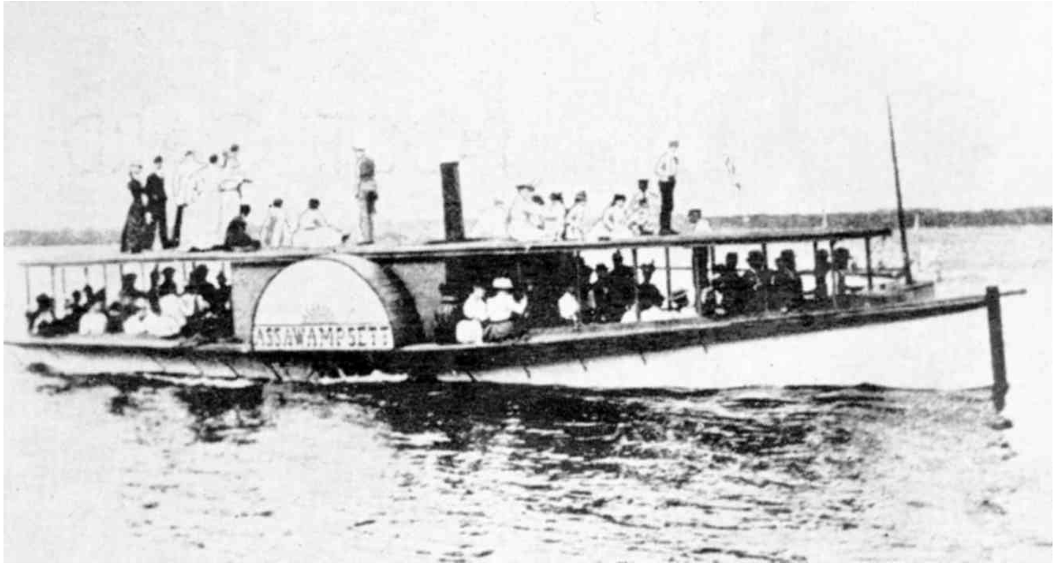
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, Reflections, September 25, 1986, pg. 24
Dick Tinkham Quote.

1189. Pumping Station Filter Beds

Cleaning the filter beds at the Grove Street pumping station are Lloyd Banks, Chief Engineer after Ralph Sampson's retirement and an unidentified Water Department employee.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, Reflections, September 25, 1986, pg. 22

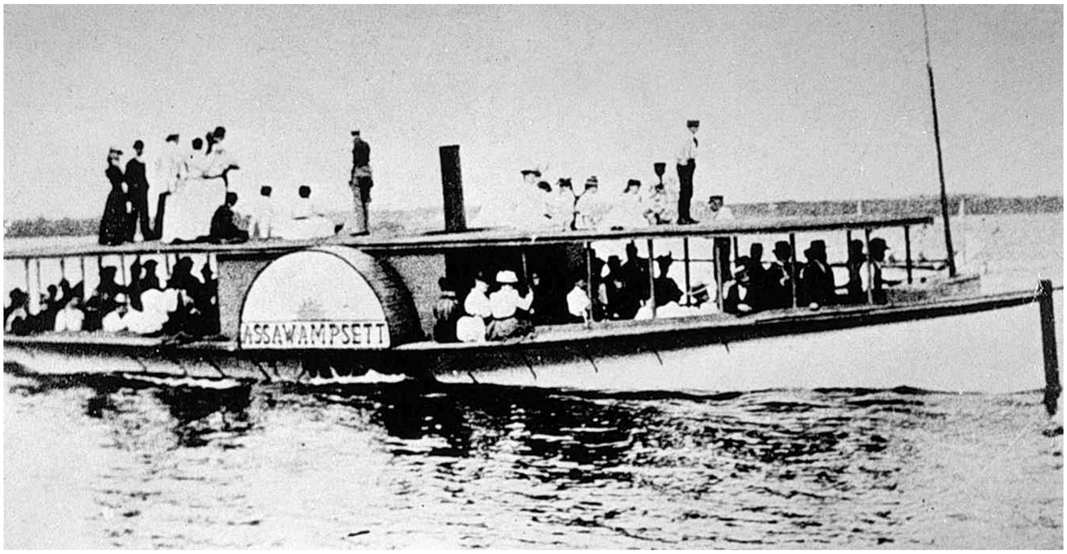




1190. Assawampsett

This is one of the two side-wheelers that traveled on the Nemasket River between the Wareham Street Bridge and the lakes in the 1877’s to 1897’s. The boats were built in Middleborough by John Baylies LeBaron, whose father owned a foundry. The Assawampsett was 64 feet long and could accommodate 100 passengers.

Source: Walter Thompson



1191. Assawampsett

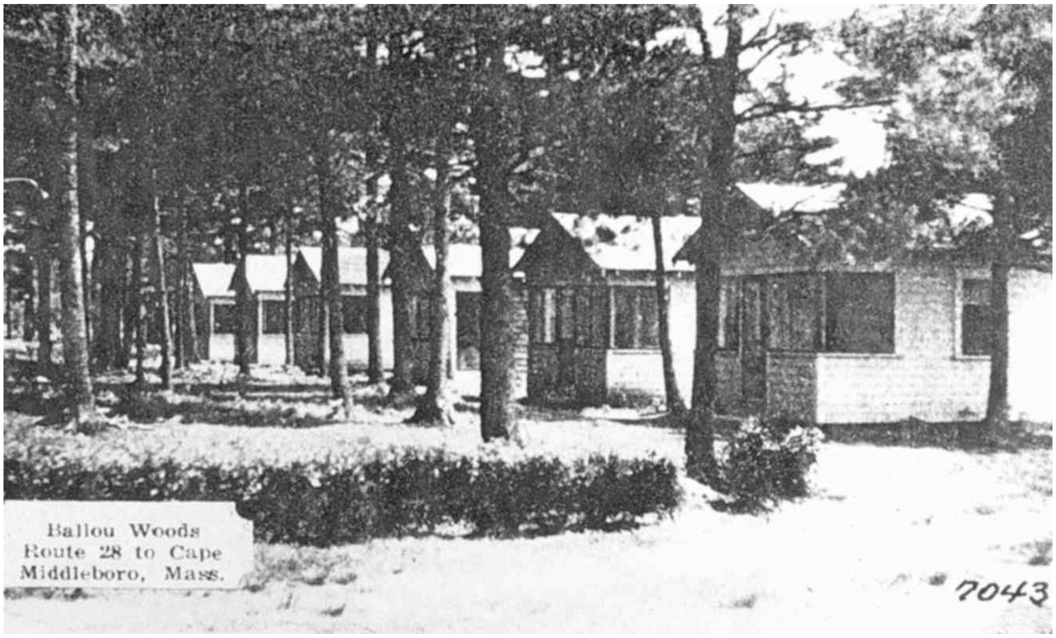
The steamboat “Assawampsett” after coming up the Nemasket River into Lake Assawampsett operated from 1879 to 1895. The voyage on the river was fraught with peril the skipper often having to use his “setting pole” to push the craft off rocks and shoals. The smokestack was hinged to permit it being lowered when passing under the three bridges over the river on the way to the lakes.

Source: Mertie Romaine’s History of Middleborough, pg. 23-24.

1192. M. High School

The new high school was built c. 1970 on the old Hewitt farm owned by Dr. Joseph V. Giberti. The building, an award winning modern design, was constructed on a three level plan at a cost of less than $5 million. The first class graduated in 1972.

Source: Walter Thompson


Ballou Woods
Route 28 to Cape
Middleboro, Mass.
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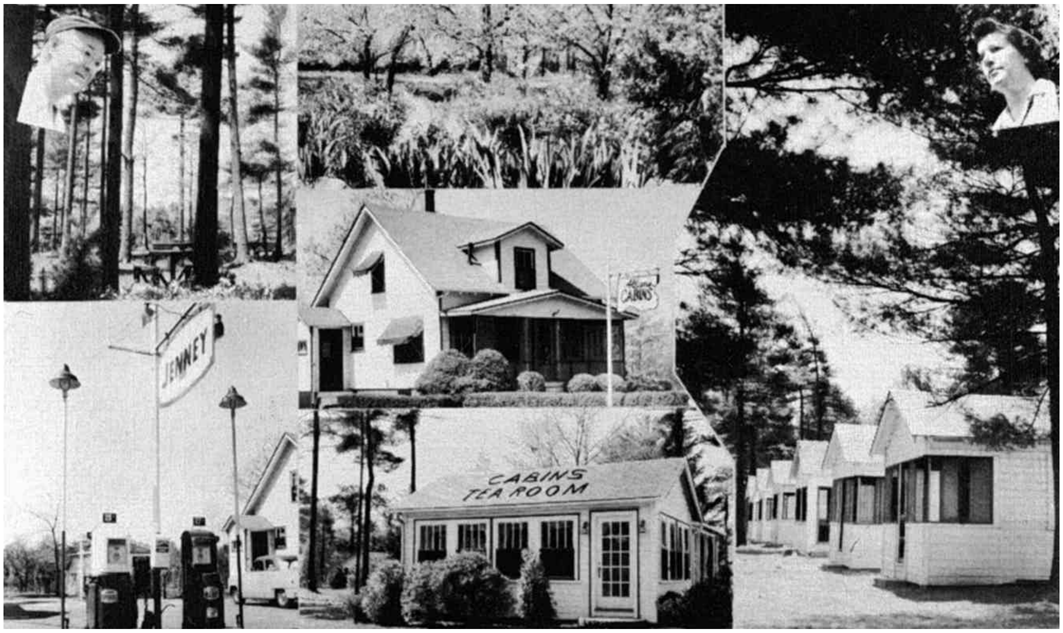
1193. Ballou Woods Cabins

These were some of the many cabins the Route 28 traffic could stay at. Ballou Woods Cabins were operated by the Ballou family up until about the late 1940's.

Source: Walter Thompson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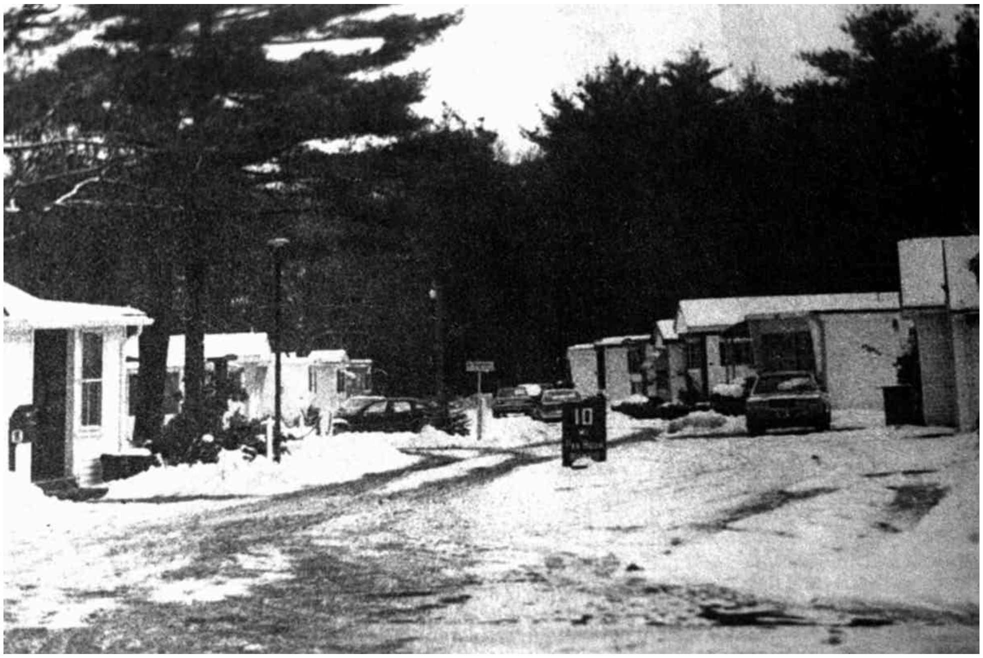
1194. Allan’s Cabins

A composite view of former Ballou Woods Cabins, who had become Allan’s Cabin’s, Tea Room and gas station on East Grove street, owned by Nell and Bill Allan.

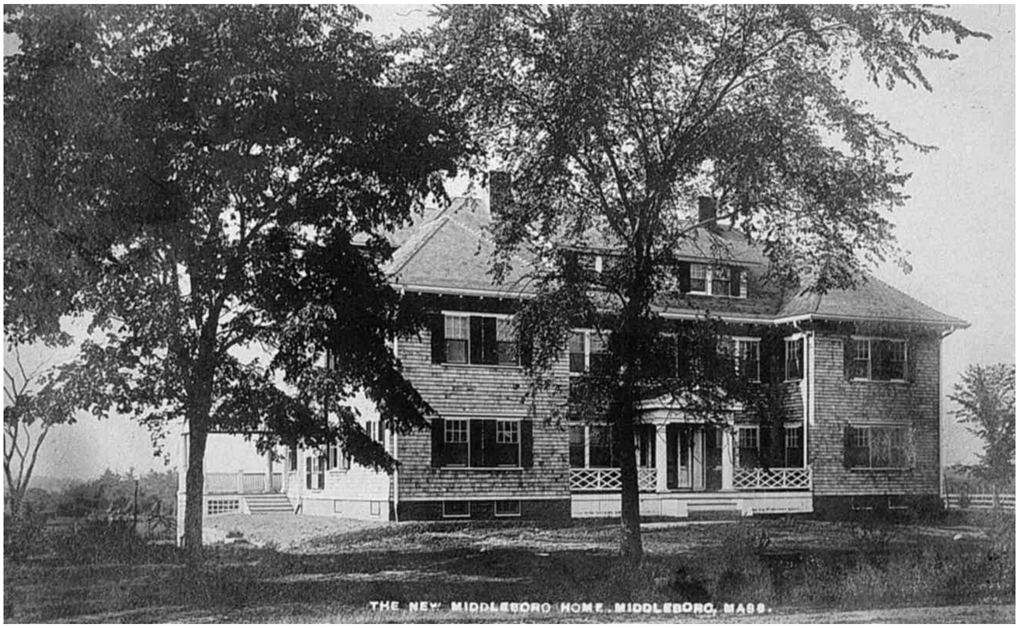
Source: Walter Thompson



1195. Hillcrest Mobile Home Park

A winter scene of the Hillcrest Mobile Home Park on the site of Ballou Woods Cabins and Campers has come full cycle and is now retirement community.

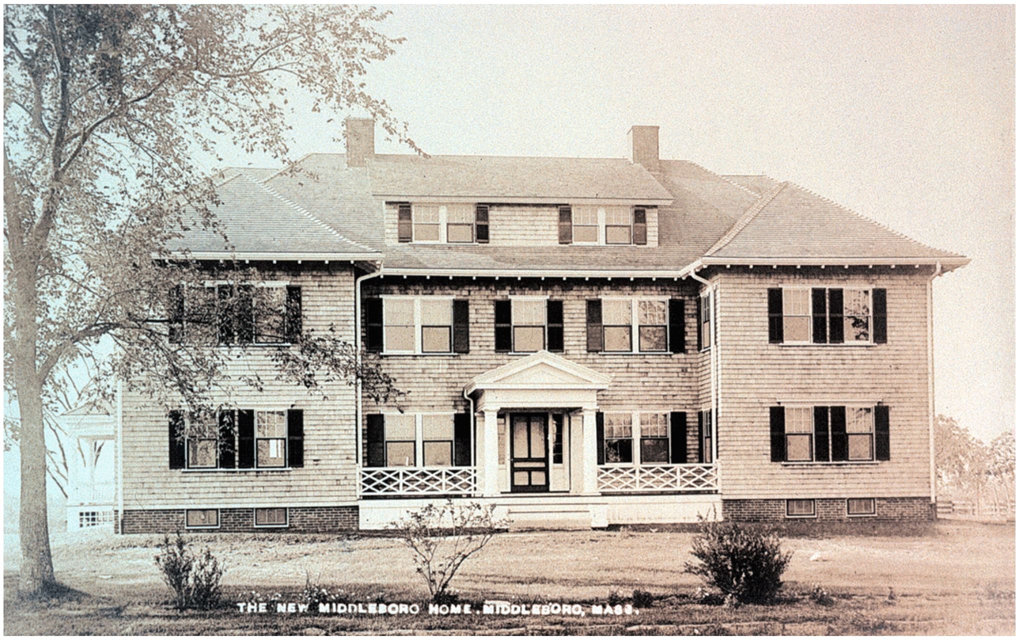
Source: Walter Thompson



1196. Poor Farm

The first poor farm, or almshouse, was built in 1886 and was destroyed by fire on April 24, 1906. At that time, there were sixteen residents all of whom were evacuated safely and taken to the Alpha Crossman residence on a hill beside the railroad tracks on South Main Street, where they remained until other quarters could be found for them. A poor farm was considered a necessity and after the fire the town immediately voted money for a new building.

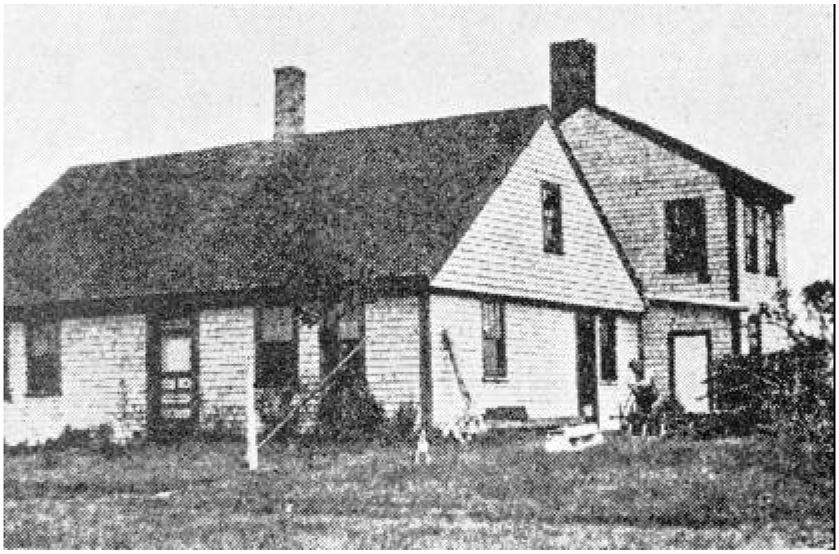
Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 238



1197. Poor Farm

In 1956, town officials hoped to renovate the building sufficiently to qualify as a public medical institution, but faced with the necessity of spending some $20,000 for repairs and obtaining a license from the state to operate such a facility the board of selectmen voted in 1957 to close the infirmary. To clear the property for this purpose (an industrial site), in the spring of 1966 the almshouse was razed, the rubble piled in a huge mound and burned by the Middleborough fire department. In the same year, Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc. took an option on the land with the intention of erecting a large cranberry processing plant.

Source: Mertie Romaine’s History of Middleborough, pg. 240.

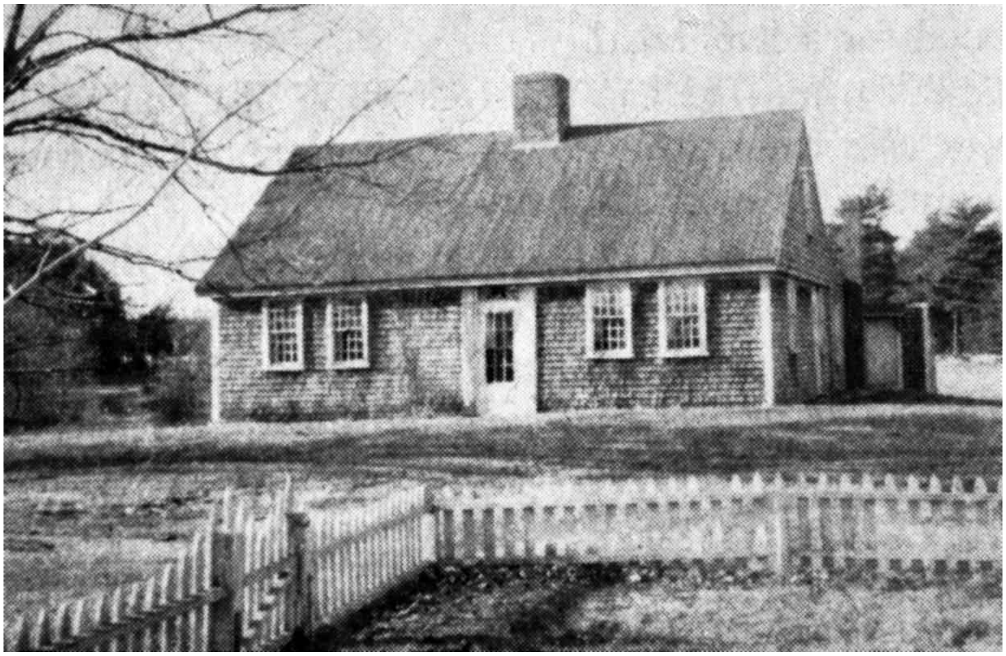


1198. Andrew Eaton House

"This old house on the corner of Cherry and East Grove Streets is known as "the Light House". Built in the early 1800's, in 1855 it was owned by Andrew Eaton, later bought by Theodore F. Holmes, who ran the harness shop which later was known as George Benson's shop on Wareham Street. When Mr. Holmes retired from business, he put in a croquet court on the north side of his property in the grove back of where the Viera Greenhouses are today."

Lyman Butler

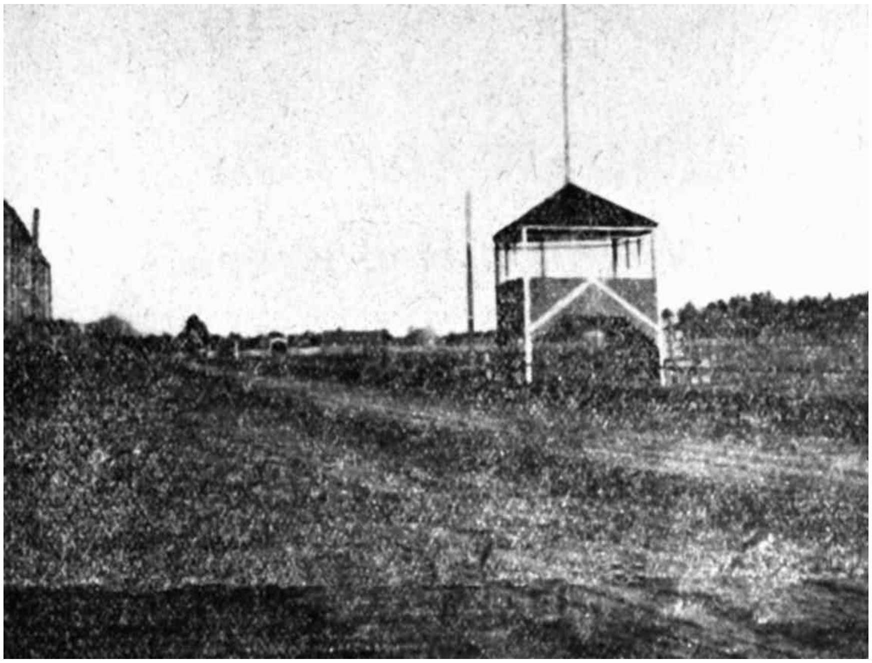
Source: Middleborough Antiquarian
Vol. XII, April 1971, No. 3, p. 6.



1199. Andrew Eaton House

It was perhaps in the 1930's that Mr. Holmes maintained a croquet course. Without charge, children played in the daytime, being lighted at night by acetylene gas light for the adults. The house has undergone many changes in ownership, has been restored and is in mint condition as of this writing. These thoughts come from Mr. Lyman Butler.

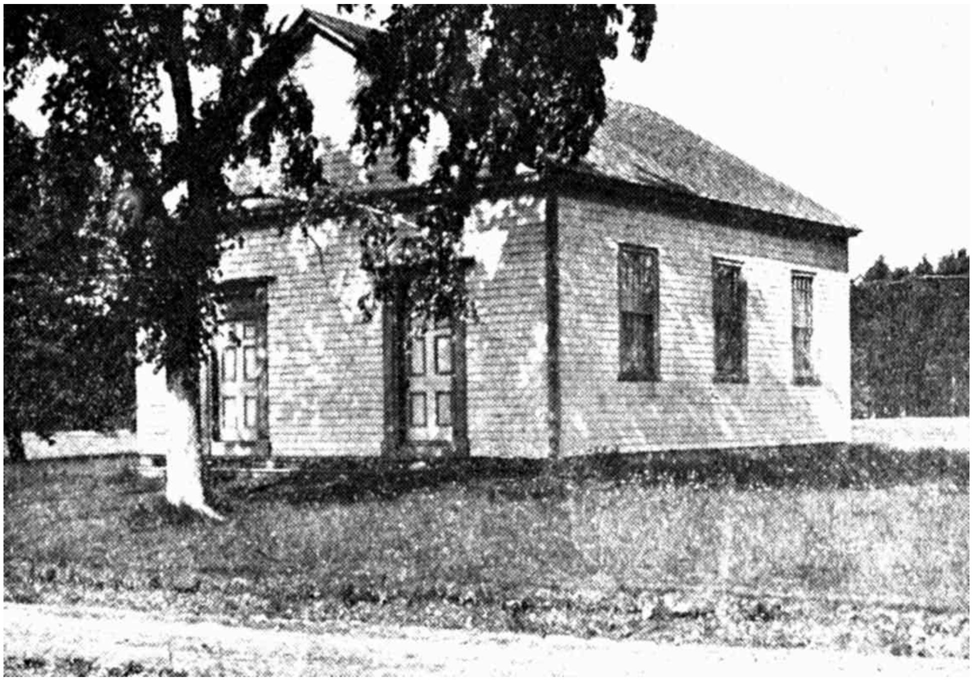
Source: Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XII, April 1971, Number 3, pg. 6



1200. Fairview Driving Park

For a period of time, the horse lovers of Fall Brook maintained this very active driving park, probably racing sulkies. The trolley cars had not arrived yet so between transportation and other ills the track was closed.

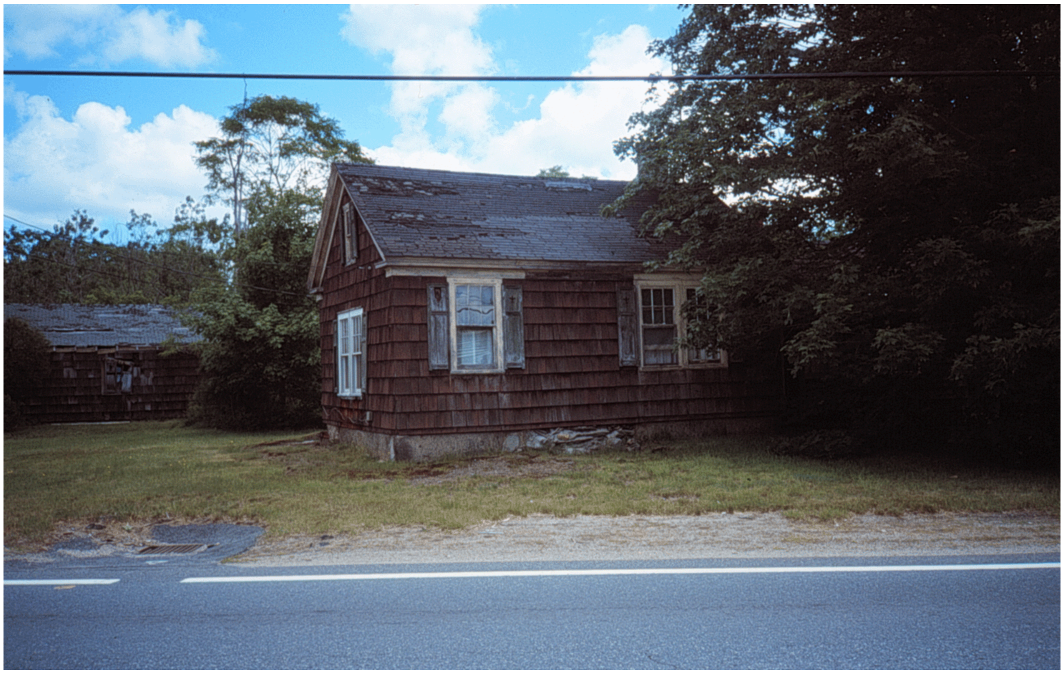
Source: 1931 Middleboro Gazette.



1201. Old Methodist Church

The Methodist Society after holding services in the old town hall selected this area as being central to the townspeople. Due to the buildup at the Four Corners the church was relocated to School Street.

Source: Weston, History of Middleborough



1202. Old Methodist Church Rectory

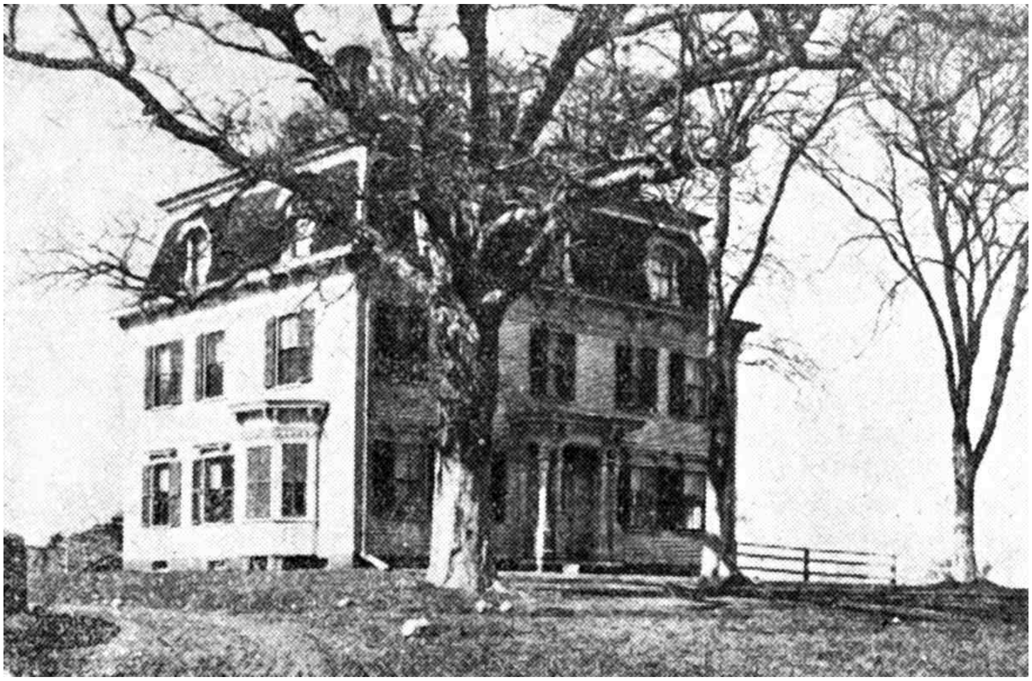
This little run-down house on the corner of East Grove and Cherry Streets was the original parsonage of Middleborough's first Central Methodist Church. The church stood behind this house facing Cherry Street.

Source: Weston's History of Middleborough

1203. Old Fall Brook Furnace

About the year 1735 (Captain Peter Bennett) he and Francis Miller, petitioned the town for liberty to build a dam across the brook on which to erect a furnace. The petition was granted and one of the first blast furnaces subsequently known as the Fall Brook Furnace was erected.

Source: History of Middleborough, Thomas Weston, pg. 305



1204. Miller Homestead

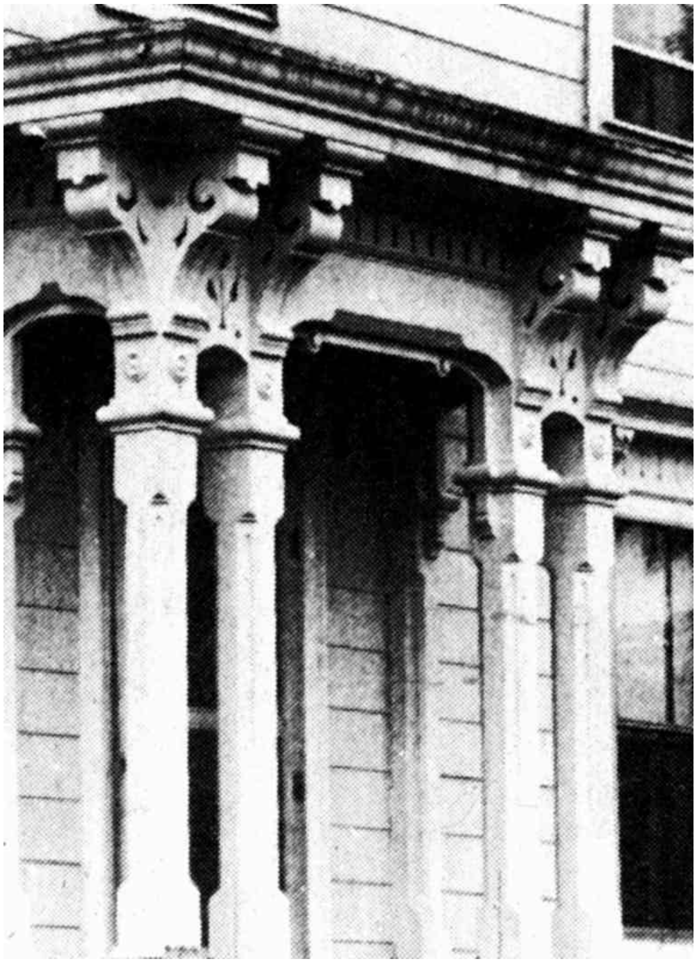
This mansard roofed mansion was originally one of the Miller Houses. In the 1930's it was owned by the Clark family who lived in the rear ell and rented out rooms in the three story main house. In 1946 Wilfred Schobel, after leaving the army at the end of WWII, purchased the farm and for many years maintained a dairy herd.

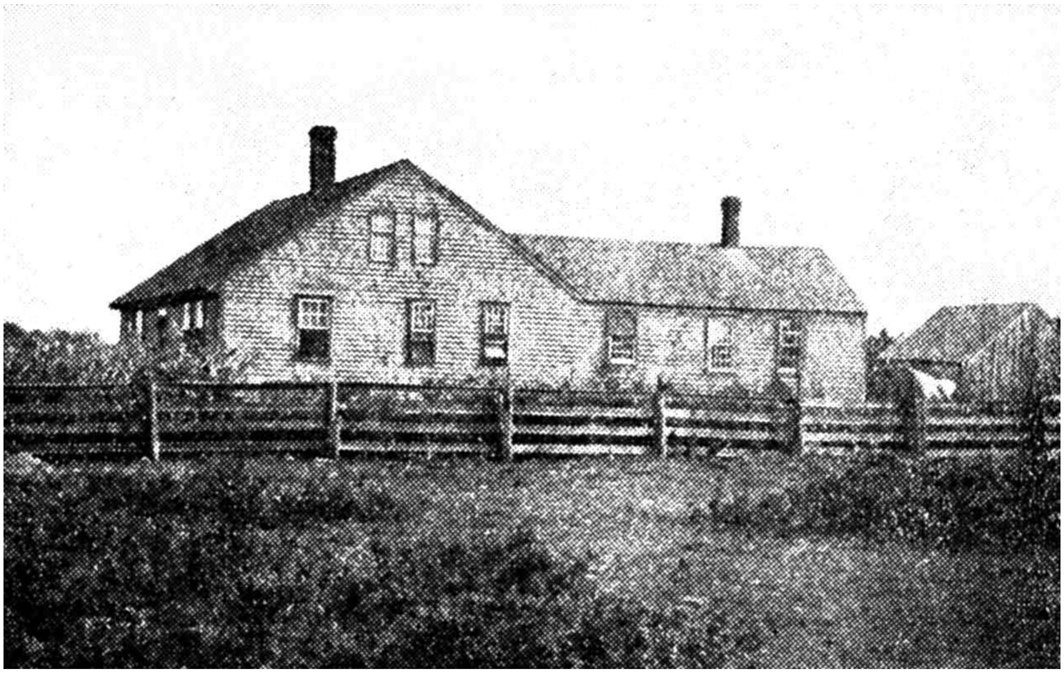
Source: Mary Schobel

1205. Miller House Front Door

This photograph depicts the ornate small porch to the Miller house front entrance, but hides the small fan light over the doors.

Source: Walter Thompson

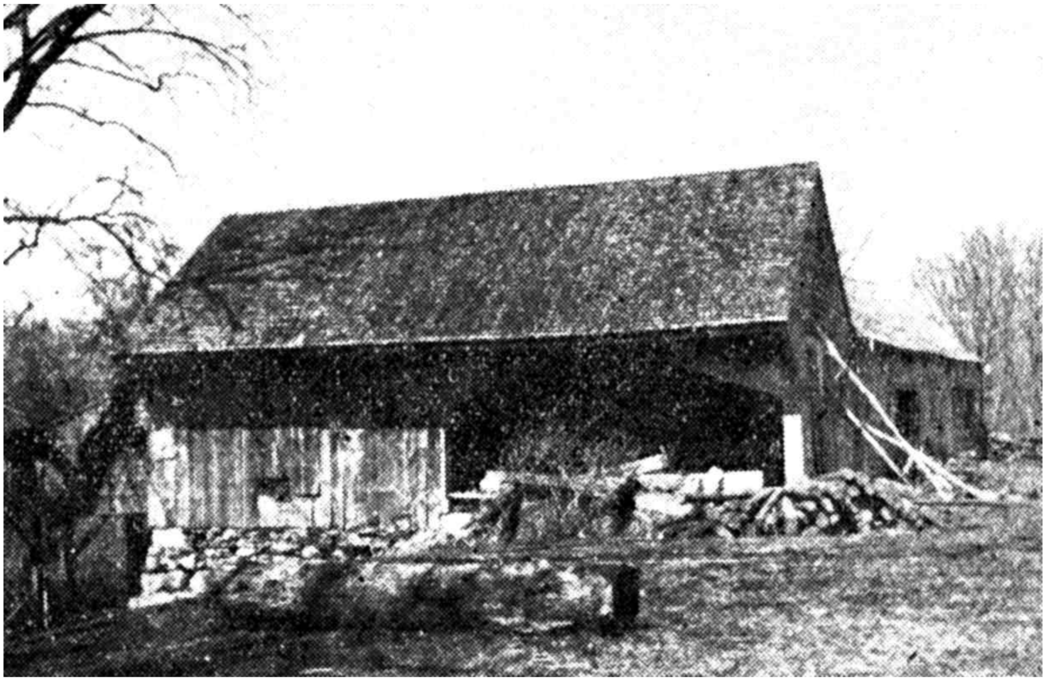




1206. Miller House

"The old Miller house at Fall Brook was the home of Seth Miller in the early part of the last century. He was the father of Darius and Seth Miller, the latter a lawyer in Wareham. The Miller family, were large owners of real estate, their ancestors having acquired much land from the different Indian purchases. John Miller, one of the first settlers married a daughter of Francis Coombs and lived half way between the homes in later years of Seth and Abishai Miller."

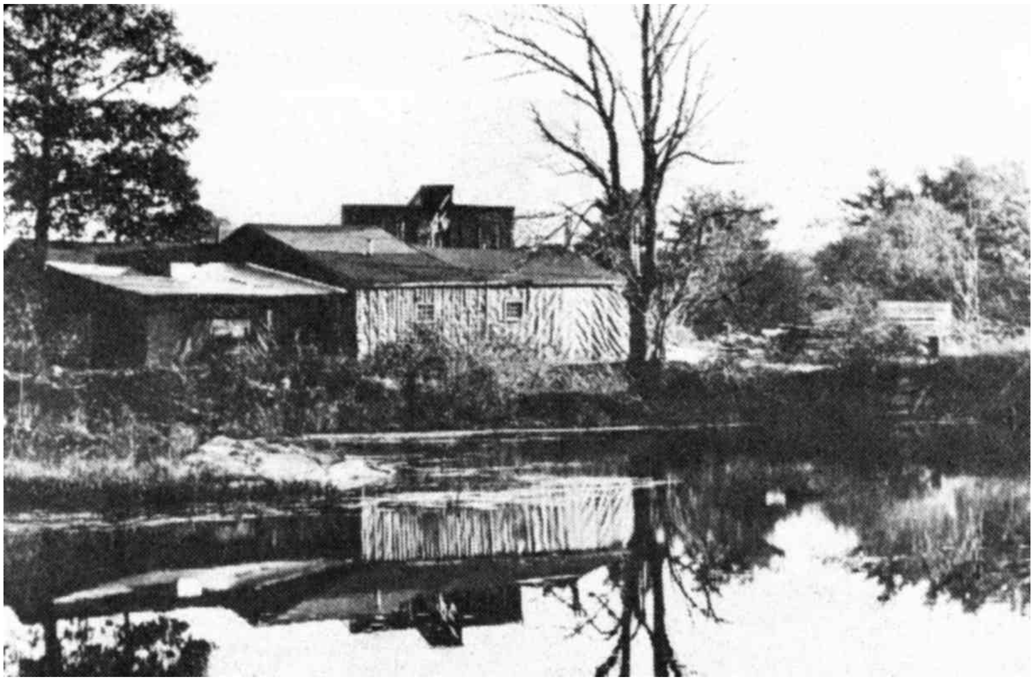
Source: Middleboro Gazette Quote, 1931



1207. The Fall Brook Mill

The old Fall Brook saw mill on the Fall Brook stream is judged to be well over 100 years old. It was more recently operated by the late Jossiah V. Marshall and to some extent is now being carried on by Forrest S. Churbuck. It is one of the few mills in this section run by the old fashioned water wheel. Could it speak, this old mill could tell some mighty interesting yarns of the characters that have carted logs into the yard.

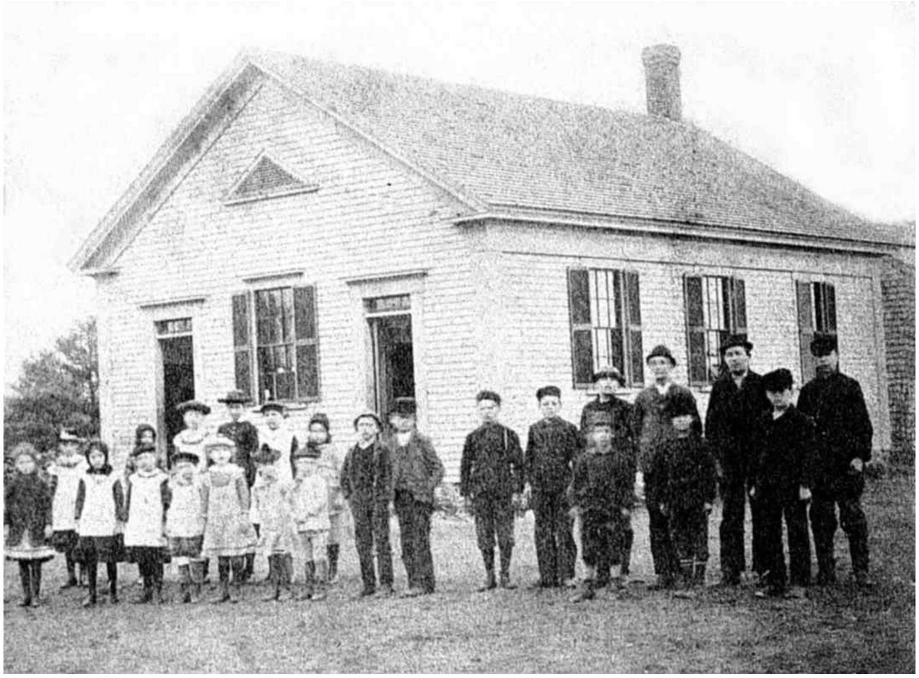
Source: Middleboro Gazette Quote, 1931



1208. Reynolds Sawmill

Reynolds Sawmill of Wareham Street sawed lumber from native timber for over a century and was one of the early water-powered industries on Fall Brook stream. The sawmill no longer exits.

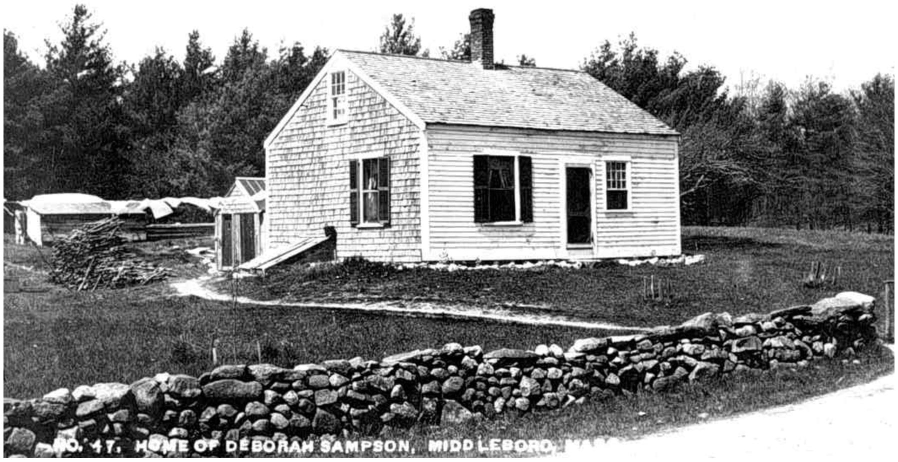
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, Reflections September 25, 1986, pg. 15



1209. Fall Brook School

This is one of the twenty-five plus school buildings that existed in the town before and after 1900. This old building was located on Sachem Street at the intersection of Wareham Street. After it was closed in 1923, the building was leased out as a family home and after a fire it was torn down, circa 1940’s.

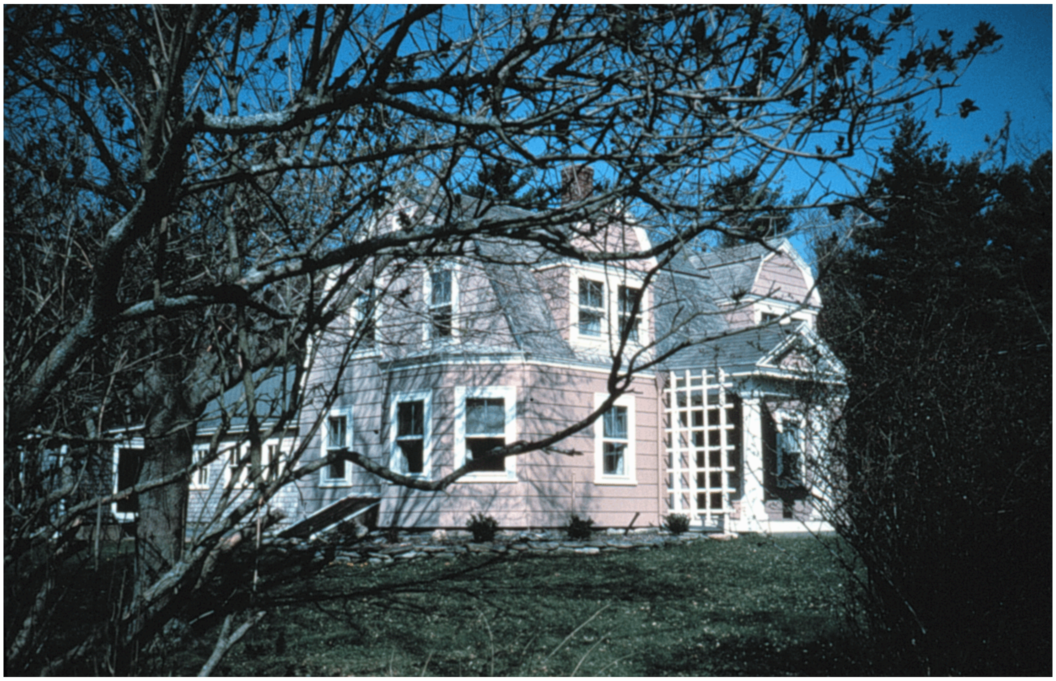
Source: Walter Thompson


NO. 47. HOME OF DEBORAH SAMPSON, MIDDLEBORO,

1210. Jerimiah Thomas House

Deborah Sampson came to live in the Jerimiah Thomas house when she was 10 years old. In 1898 the house was remodeled to the way it looks today. This view shows the home as it looked originally.

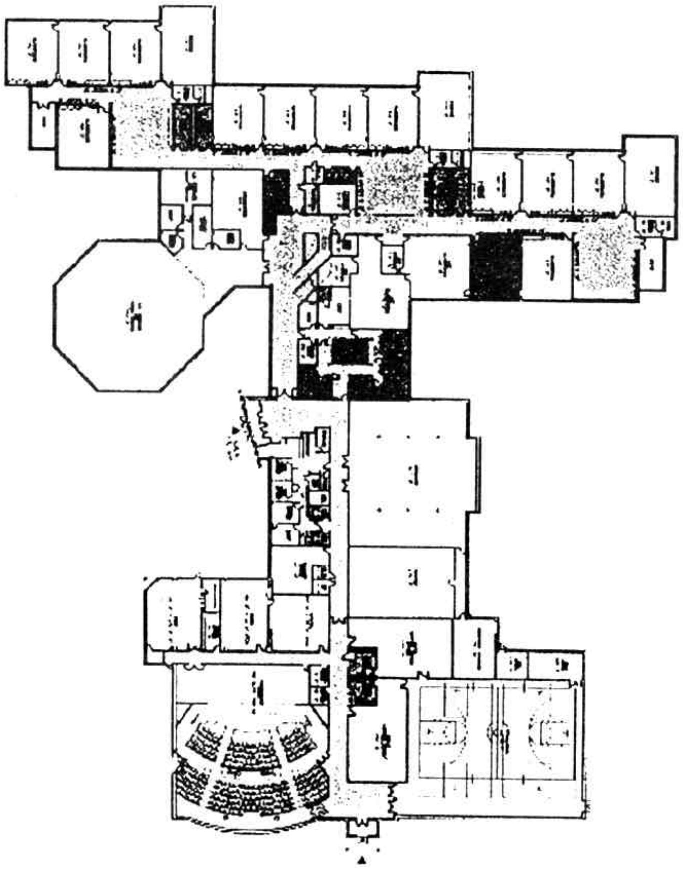
Source: Walter Thompson



1211. Jerimiah Thomas House (Deborah Sampson House)

"Deborah Sampson, who dressed as a man to enlist in the army during the Revolutionary War, lived in this house from the time she was ten years old. Built around 1715, the house was renovated in 1898 when the gambrel dormers, pillars and wood shakes were added."

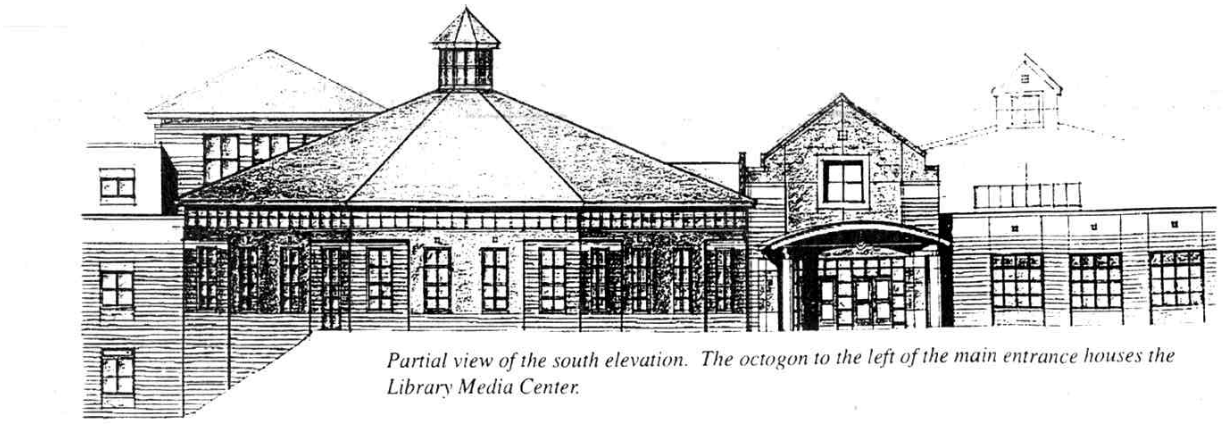
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, Reflections, September 25, 1986.



1212. John T. Nichols Jr. Middle School

Although it will be huge at 150,000 square feet, the new 11,000 student middle school that will open on Barden Hill in the Fall of 1999 should be less intimidating to the students than the sprawling Mayflower-Burkland School complex.

Source: Middleboro Gazette, Jane Lopes quote.



Partial view of the south elevation. The octogon to the left of the main entrance houses the Library Media Center.

1213. John T. Nichols Jr. Middle School

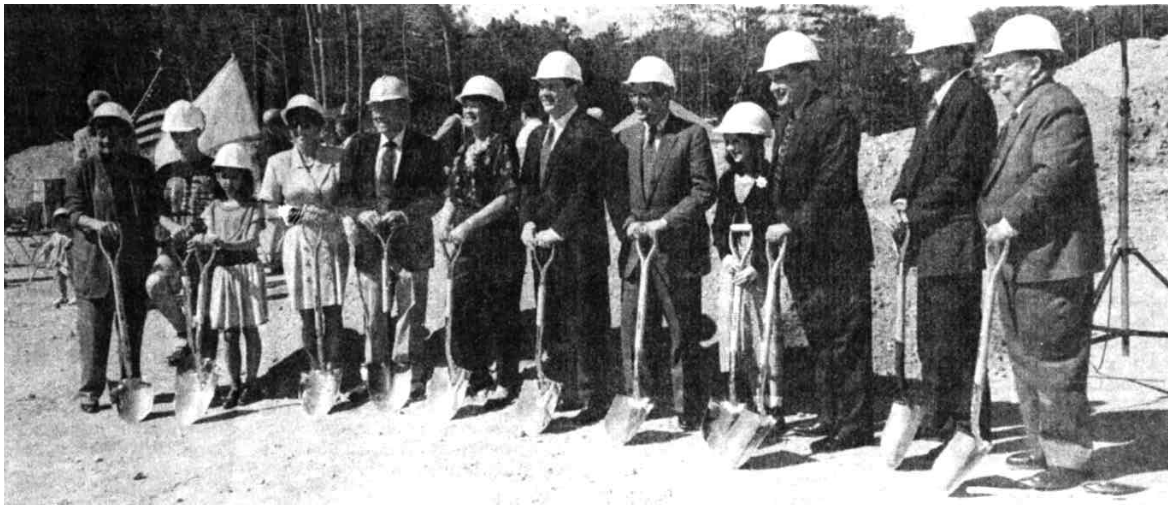
"Architects at Drummey, Rosane and Anderson of Newton are designing a school that looks more like a small village of individual buildings than the modern state of the art facility that it is."

Source: Middleboro Gazette Quote; Jane Lopes

1214. Middle School

Access road, which will be the paved Tiger Drive with bicycle paths and a well-lighted walk. Looking east from the site area near the water towers and extension of Terrace Road off Wareham Street.

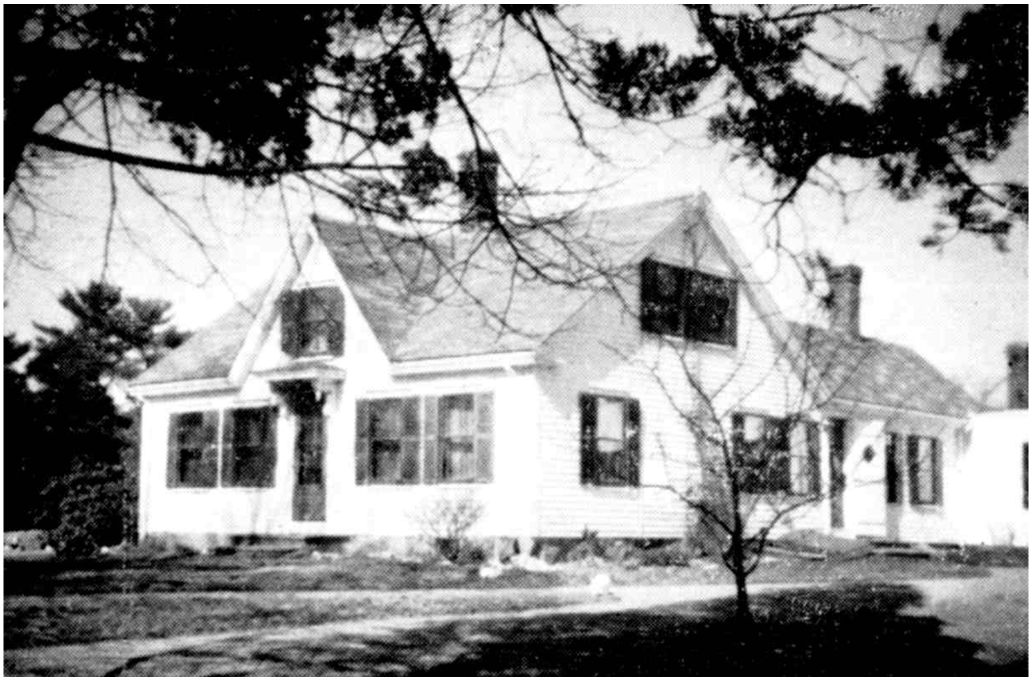
Source: Middleboro Gazette; Jane Lopes



1215. Middle School

“Breaking ground for the John T. Nichols, Jr. Middle School Saturday morning are Selectwoman, Ellen Grant; students, Ryan Whiteside and Stephanie Boyle; Vote Yes Committee Chairman, Karen Cowan; Building Committee Chairman, Alan Lindsay; Nichols widow, Barbara; State Rep. Thomas O’Brien; State Rep., William Straus; Student, Natalie Onges; State Senator, Marc Pacheco; Town Manager, John Healey; and School Committee Vice Chairman, James Hilton.”

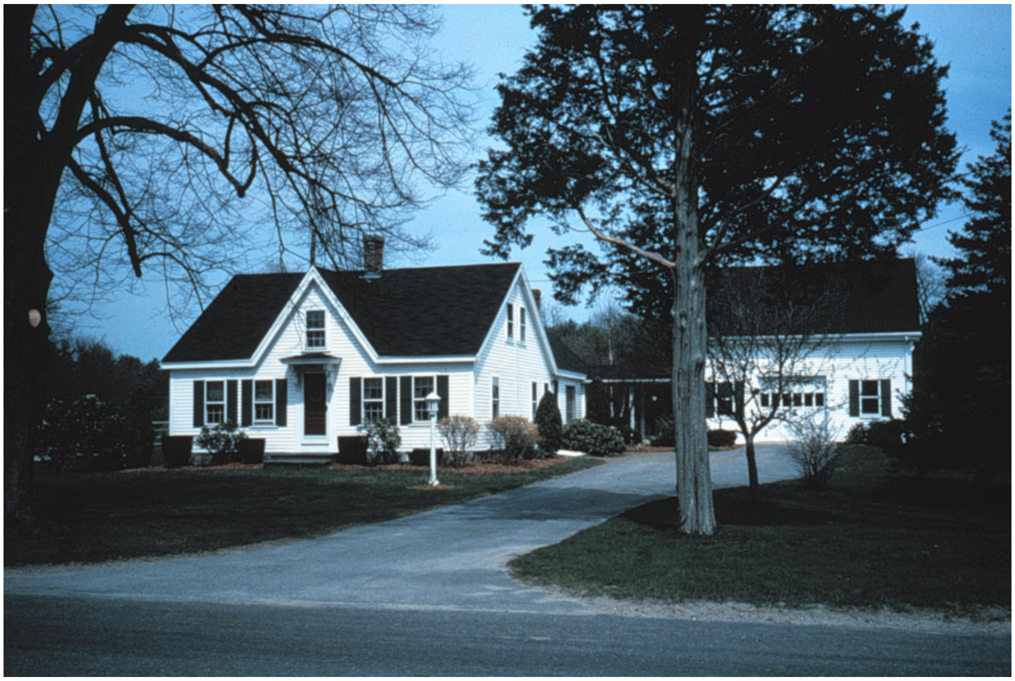
Source: Gazette Photo, Jane Lopes



1216. Joshua Wood Place

This neat little cape style home was originally located at Fall Brook Furnace as a private home, than as a storage and shipping building, and then moved to this site where it presents a picture of quiet dignity today.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Lyman Butler
Volume XI, September 1969, Number I



1217. Joshua Wood Place

The home was moved to this site by thirteen yokes of oxen. “An Ell was added to the house, used for many years as a shoe shop. Later the big “A” window was added to the front roof much improving the looks of the house. In later years, the Rev. Ethan Hunt, pastor of the First Methodist Church on Cherry Street lived here.”

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Lyman Butler
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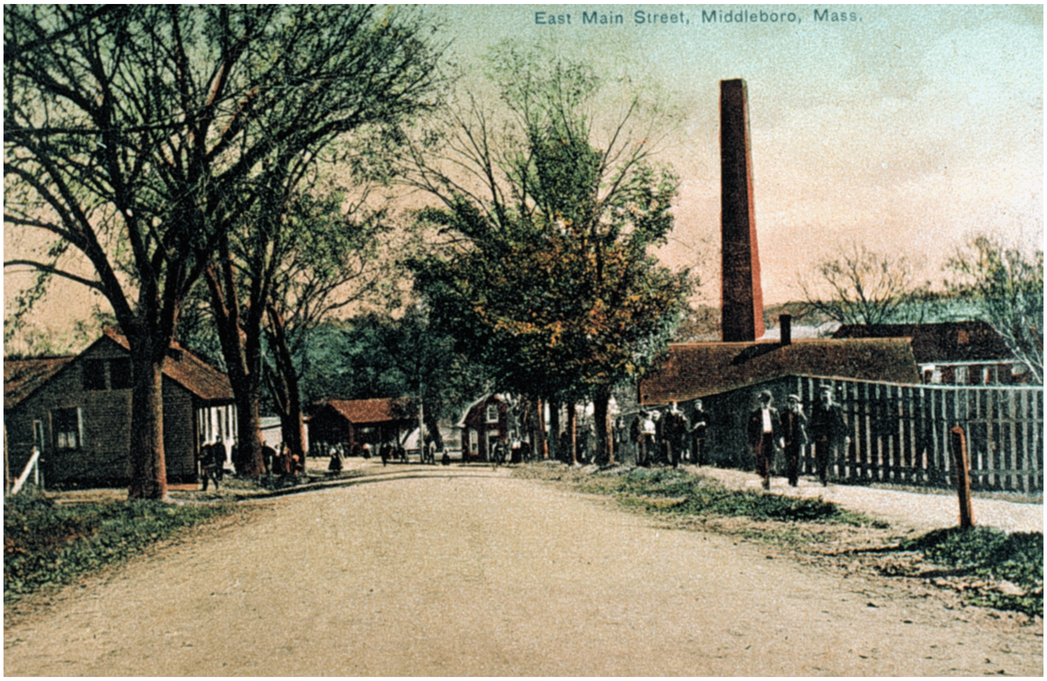
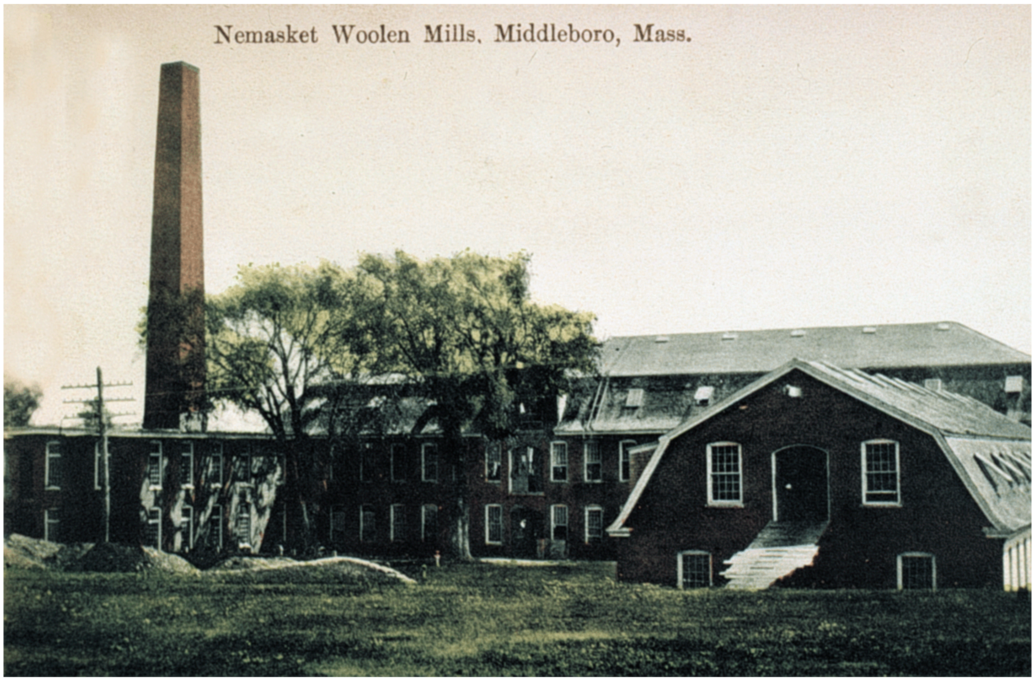


1218. East Main Street Scene

This street scene depicts workers of the Nemasket Woolen Mills slowly making their way home after a long day's work. The house on the left we knew as the "Little Walker House" was probably one of the "corporation houses" that existed at the time. The wooden building at the bottom of the hill was possibly the beginning of the Star Mill Machine Shop.

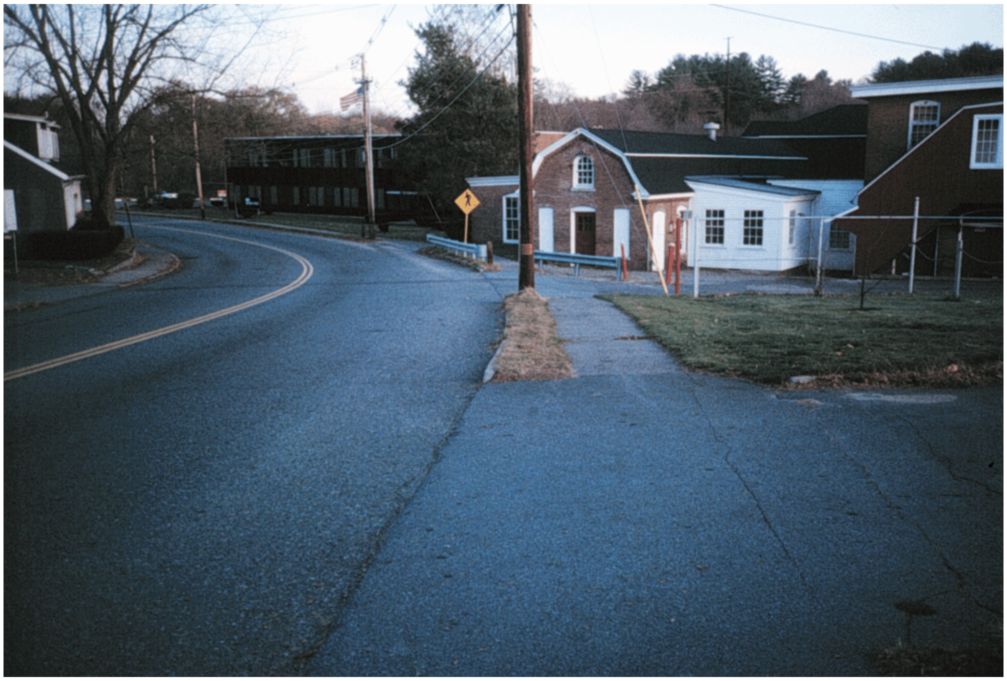
Source: Walter Thompson


Nemasket Woolen Mills, Middleboro, Mass.

1219. Nemasket Woolen Mills

This is a view looking down the hill at the former Nemasket Woolen Mills, which took over from the then defunct Farwell Mills in 1906.

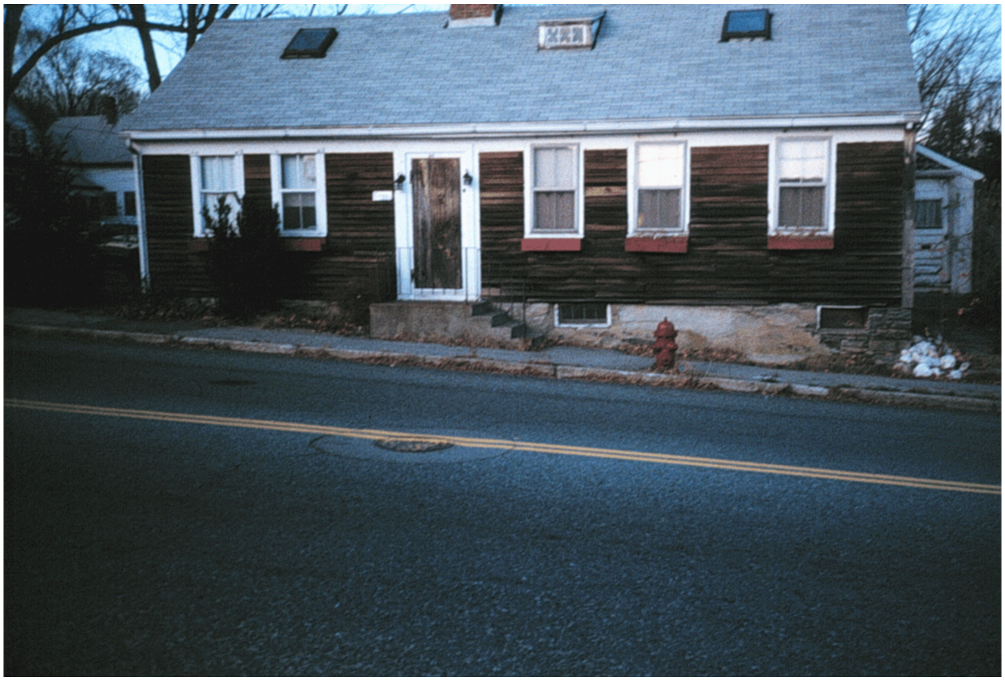
Source: Walter Thompson



1220. Winthrop Atkins

This is a duplicate view that I took of the Winthrop Atkins complex in the former mill buildings.

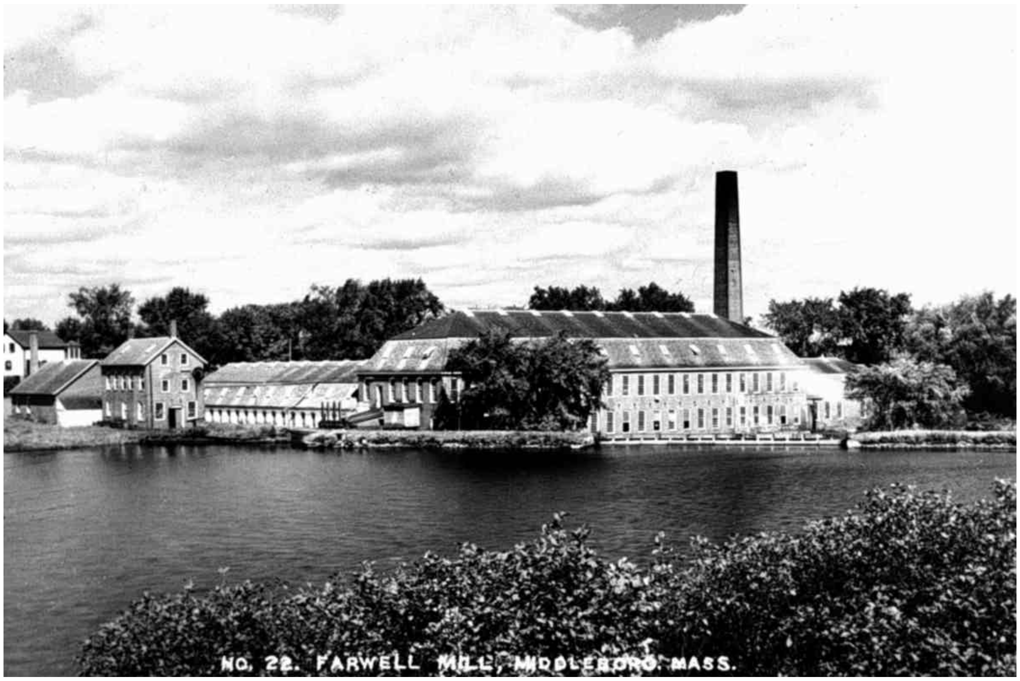
Source: Walter Thompson



1221. “Little Walker House”

This small cape style home was probably built as one of the corporation houses that were what a mill workers family lived in. The Walker Company moved into part of the Star Mill property after World War II and used this cottage as a function hall for their employees until the late sixties when the company went under and the building reverted back to a private home.

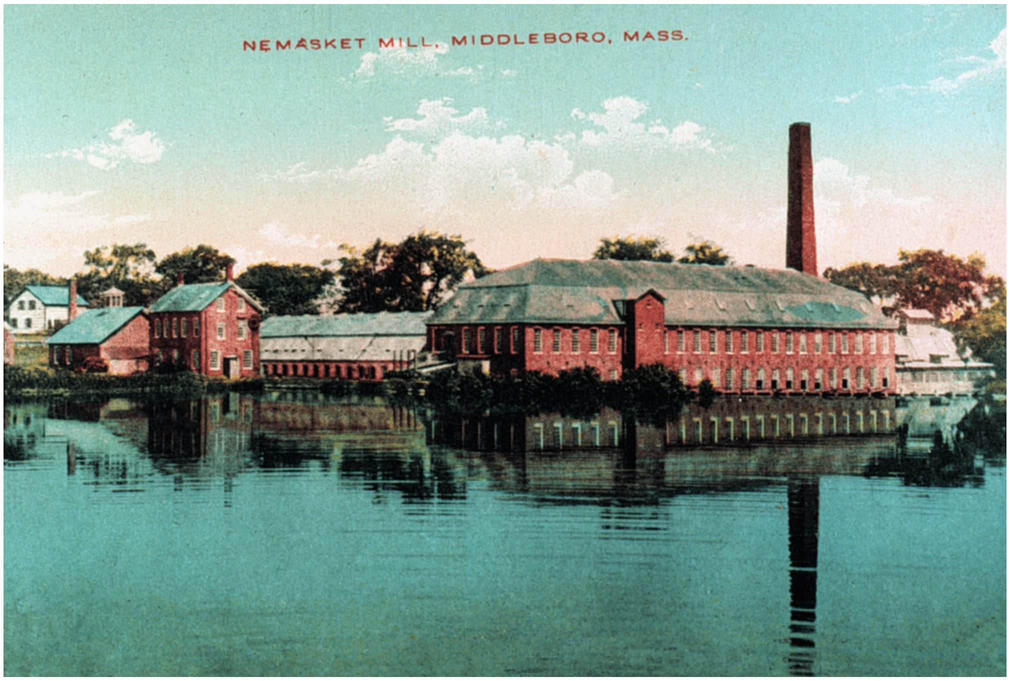
Source: Walter Thompson



1222. Farwell Mill

“At the old dam down the Nemasket River, a small cotton mill was built and incorporated in 1863 as the Star Mills. The following year the company built a new larger mill and began the manufacture of fancy cassimeres. Three years later the concern incorporated under the name of Star Mills Corporation and added new machinery for the manufacture of ladies’ dress goods. F.S. Farwell of Rhode Island became owner of this mill in 1899 and the firm became known as Farwell Mill No. 2. In 1906, the concern was declared insolvent. Sold at private sale, the name changed to Nemasket Woolen Mills.”

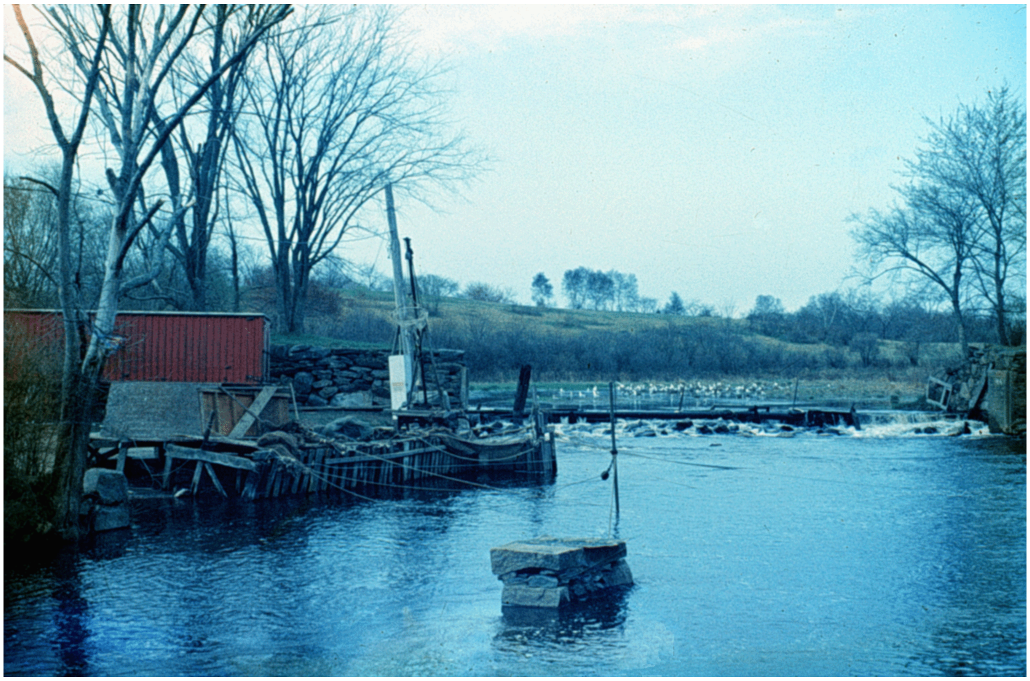
Quote: Mertie Romaine’s History of Middleborough, pg. 32


NEMASKET MILL, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

1223. Nemasket Mill

The old worsted mill went under many names and this particular view gives it the name of Nemasket Mill. The Nemasket Mill was what brought my grandfather, a master weaver, (Thomas Benedict Thompson) to Middleborough in 1907.

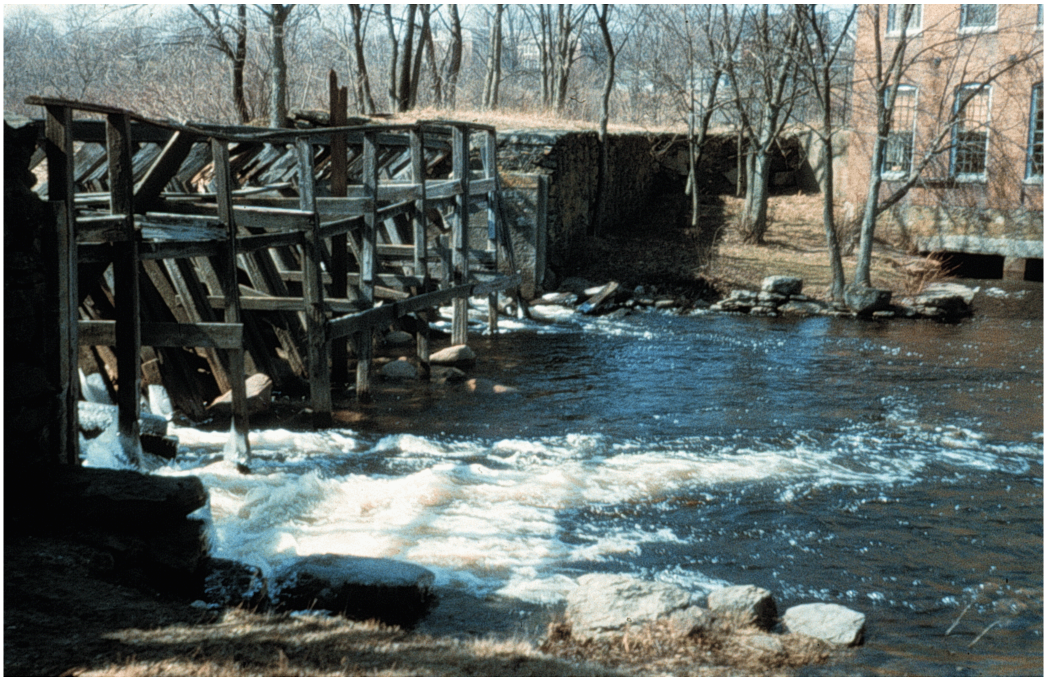
Source: Walter Thompson



1224. Star Mill Millpond

This is the former Millpond behind the Star Mill Factory looking towards Indian Hill where the old Maddigan farm is located. On the left may be seen a trailer of the Reliable Fish Company whose equipment will be moved in later to start the fishing.

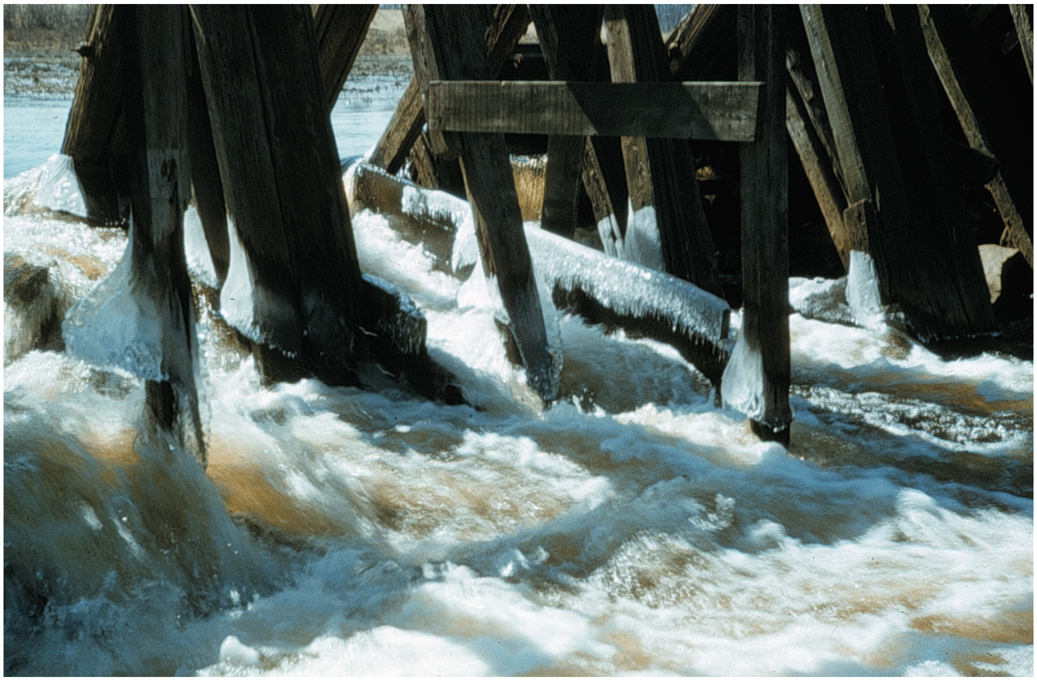
Source: Walter Thompson



1225. Star Millpond Dam

About 1815 a small cotton mill was built by this dam.

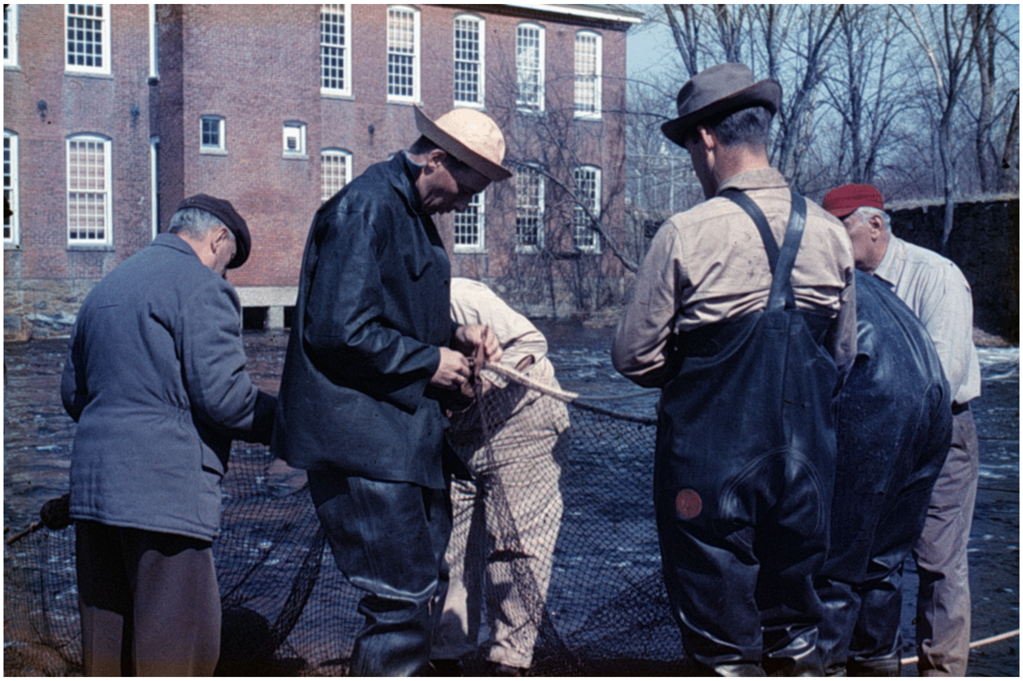
Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 31.



1226. Star Mill Dam

This is a beautiful view showing the power of water as it rushes over the former Star Mills Dam.

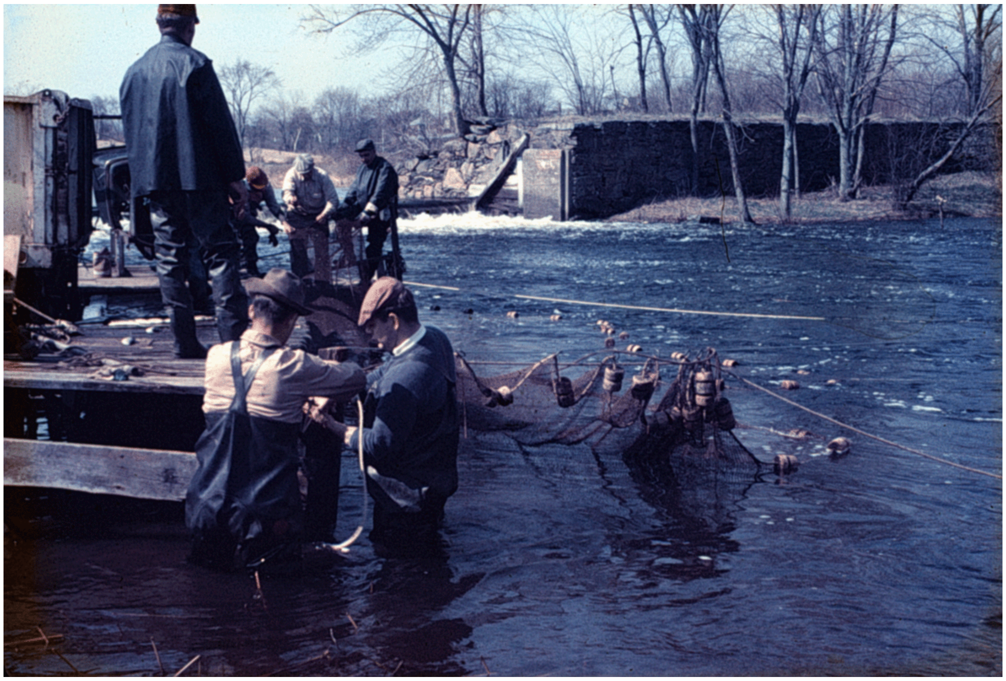
Source: Walter Thompson



1227. Star Mill Millpond

Preparing the net for immersion in the Millpond.

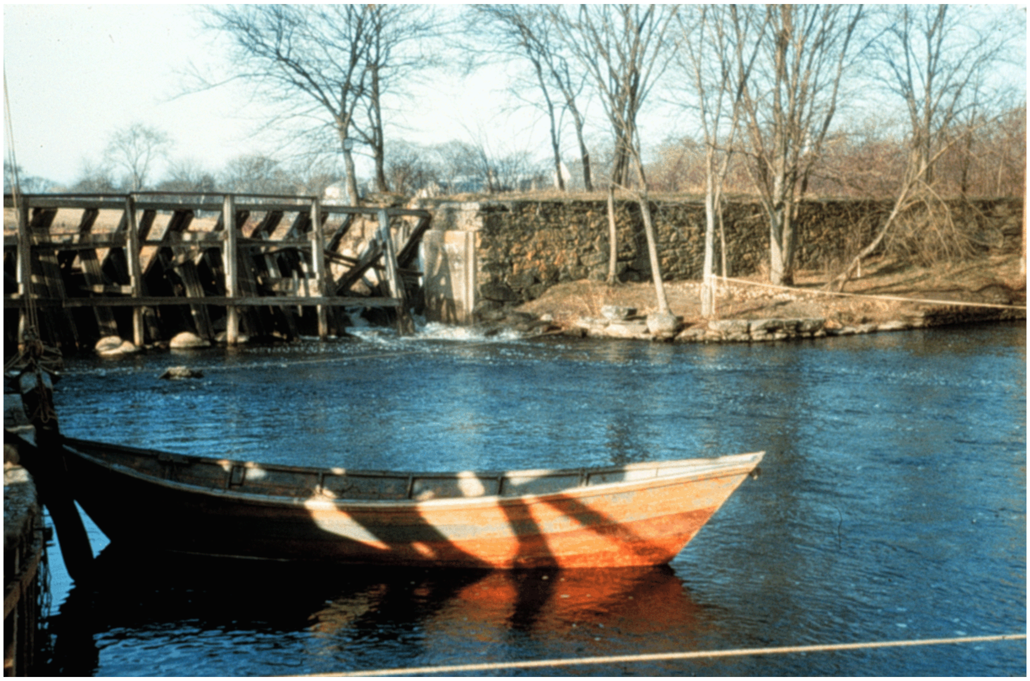
Source: Walter Thompson



1228. Star Mill Millpond

The men are preparing the net for fishing.

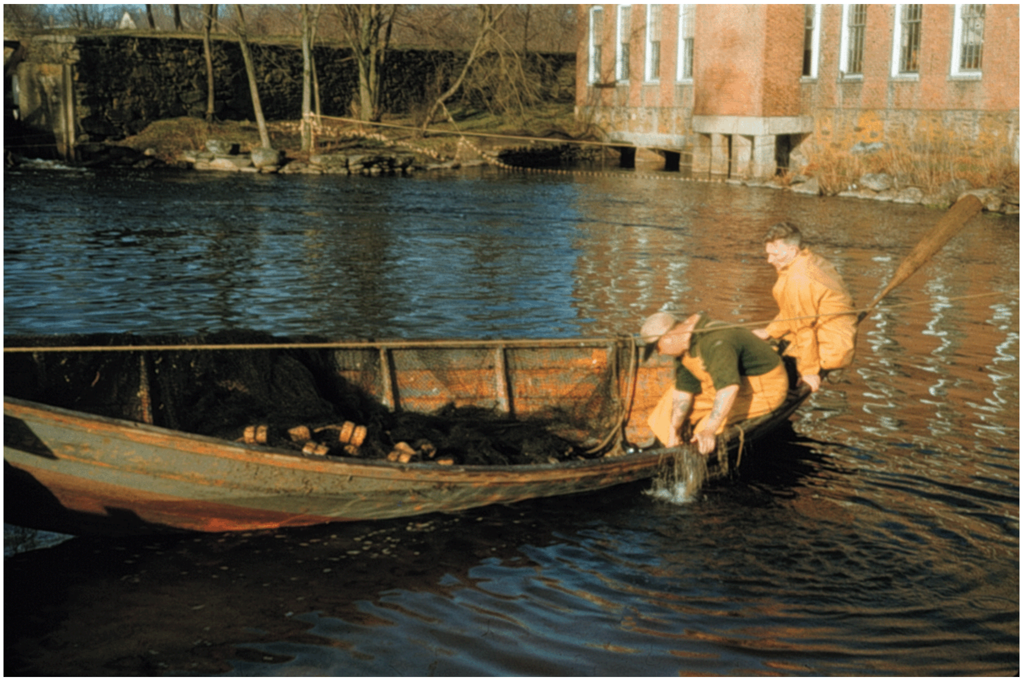
Source: Walter Thompson



1229. Star Mill Millpond

This is a dory that the fisherman used in the Millpond to lay the seine on the bottom. Note the dam in the background.

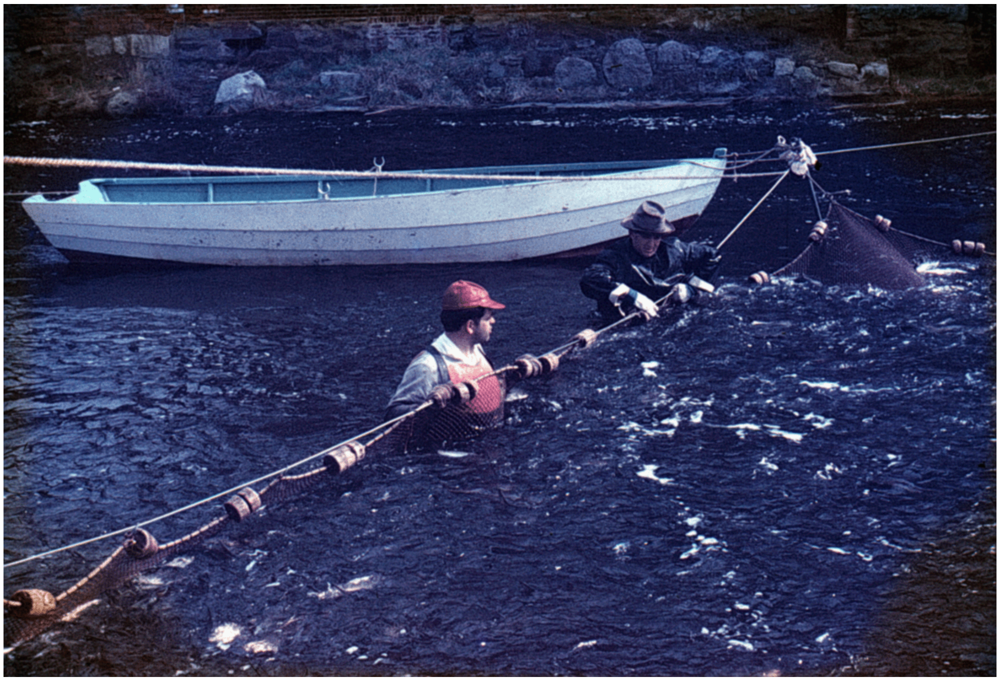
Source: Walter Thompson



1230. Star Mill Millpond

This picture shows the men pushing out the dory to the far end of the millpond with a large seine rolled up with its cork floats attached to its sides.

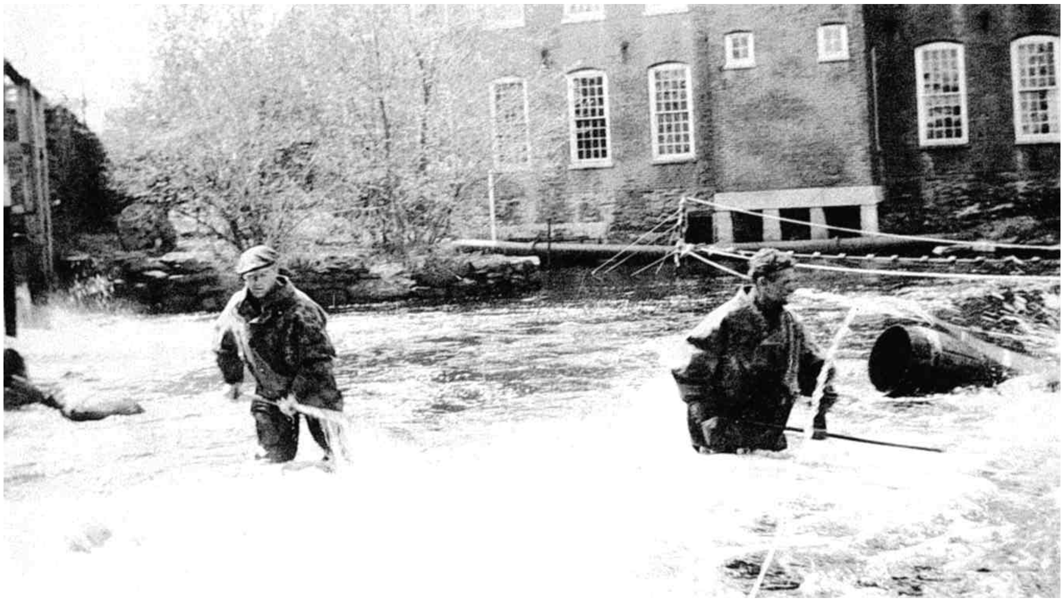
Source: Walter Thompson



1231. Star Mill Millpond

The men have gotten out of their boat and you can see the fish struggling to escape.

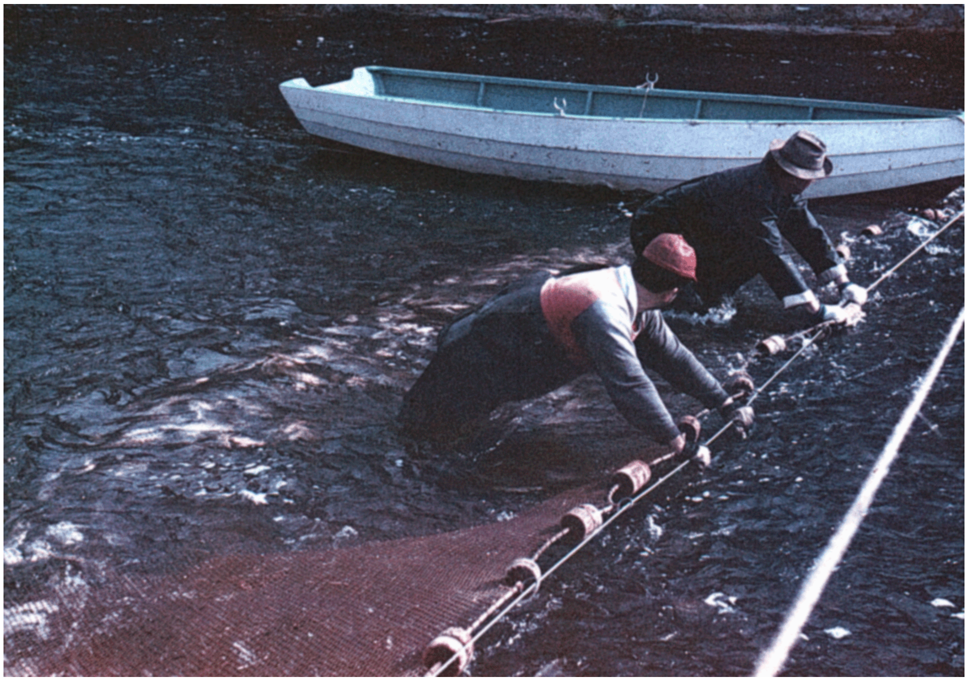
Source: Walter Thompson



1232. Commercial Fishing

The dam may be seen on the left with the mill in the rear as a backdrop to the men in high-waders controlling the large seine full of fish.

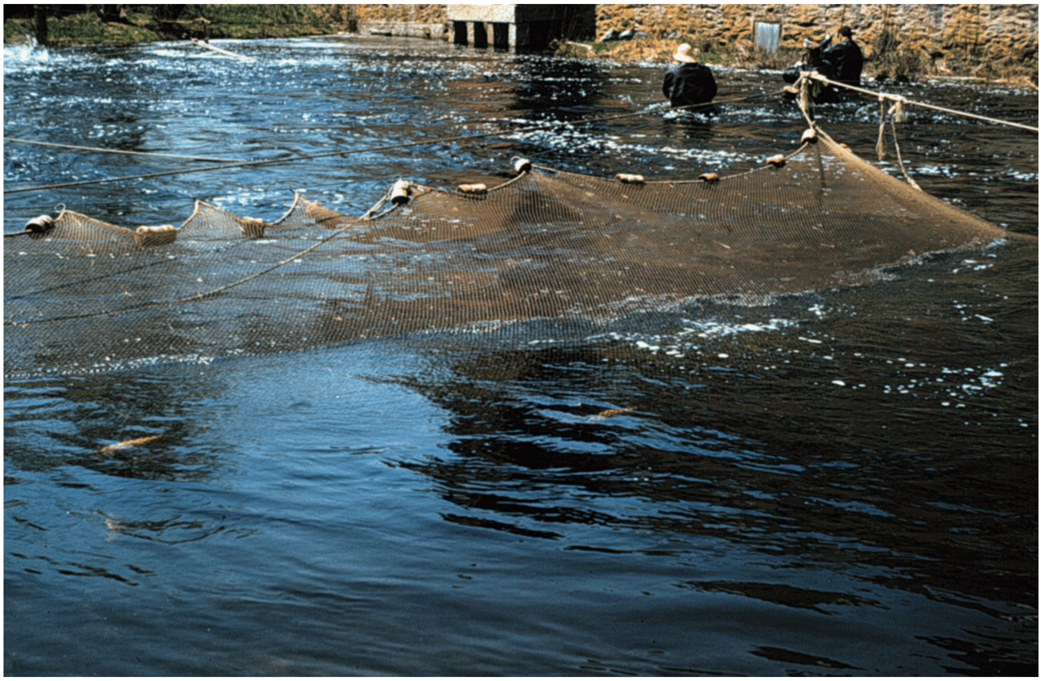
Source: Walter Thompson



1233. Star Mill Millpond

The fishermen are out in the deeper part of the lagoon keeping control of the herring in the seine.

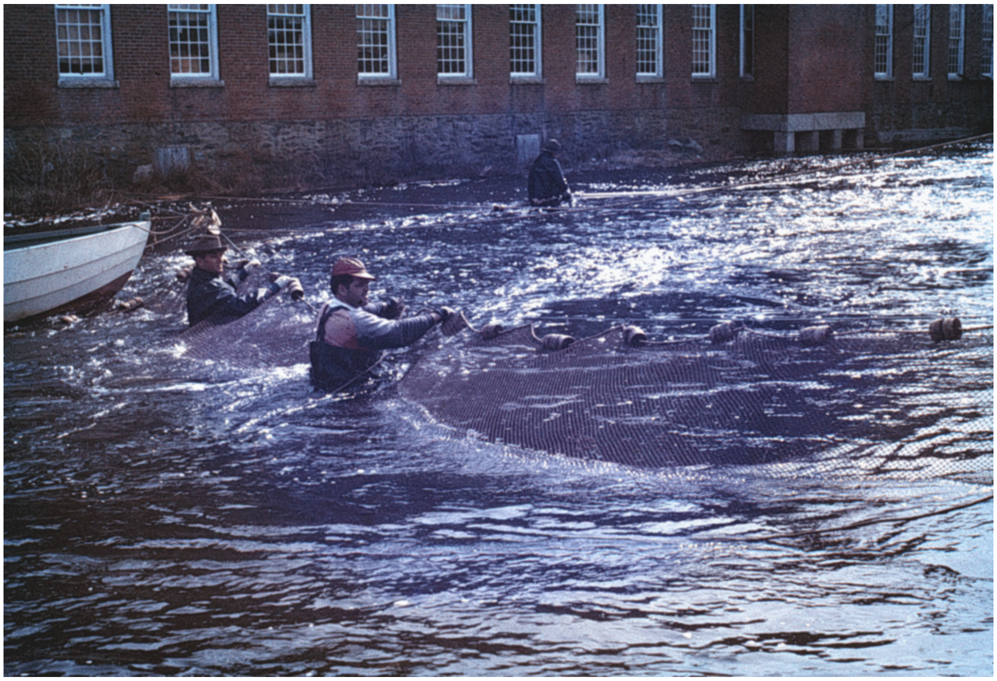
Source: Walter Thompson



1234. Star Mill Millpond

Here we can see the men keeping the sides of the net up so the herring couldn’t escape. Note the herring in the net.

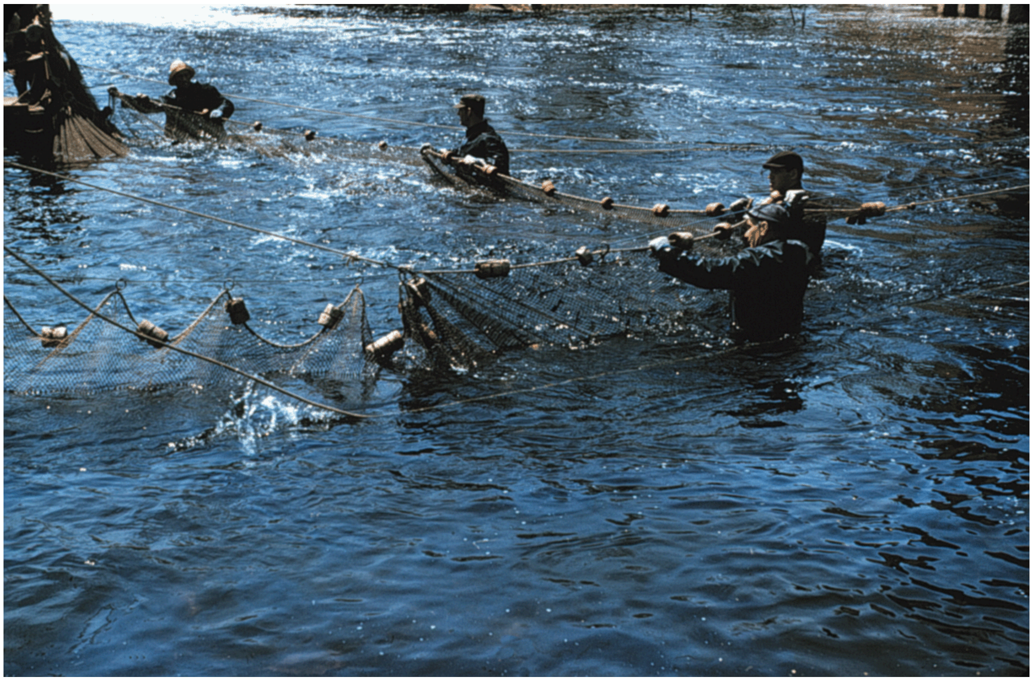
Source: Walter Thompson



1235. Millpond at Star Mill

A great view of the back of the worsted mill and the net stirring up the water.

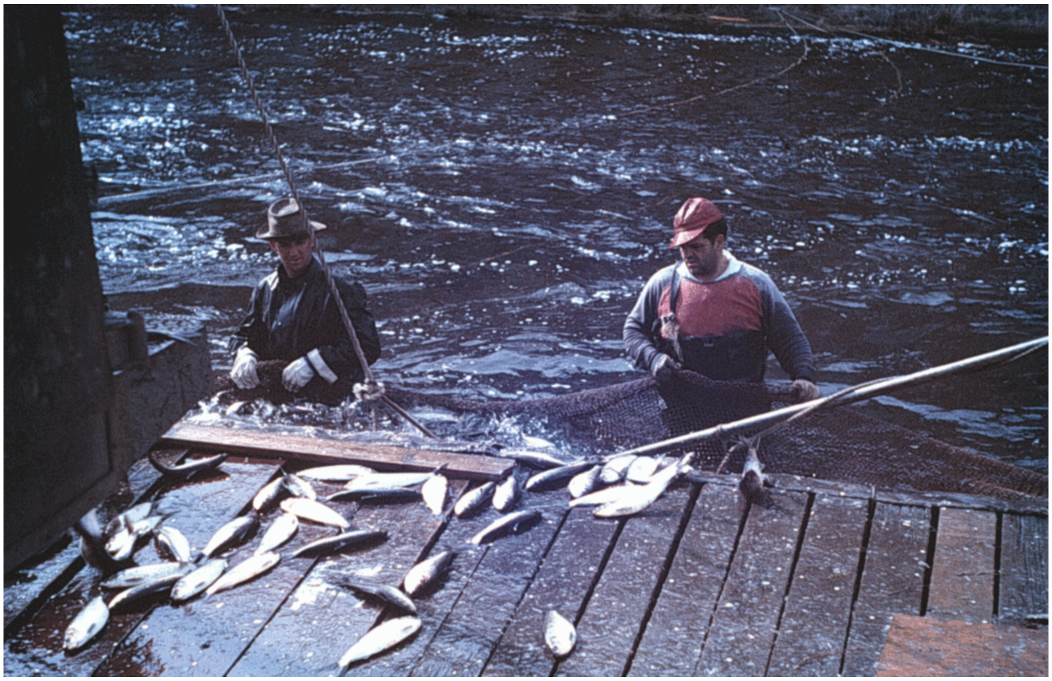
Source: Walter Thompson



1236. Star Mill Mill Pond

This scene depicts the fishermen carefully directing the net to the “donkey engine” that was hauling it toward the dock.

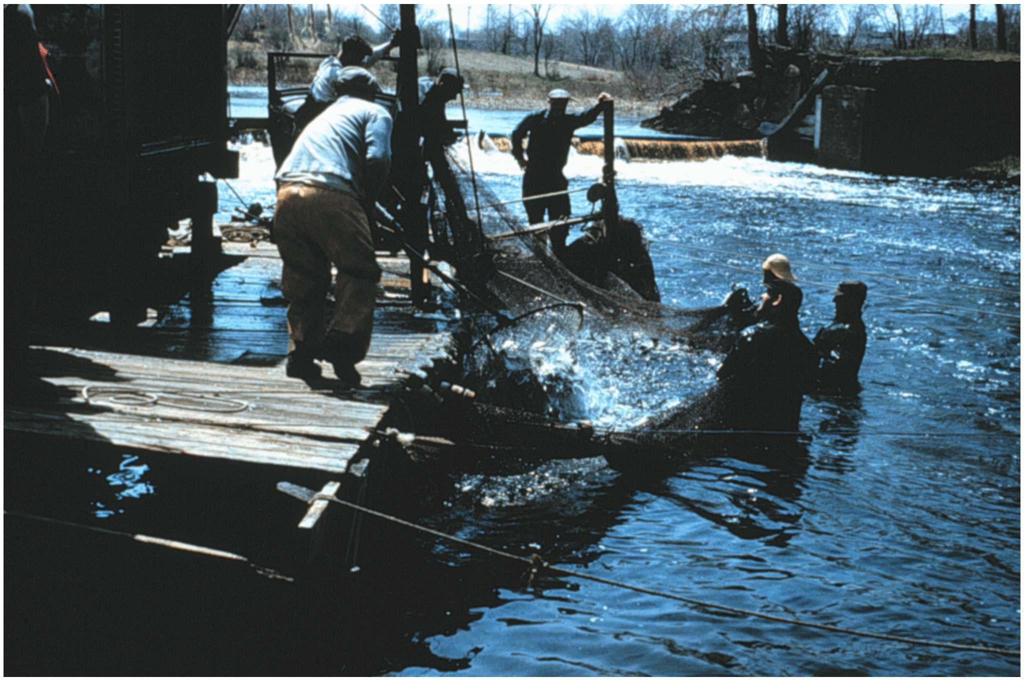
Source: Walter Thompson



1237. Star Mill Millpond

Finally at the dock with fishermen holding the rim of the seine and some of the herring that have fallen out of the dip net onto the dock.

Source: Walter Thompson



1238. Star Mill Millpond

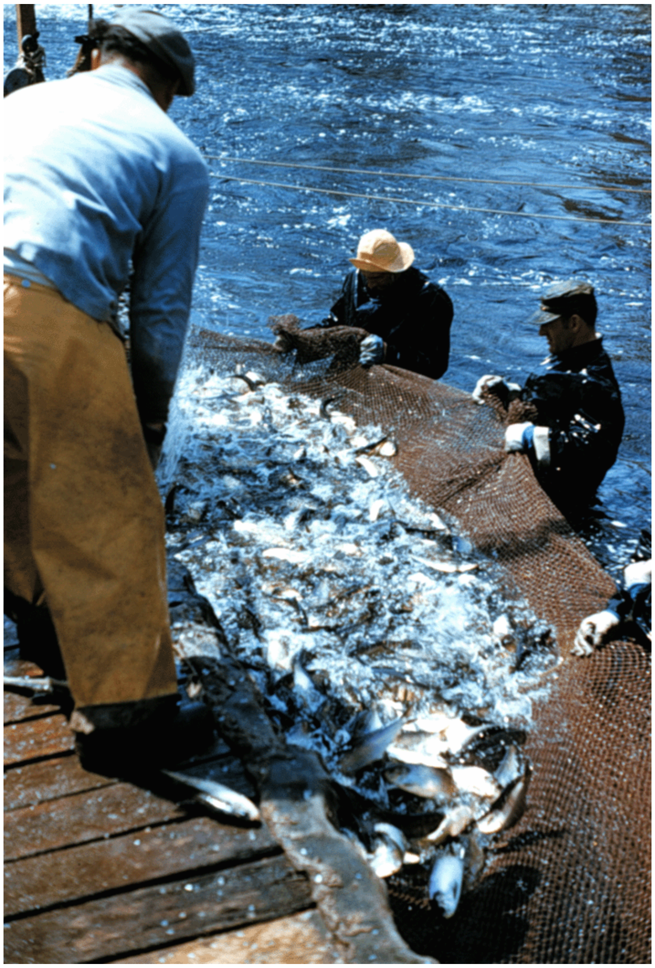
The fishermen have closed up the net near the dock.

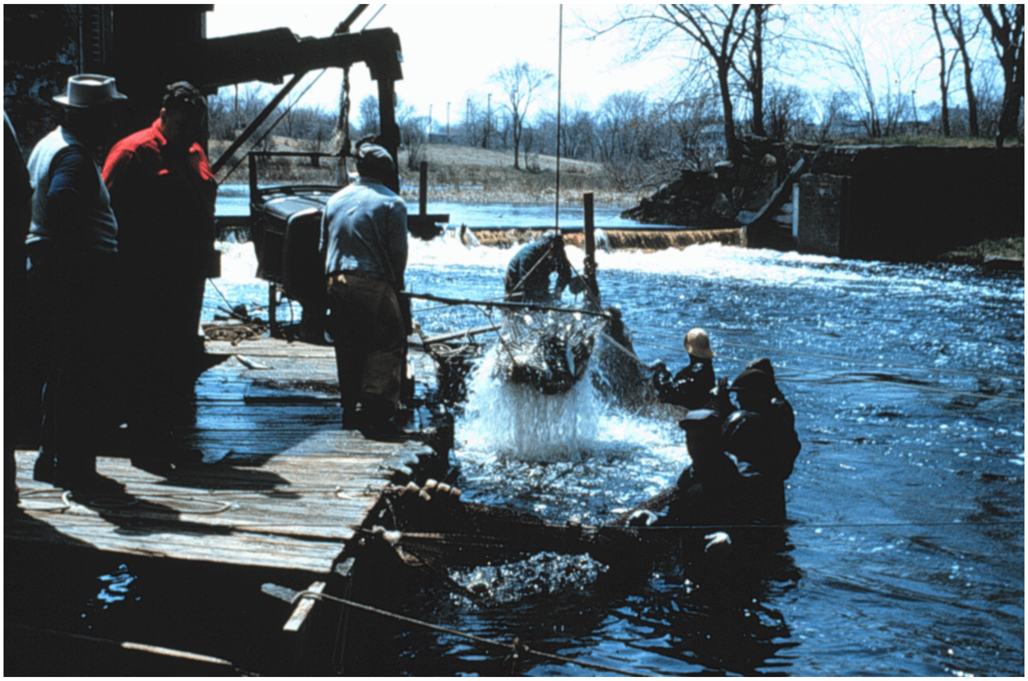
Source: Walter Thompson

1239. Star Mill Millpond

This picture shows the men drawing in the net getting it ready for the dip net.

Source: Walter Thompson

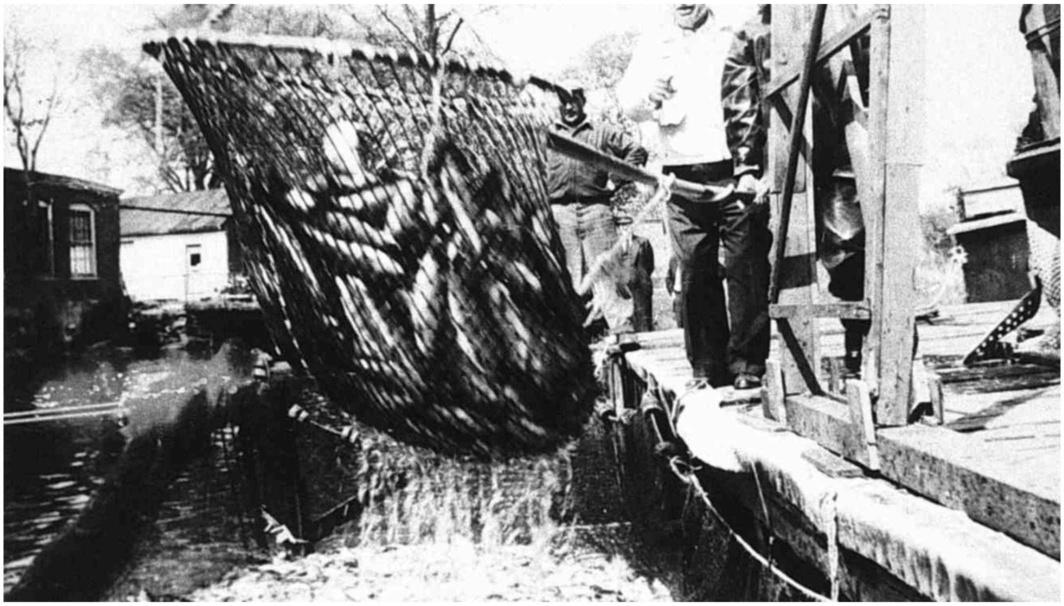




1240. Star Mill Millpond

The fishermen have raised the sides of the net so the dip net can be filled.

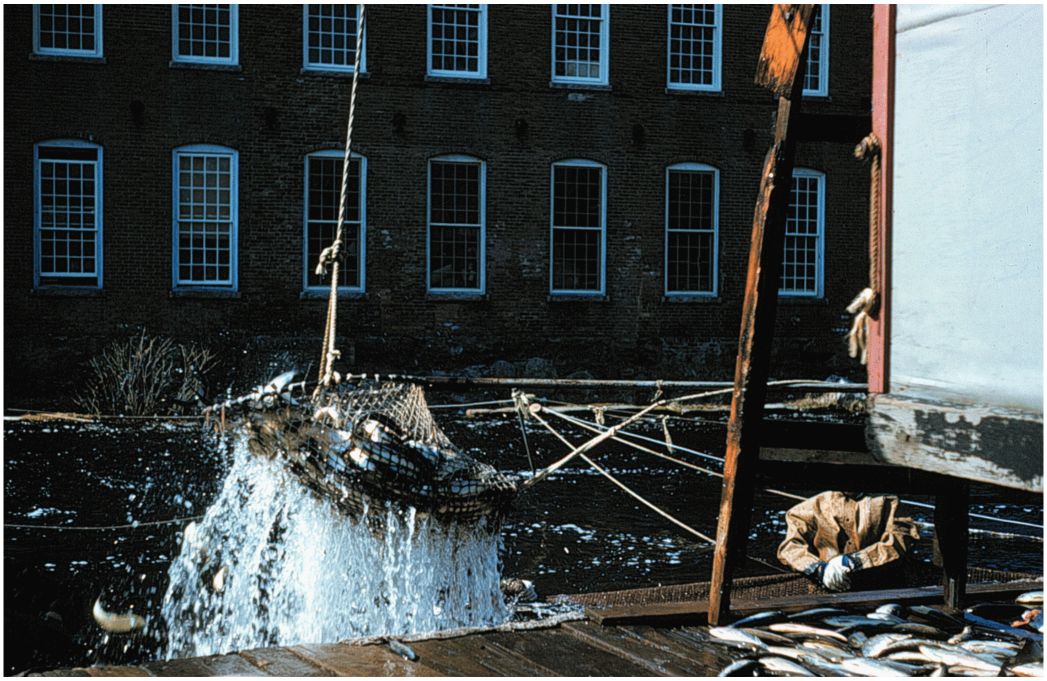
Source: Walter Thompson



1241. Star Mill Millpond

This scene depicts the dip net bursting with a full load of herring being raised to the chute where they would slide into the truck.

Source: Walter Thompson



1242. Star Mill Millpond

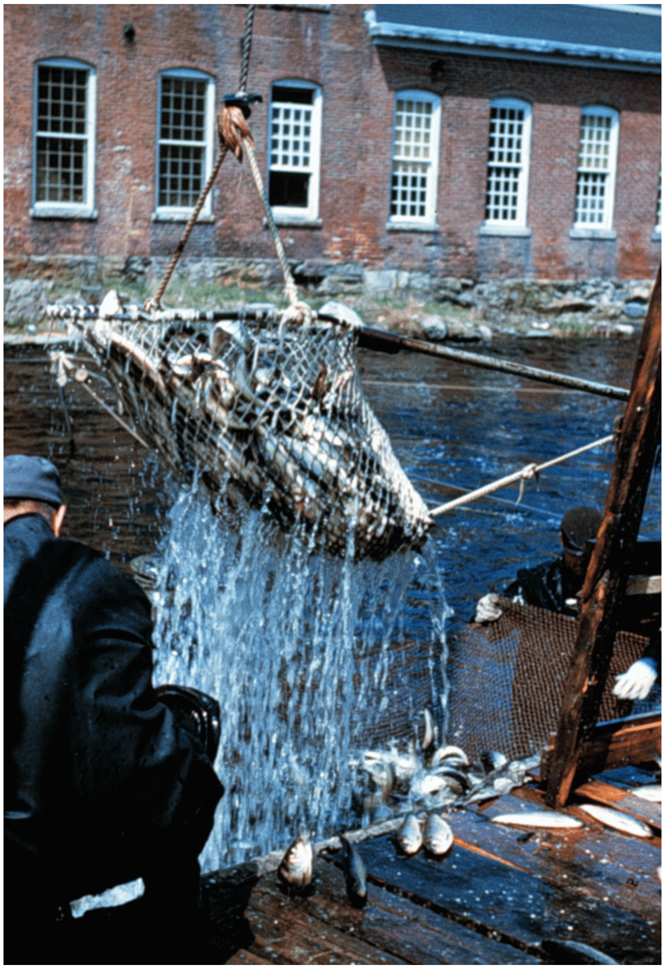
The dip net has taken a scoop full of herring and is heading for the chute on the truck.

Source: Walter Thompson

1243. Star Mill Millpond

As the dip net goes up to the chute, it creates a kind of waterfall effect.

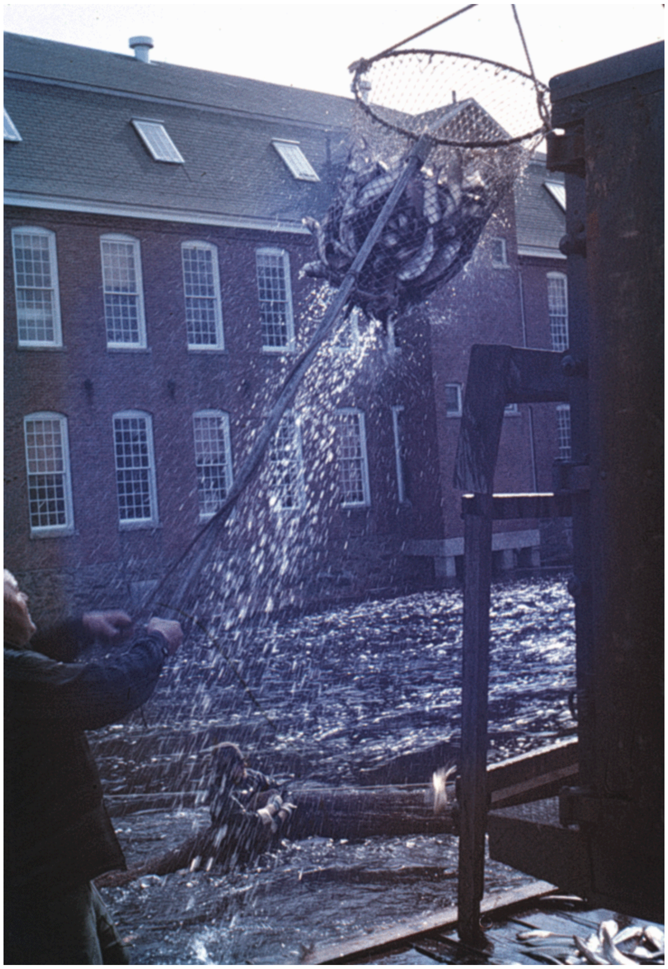
Source: Walter Thompson

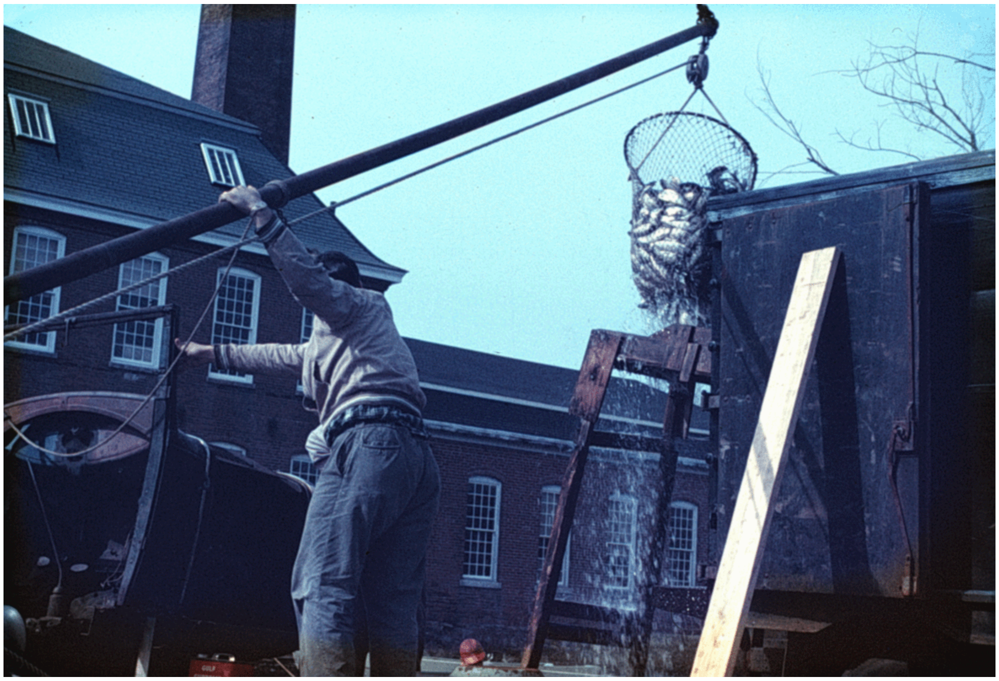


1244. Star Mill Millpond

The dip net is just reaching the top of the chute to be opened.

Source: Walter Thompson

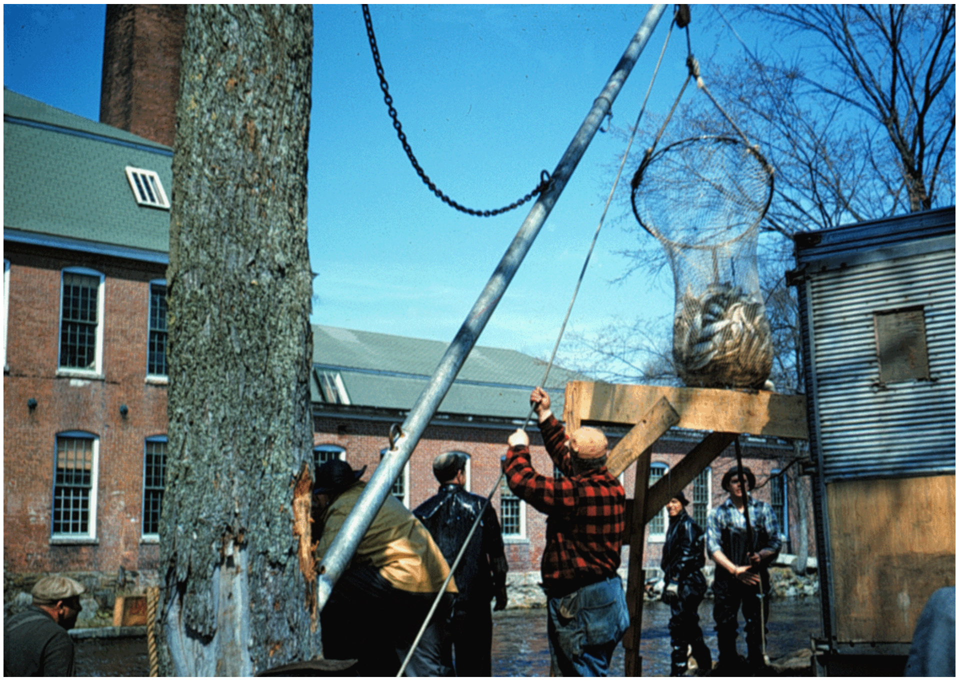




1245. Star Mill Millpond

This picture shows the dip net just ready to be opened over the chute.

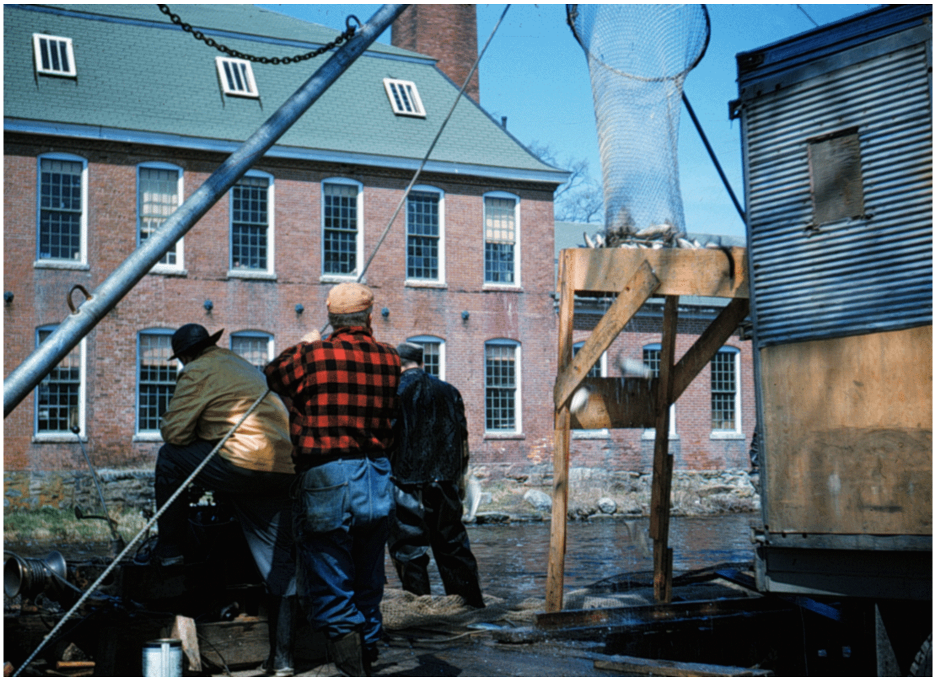
Source: Walter Thompson



1246. Star Mill Millpond

The men are just opening the bottom of the dip net and the fish are starting their fateful journey.

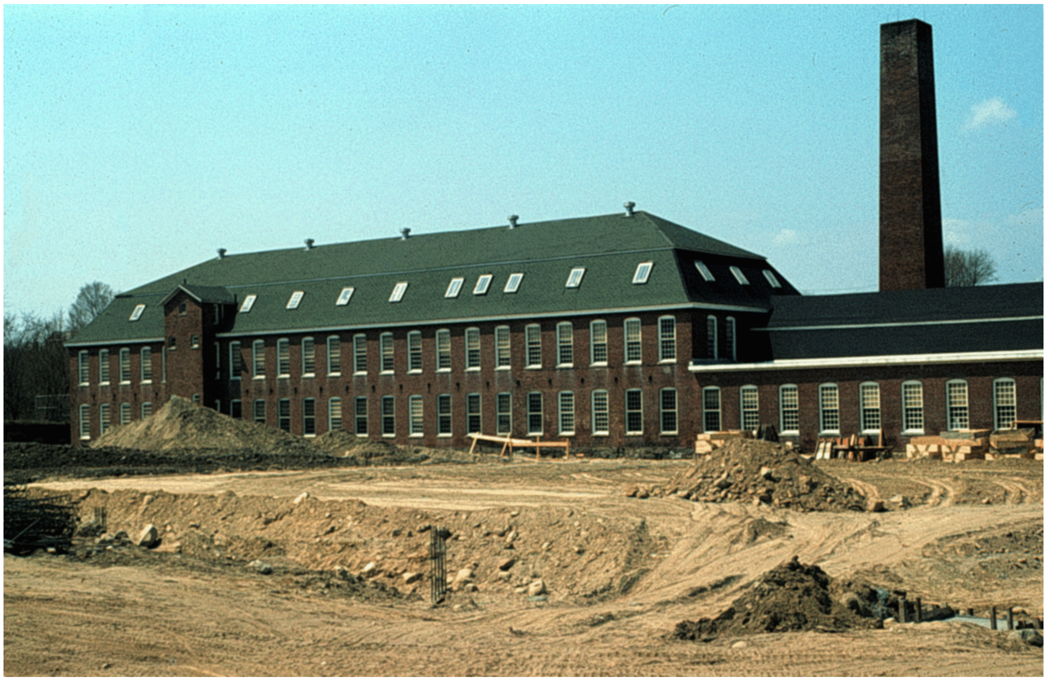
Source: Walter Thompson



1247. Star Mill Millpond

This beautiful view shows the dip net open and the herring are well down the chute into the truck. On the left are two of the men controlling the cable with a winch. Also see the factory in the background.

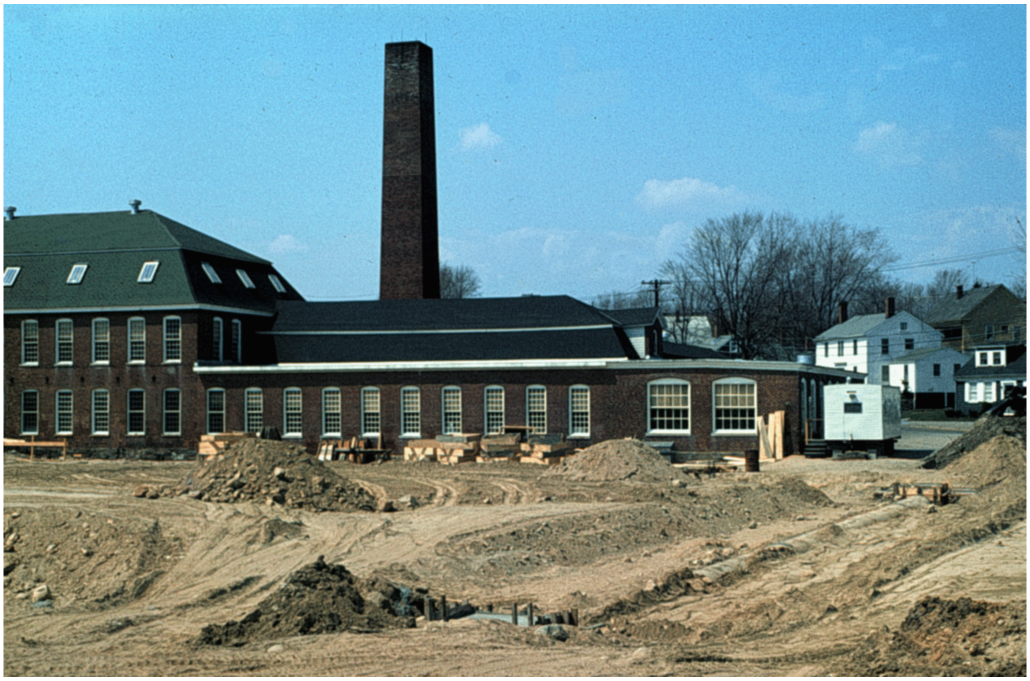
Source: Walter Thompson



1248. Millpond Fill-In

This view makes a person either smile or weep depending on their disposition. This gorgeous photo shows the millpond being filled in and the riverbed changed to make way for the new Winthrop Atkins Storage Building.

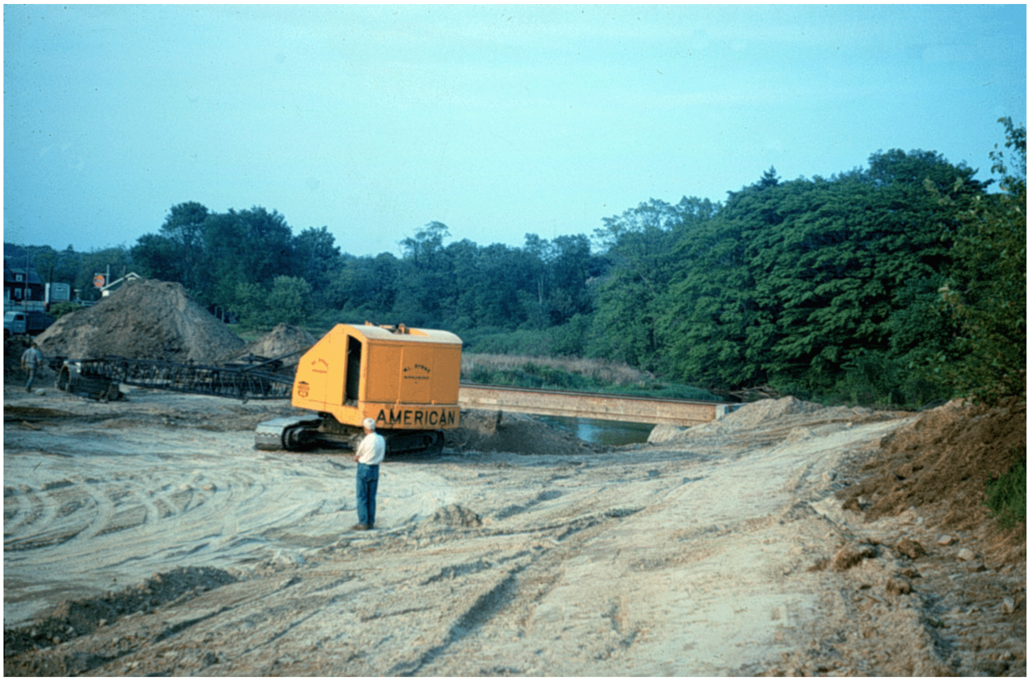
Source: Walter Thompson



1249. Millpond Fill-In

This view is a closer look at the filling in of the millpond and shows the gray cape of James Maddigan family on the right. On the left of the Maddigan house is the Myra Bena family home.

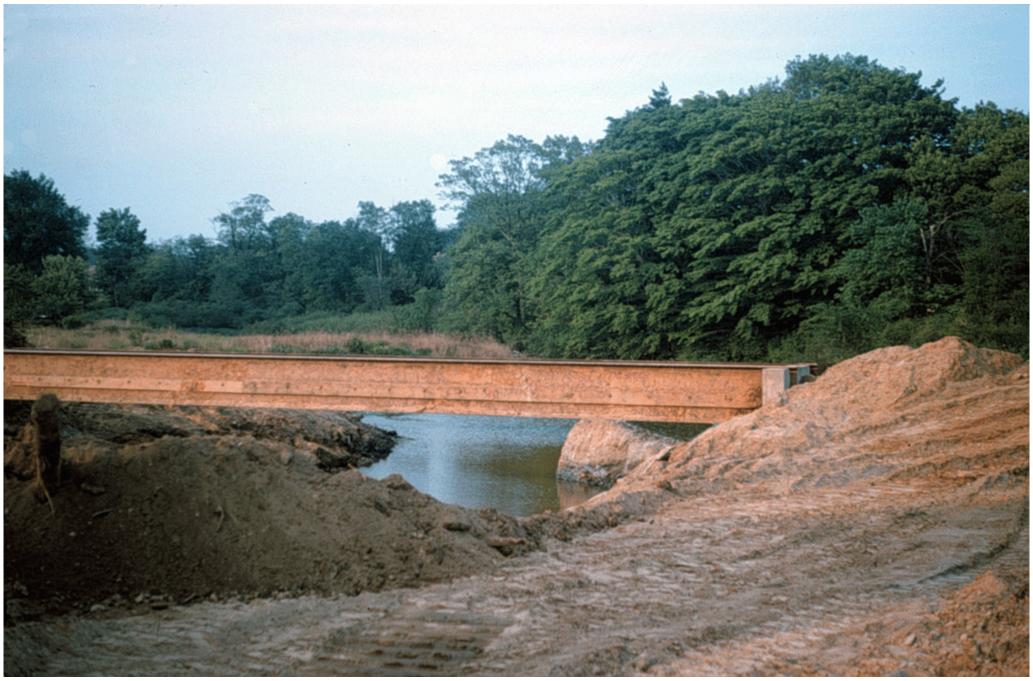
Source: Walter Thompson



1250. Altering the Course of the River

This picture shows the course of the Nemasket River being altered after the millpond was filled in for the construction of the new office space for the Winthrop Atkins Co.

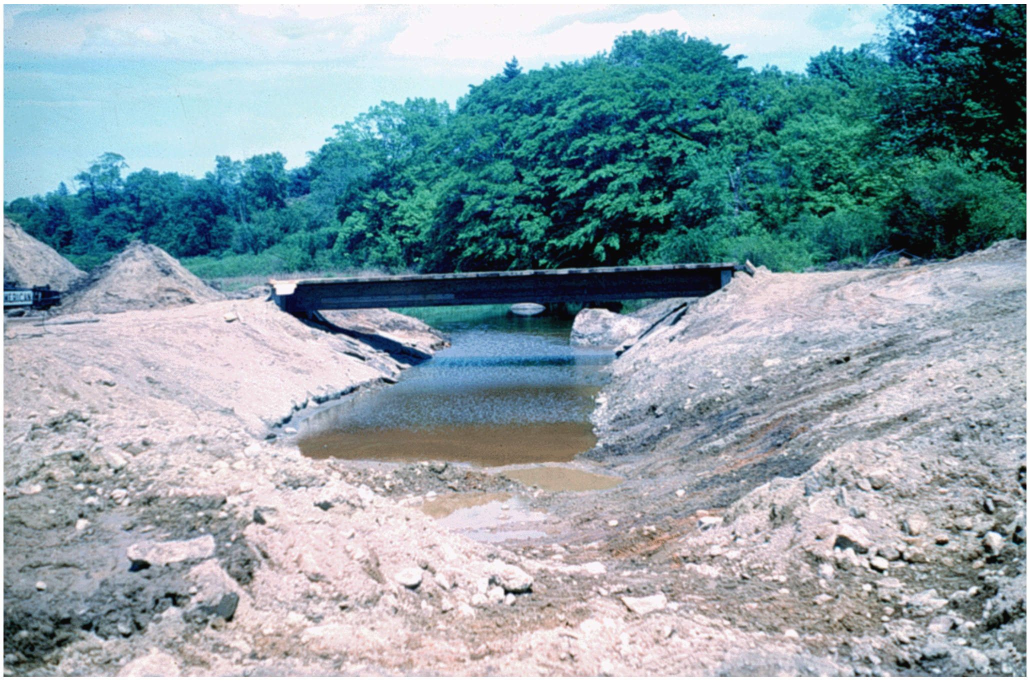
Source: Walter Thompson



1251. Star Mill Millpond

This view shows the steel I beams being raised into place for the new bridge next to Maddigan’s Farm.

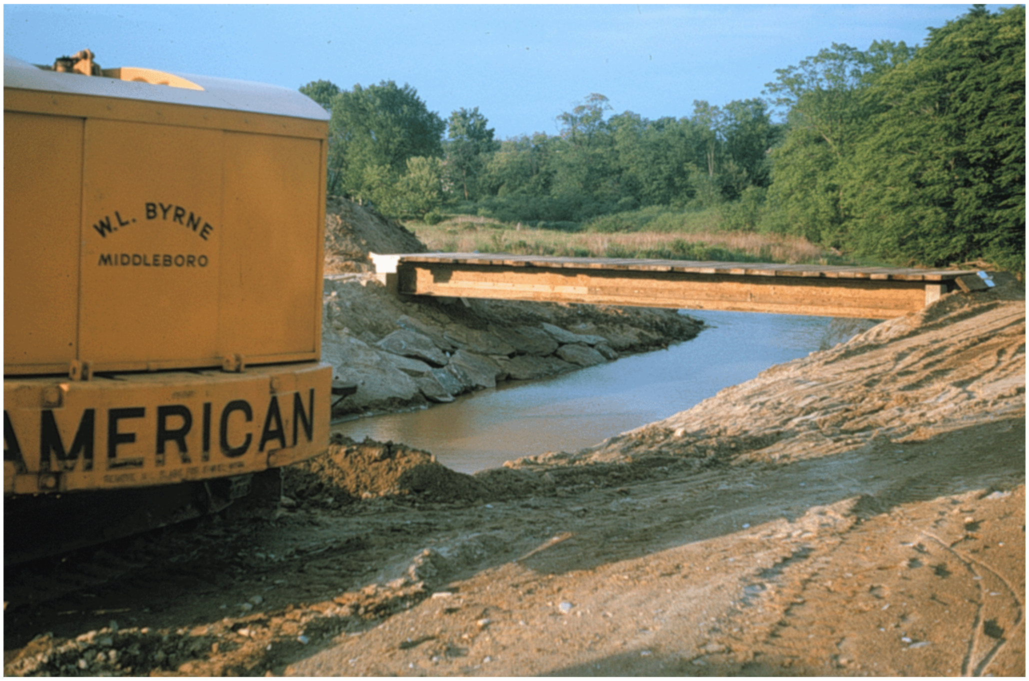
Source: Walter Thompson



1252. New Riverbed, New Bridge

This spectacular view shows the filled in millpond to the left, the new river channel and the new Maddigan Farm bridge.

Source: Walter Thompson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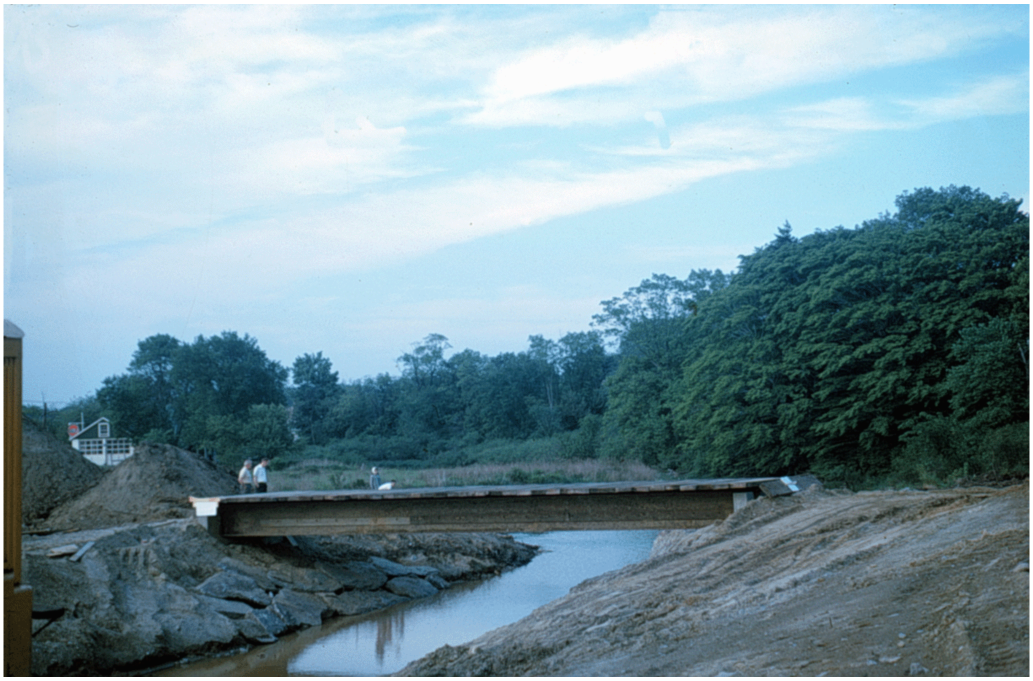
1253. New Riverbed

This close-up view shows the crane on the left and the new bridge to the Maddigan Farm on the right.

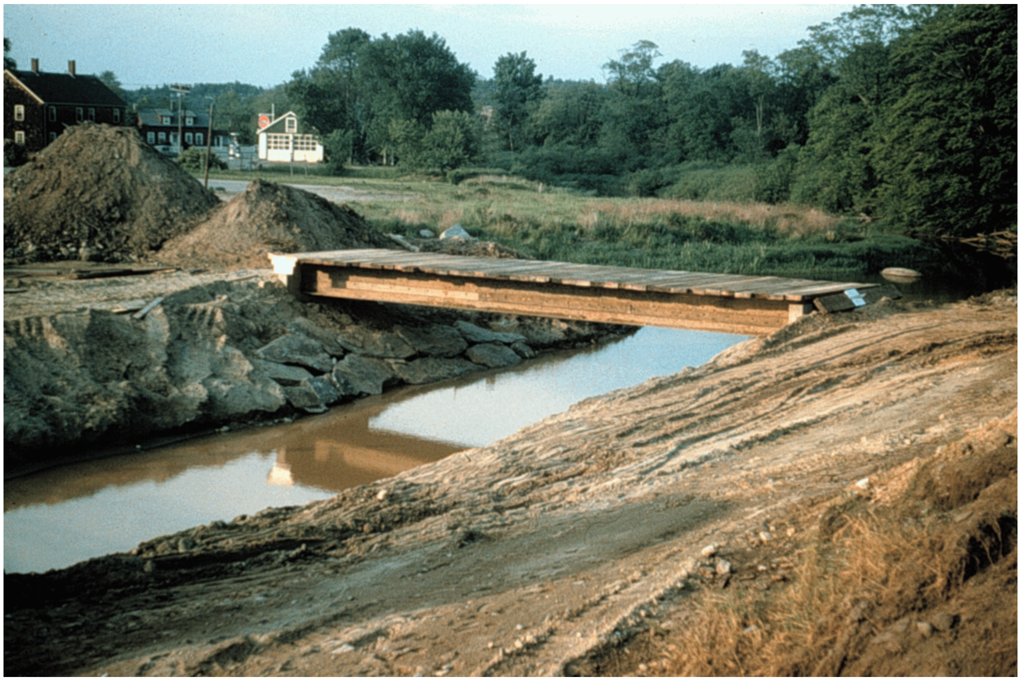
Source: Walter Thompson



1254. New Bridge View

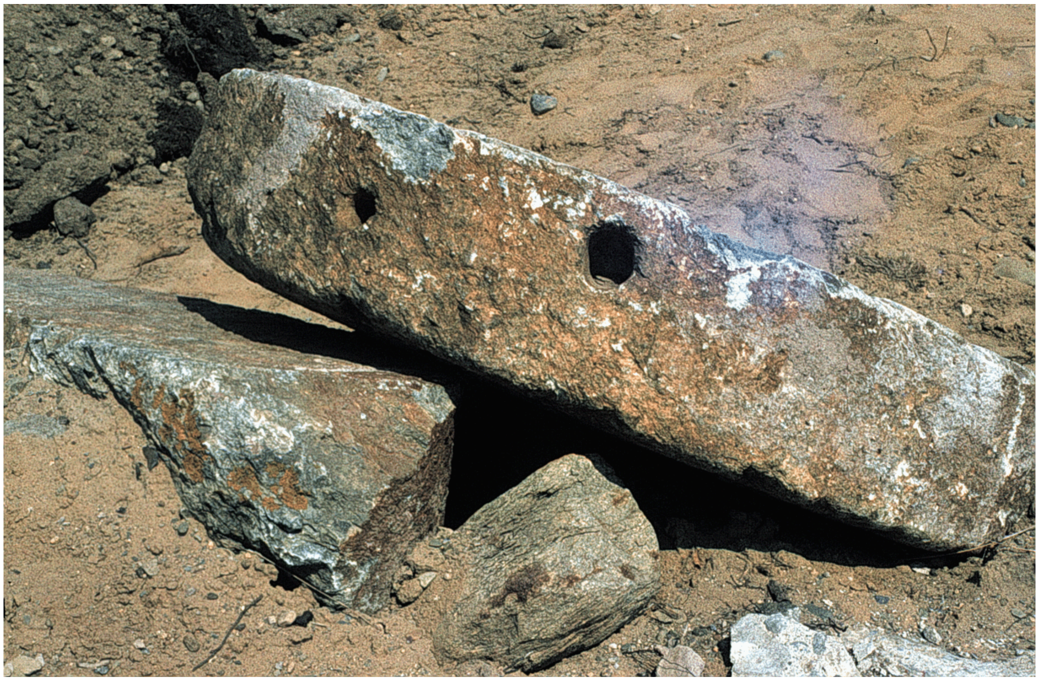
This shows the new Maddigan Farm bridge in place and Mike Collins garage may be viewed to the rear left of the picture.

Source: Walter Thompson



1255. New Bridge View

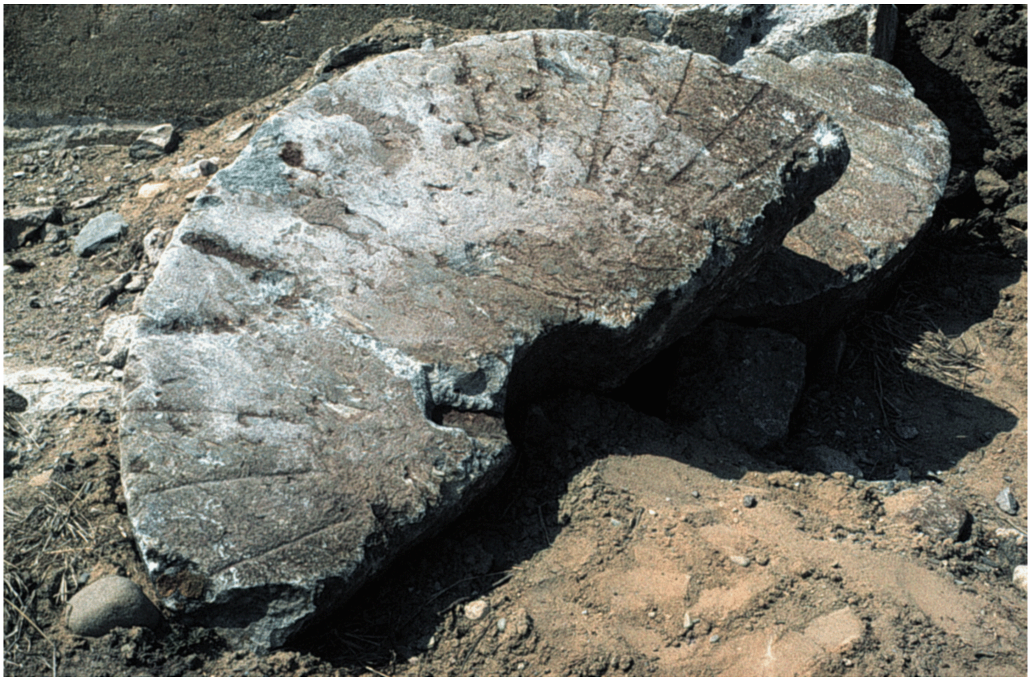
This closer view shows the new river course and the new Maddigan Farm bridge. To the rear are Mike Collins Garage and the duplex next door.



1256. Millstones

This is one of the views showing a millstone possibly from the first mill that was built by the dam.

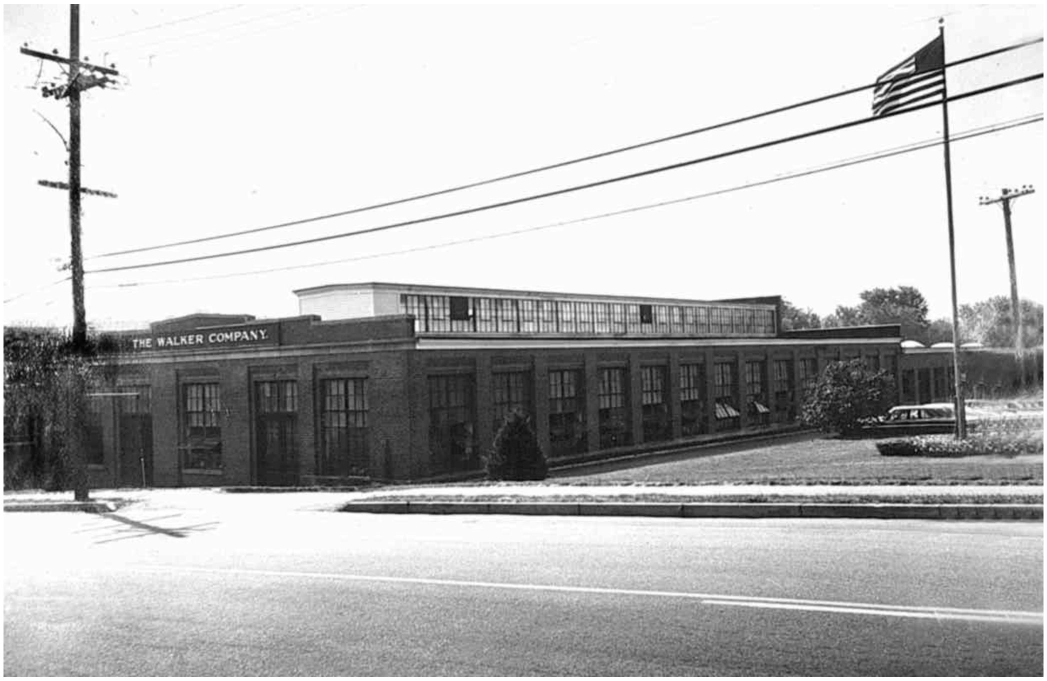
Source: Walter Thompson



1257. Millstones

As the millpond was filled in, these millstone pieces and parts of the original waterwheel were uncovered.

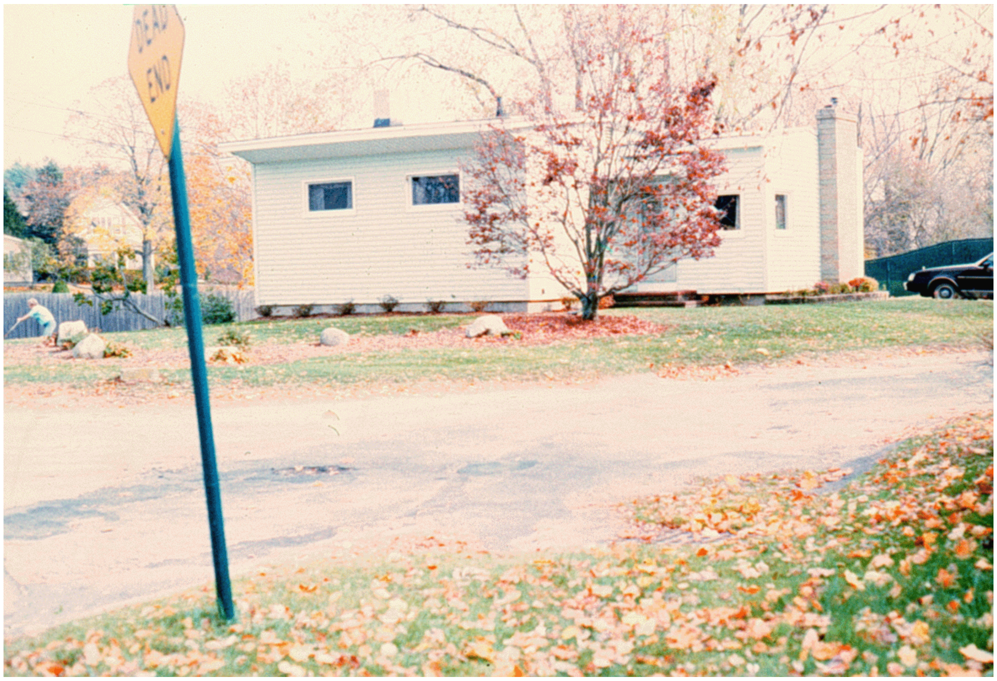
Source: Walter Thompson



1258. Walker Company

Started in a barn in the rear of the family homestead, the Walker Co. manufactured ice bags and heating pads. After the 2nd World War the company expanded to a plant on the grounds of the Old Star Mill on East Main Street. During the post war years the employees expanded to about 100 but the company fell on hard times and closed their doors in the late sixties.

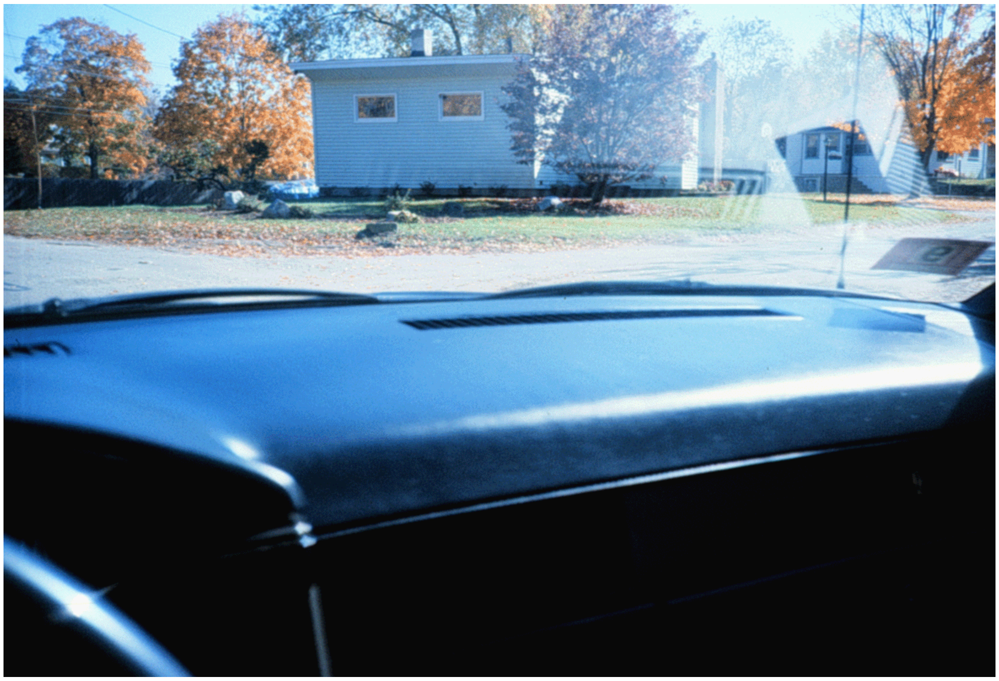
Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough



1259. Whitney House

On the left side of the Star Mill was located the Star Mill Machine Shop which created a tunnel effect that all traffic had to go between to get to the millpond and the bridge that went to the Maddigan Farm. This is the largest section that was cut from the shop to make a home on Mayflower Avenue.

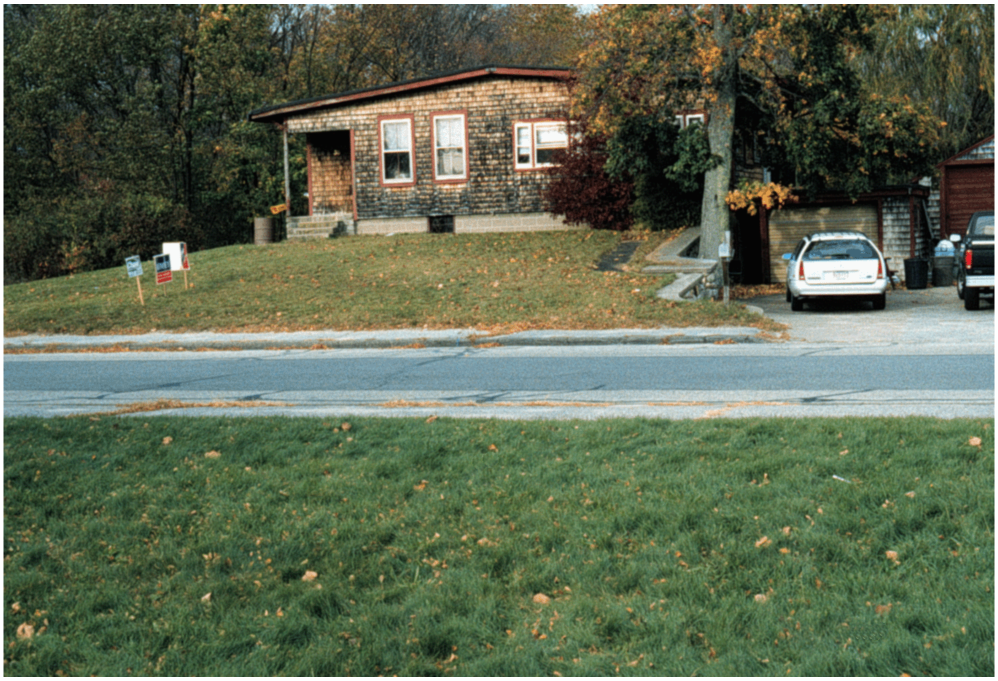
Source: Walter Thompson



1260. Whitney House

This small cottage on the corner of East Main Street and Carpenter Street was created from the other side of the Star Mill Machine Shop. This home and the other one on Mayflower Avenue were cut from either end of the machine shop with the center section being dismantled to close in the open side of both houses.

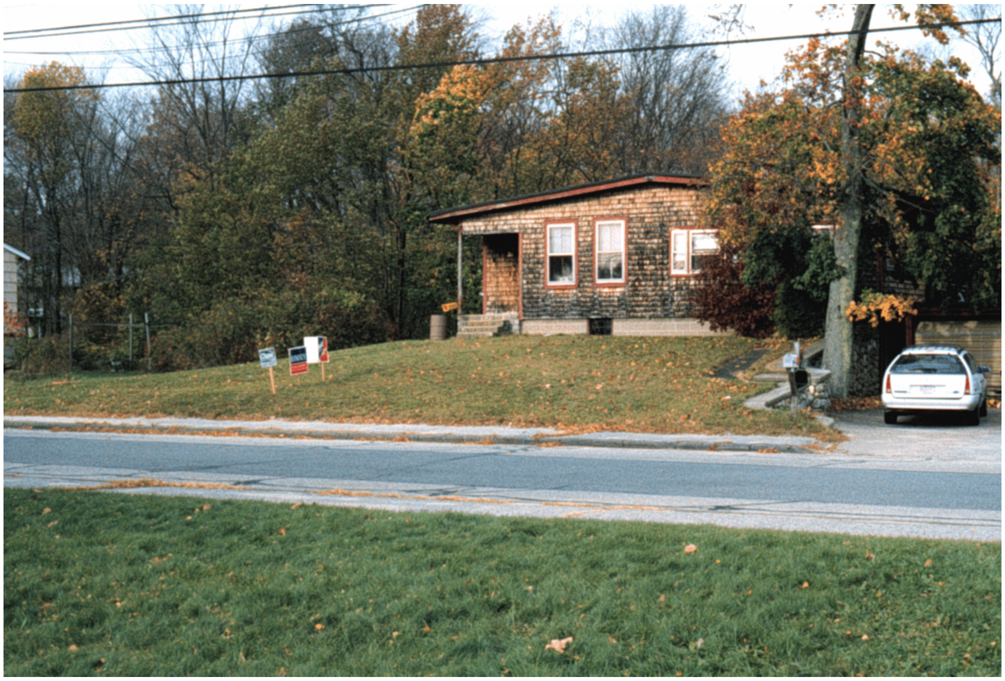
Source: Walter Thompson



1261. Whitney House

This house is the larger section that was cut out of the Star Mill Machine Shop. Mansfield Whitney who held the school bus contract at that time bought the old shop to convert into two houses. He designed the large garage door on the right to allow a school bus to pass through.

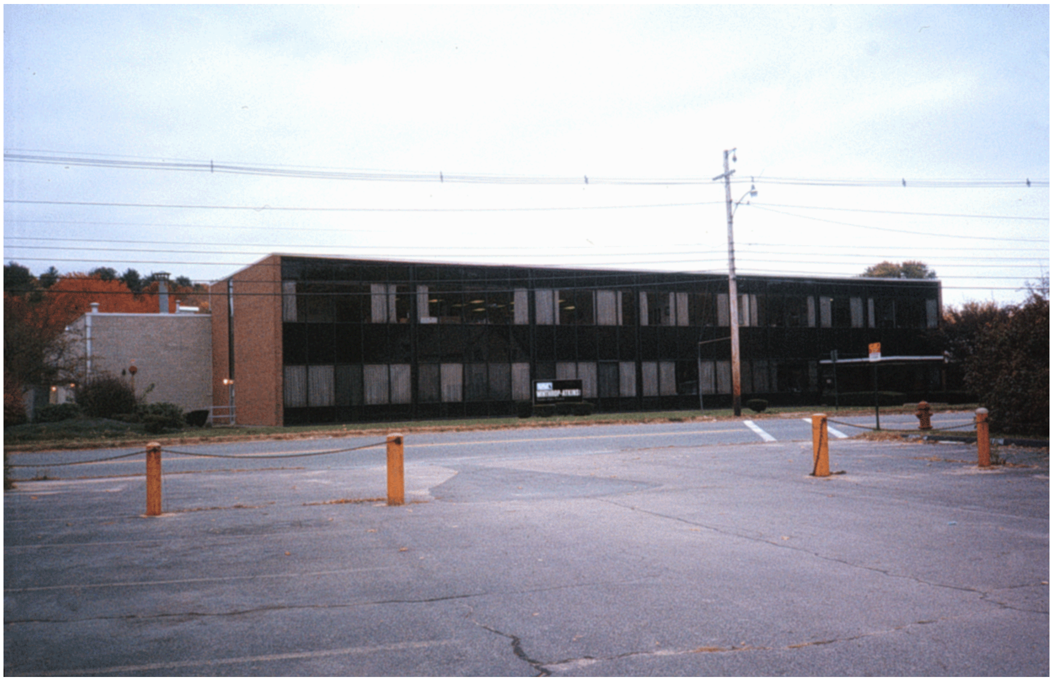
Source: Walter Thompson



1262. Mansfield Whitney House

This is another shot that I took of the Mansfield Whitney house on Mayflower Avenue.

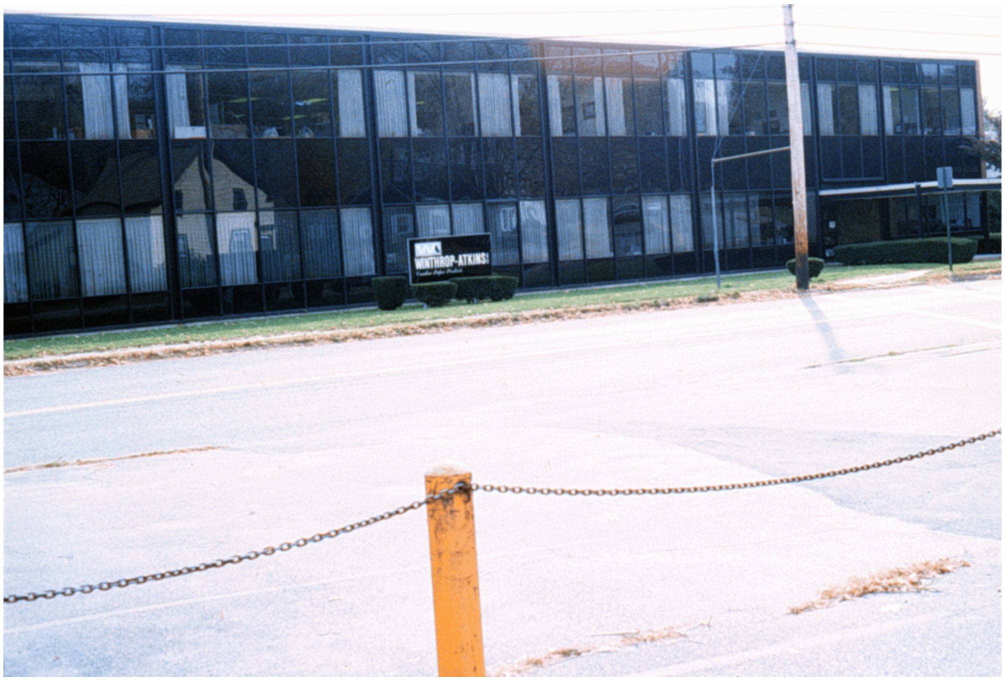
Source: Walter Thompson



1263. Winthrop Atkins

Winthrop Atkins had the Star Mill Millpond filled in, in the early sixties and that ended an era of commercial fishing. With the addition of this large building to the mill complex the company gained much more modern office and warehouse space.

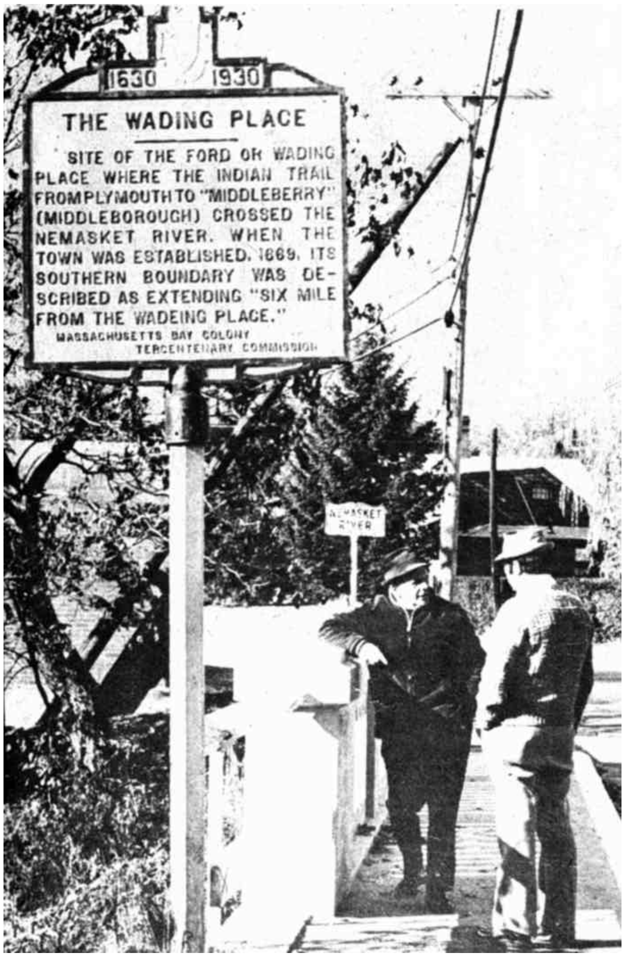
Source: Walter Thompson



1264. Winthrop Atkins

This is a closer view of the Winthrop Atkins office main entrance. A duplex house was taken down to make way for delivery trucks and the Star Mill Machine Shop once stood by the main entrance along with the old bridge to the Maddigan farm.

Source: Walter Thompson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THE WADING PLACE
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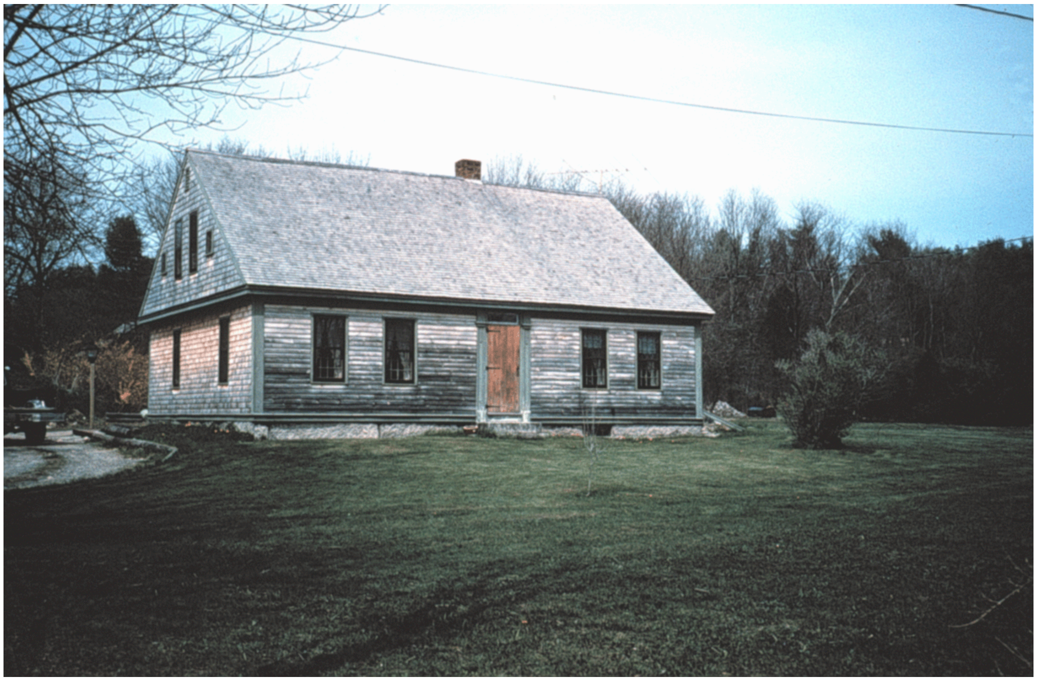
MASSACHUSETTS BAY COLONY
TERCENTENARY COMMISSION
NEMASKET RIVER

1265. "The Wading Place"

Site of the Ford or Wading Place where the Indian trail from Plymouth to "Middleberry" (Middleborough) crossed the Nemasket River. When the town was established in 1669 it's southern boundary was described as extending "six miles from the wading place".

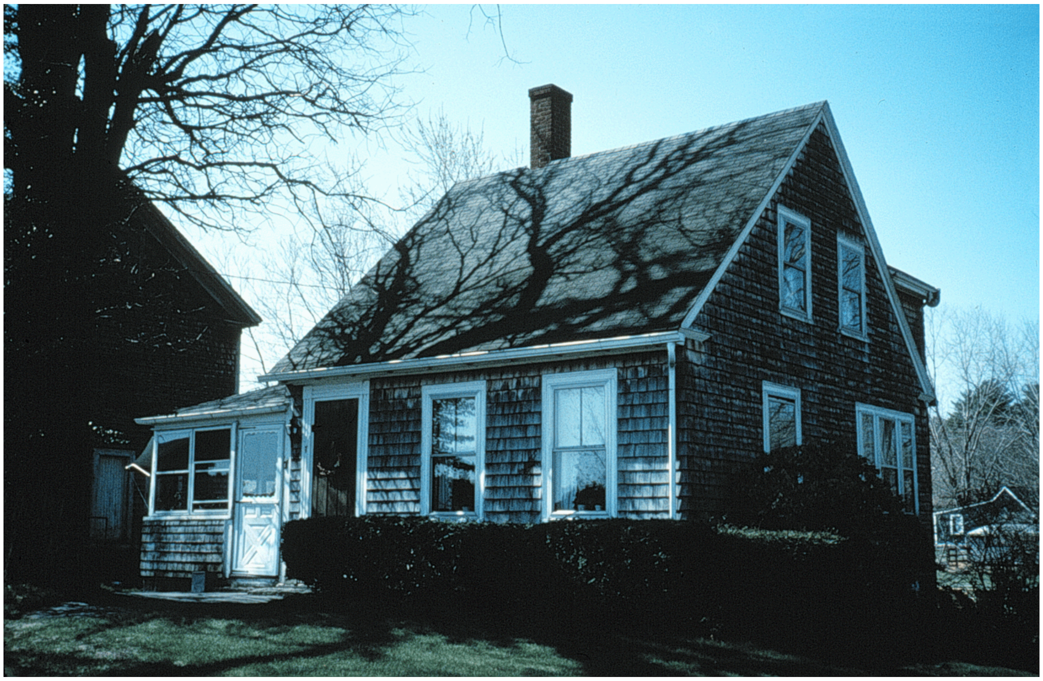
Source: Tercentenary Commission Marker



1266. The Judge House

This old cape-style house was lived in for many years by Lorenzo Judge with his mother, father and sister. The family had the beautiful old home completely restored and it sits quietly on its knoll looking quietly over a peaceful Nemasket River.

Source: Walter Thompson

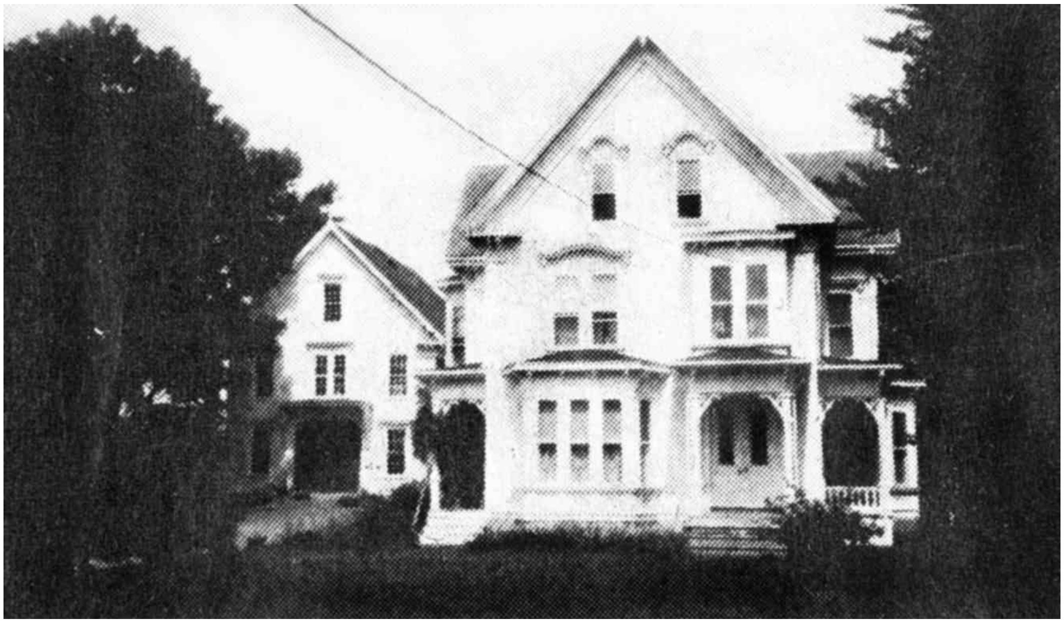


1267. A Pratt House

This little split cape has sat quietly on Sachem Street across from the Pratt Farm surrounded by its fields and woods for many generations. The house and its barn have always been kept in good shape and is so today.

Source: Walter Thompson

1268. George Place Home



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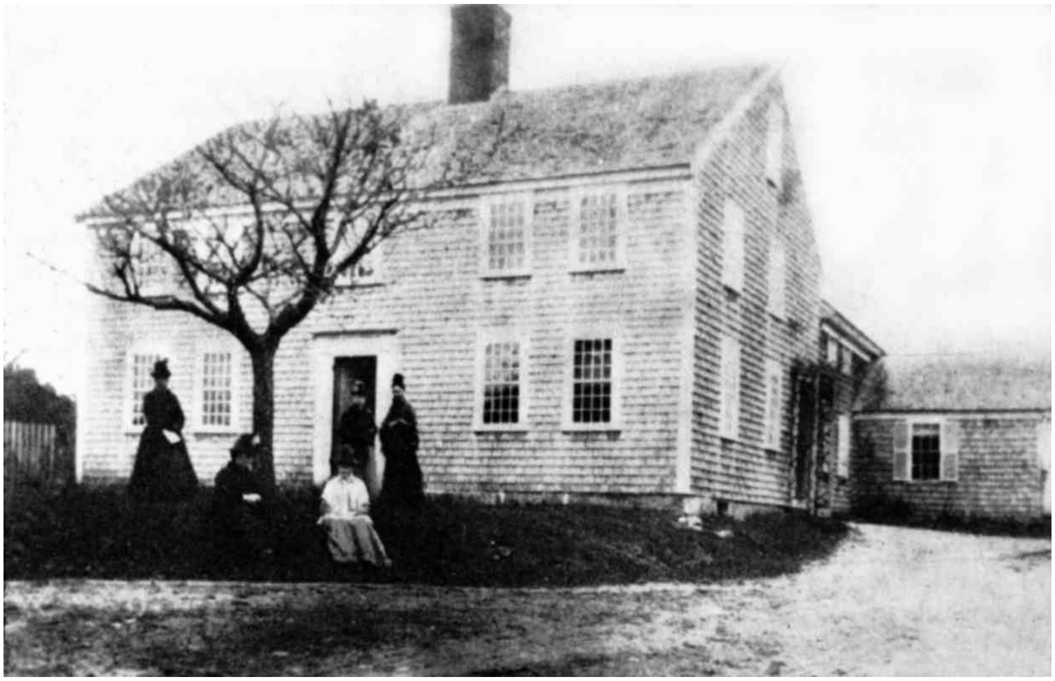

1270. Pratt Homestead

This is the old Pratt Homestead on East Main Street where Ernest and Louise Pratt grew up. For many years Ernest operated a dairy business and ice business. Louise was a librarian and an avid bird watcher. The house and barns were torn down in the 1960's to make way for a golf course that never materialized. The town owns the property.

Source: Walter Thompson

1271. Louise Pratt

Louise Pratt, who lived on the Pratt Farm on East Main Street with her family was the valedictorian of the Middleborough High School Class of 1905.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
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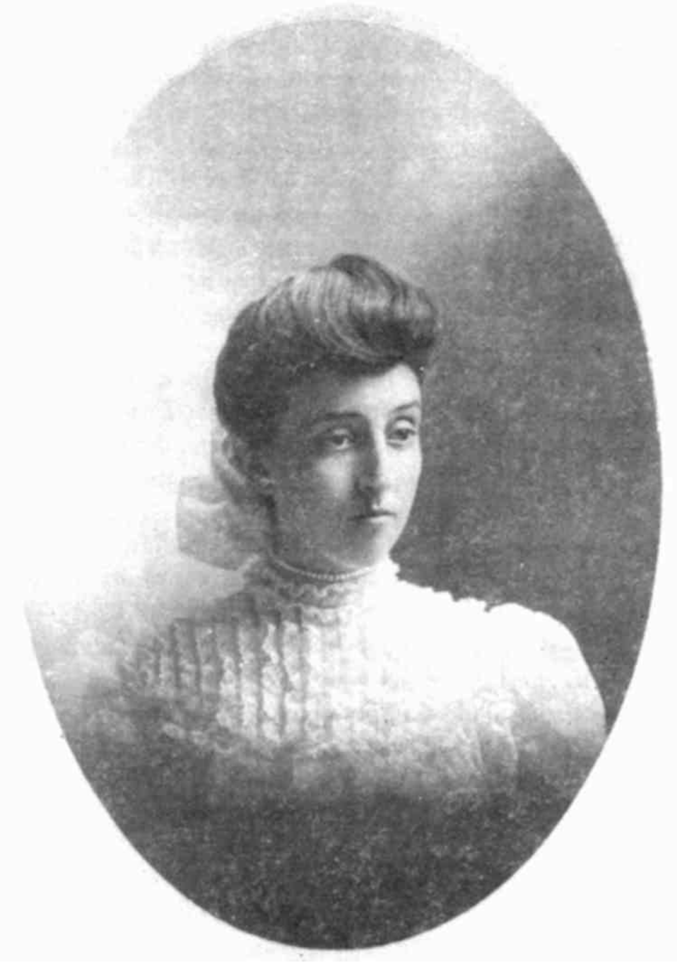
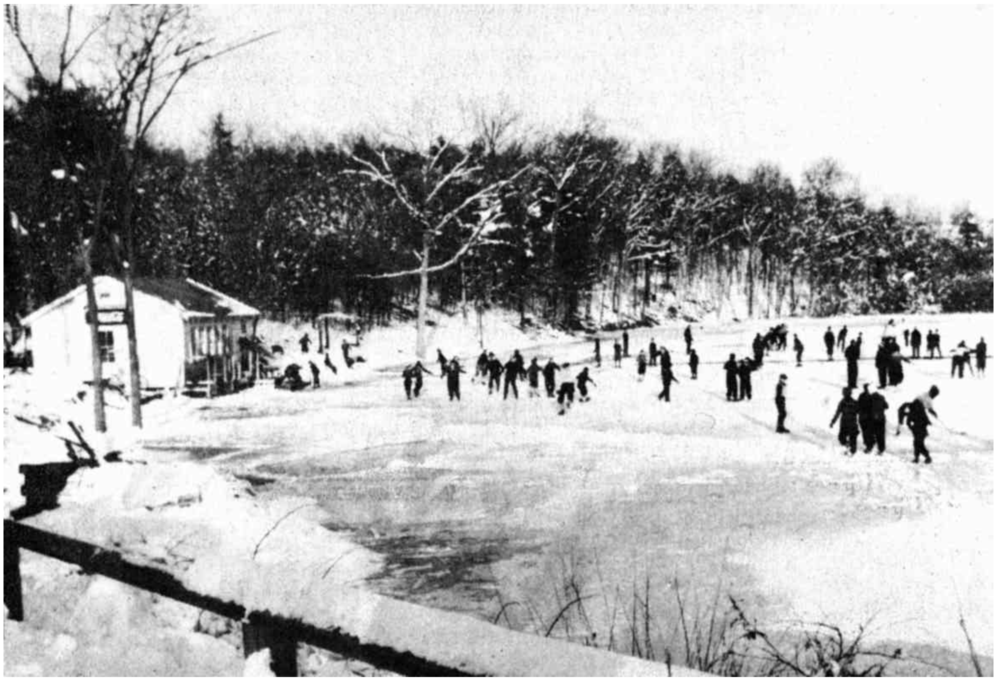
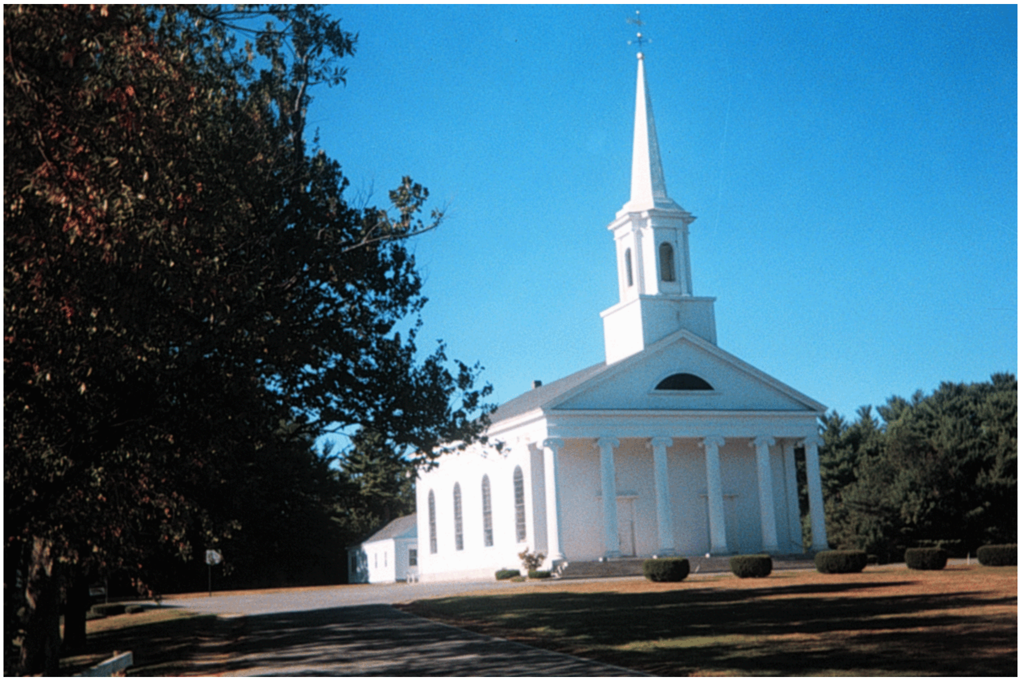




1272. Pratt's Ice Pond

In the mid thirties I walked from Rock Street to Al Hodder's skating rink at Pratt farm to skate and play pick up ice hockey with Dutchy Grossman, the Mitchell family, Welly Thomas and other athletes in the pre-war depression era. Money was scarce so Barbara Hodder got a gang together to build the rink by damming up the ice pond. Nobody had to pay to play!

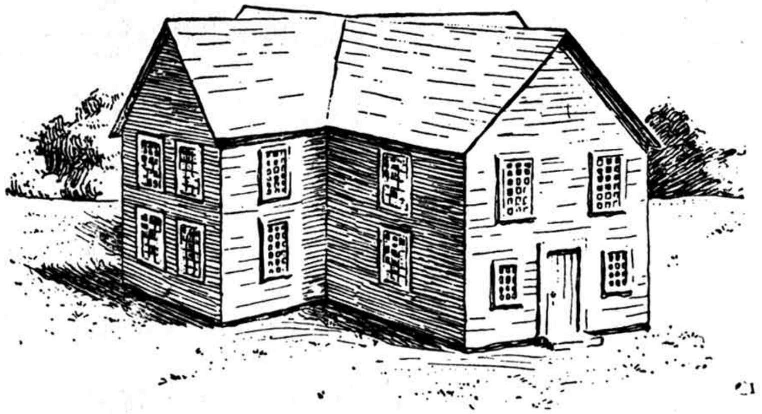
Source: Larry Carver



1273. First Congregational Church

When traveling on Route 105 (Plympton St.), one notices the last vestiges of an old town center with the appearance of the First Church.

Source: Walter Thompson

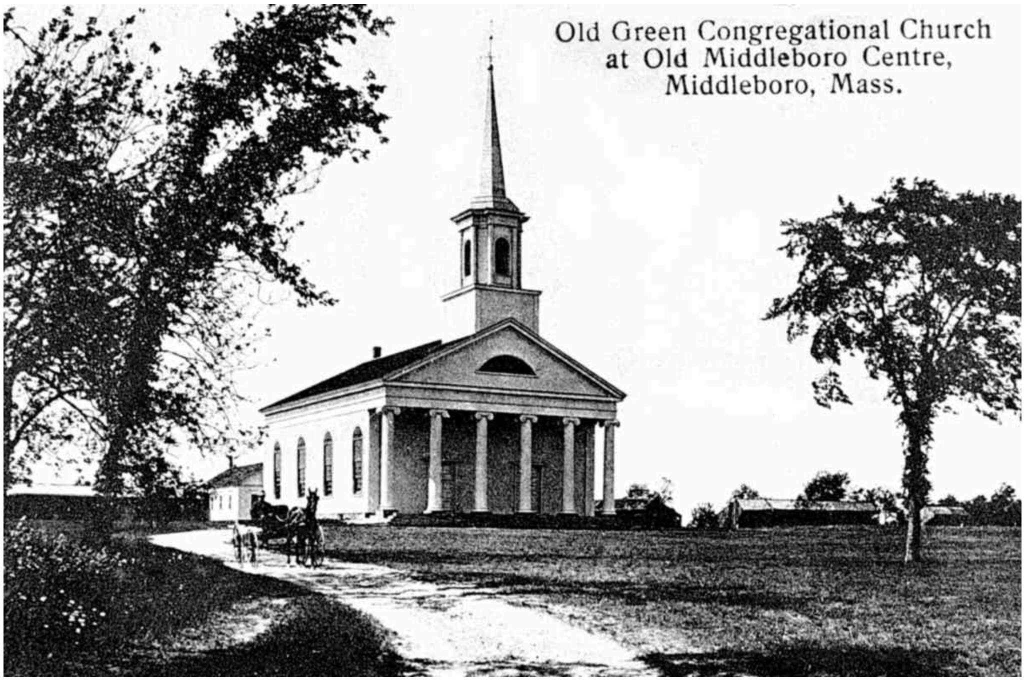


SECOND MEETING–HOUSE
(Reproduced from a very old pencil drawing)

1274. Second Meeting House

With an increase in population a larger church was needed. It was built on the corner of Plymouth and Wood Street. Between the present Sproat barn and the Green Schoolhouse. The only thing known was that it was two stories high and built in the shape of a cross.

Source: Walter Thompson


Old Green Congregational Church
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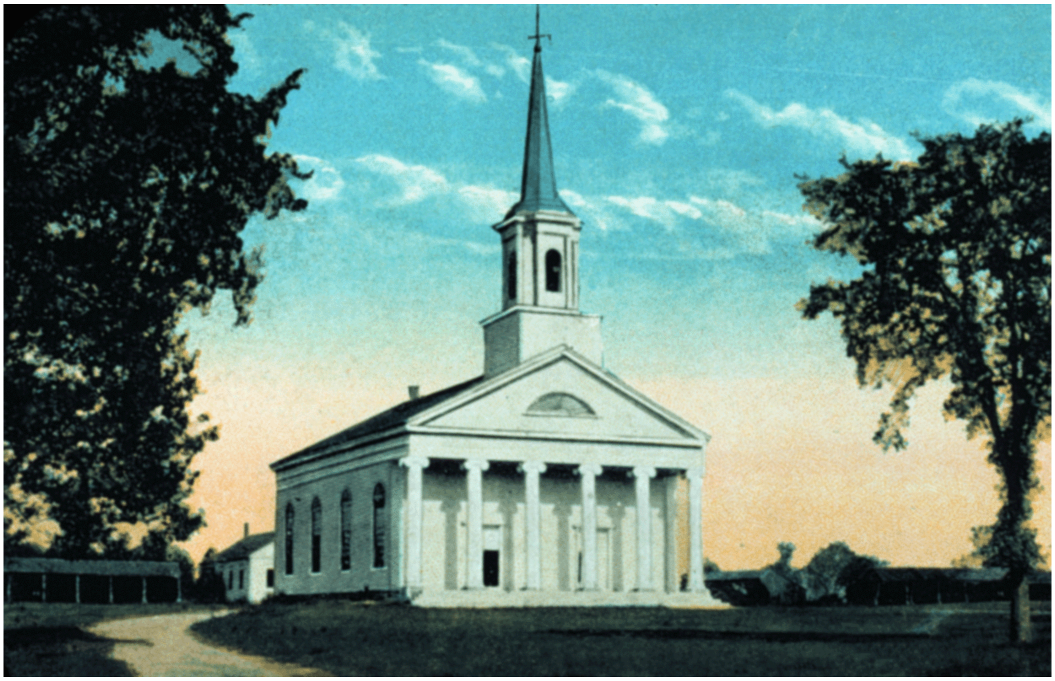
Middleboro, Mass.

1275. First Congregation Church

Contrary to common belief this particular church is not the first one built. The original church was located on Plymouth Street about a half a mile down on the left and was nothing but a small, square, windowless log cabin with a door.

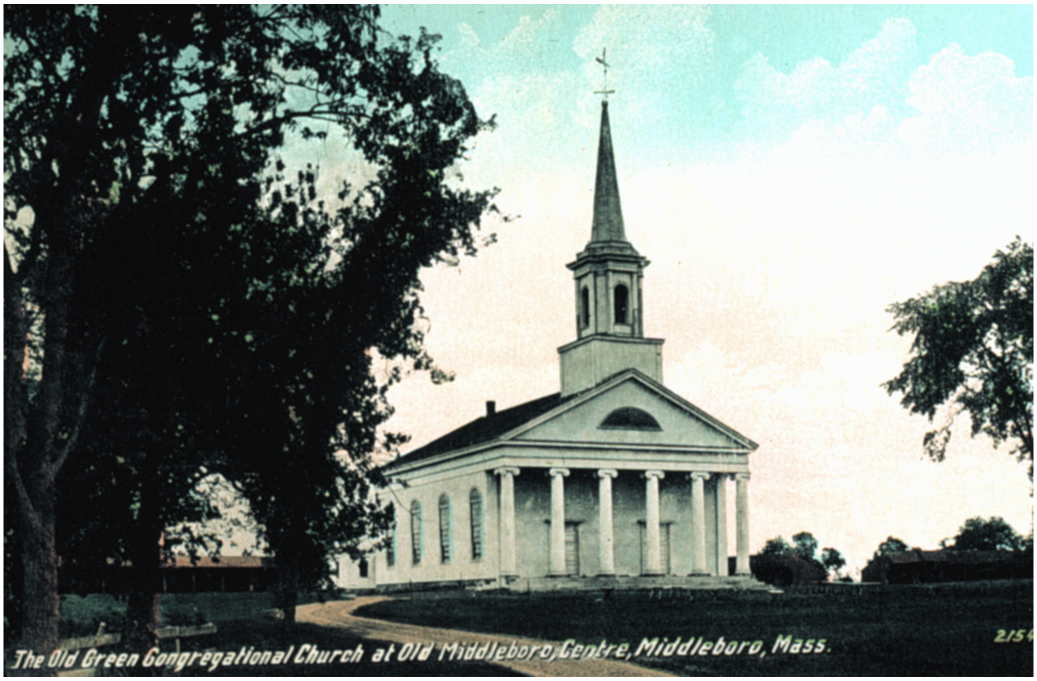
Source: Walter Thompson



1276. First Congregational Church

The third church was built to the right (parking lot) of the present edifice and there is no known description of the building.

Source: Walter Thompson


The Old Green Congregational Church at Old Middleboro, Centre, Middleboro, Mass.
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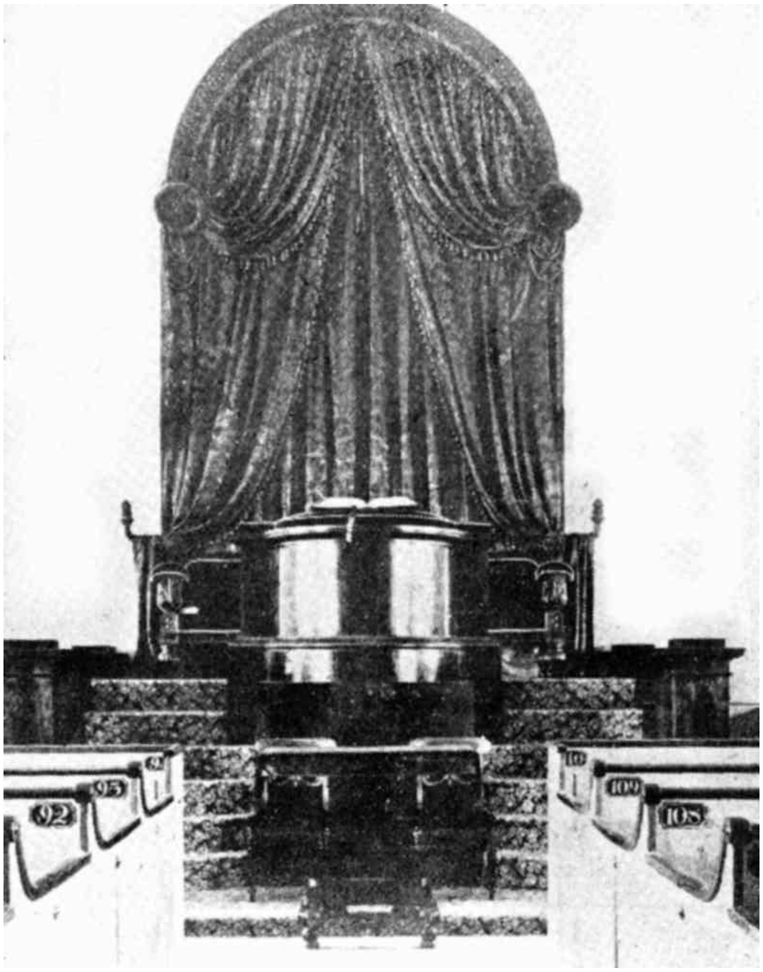
1277. First Congregational Church

Four acres of land were purchased of Zenas Cushman for the sight of the new meeting house and common in 1827. The parsonage was built in the year 1832, upon land purchased of Hercules Cushman. The architect of the church was James Sproat. The dedication sermon was preached January 1, 1829 by the most celebrated clergyman of his day, the Rev. Lyman Beecher, the father of Henry Ward Beecher. Daniel Webster, seeing it soon after its dedication remarked that it was one of the finest church edifices in the country.

Source: Middleborough Town History, Thomas Weston, pg. 457

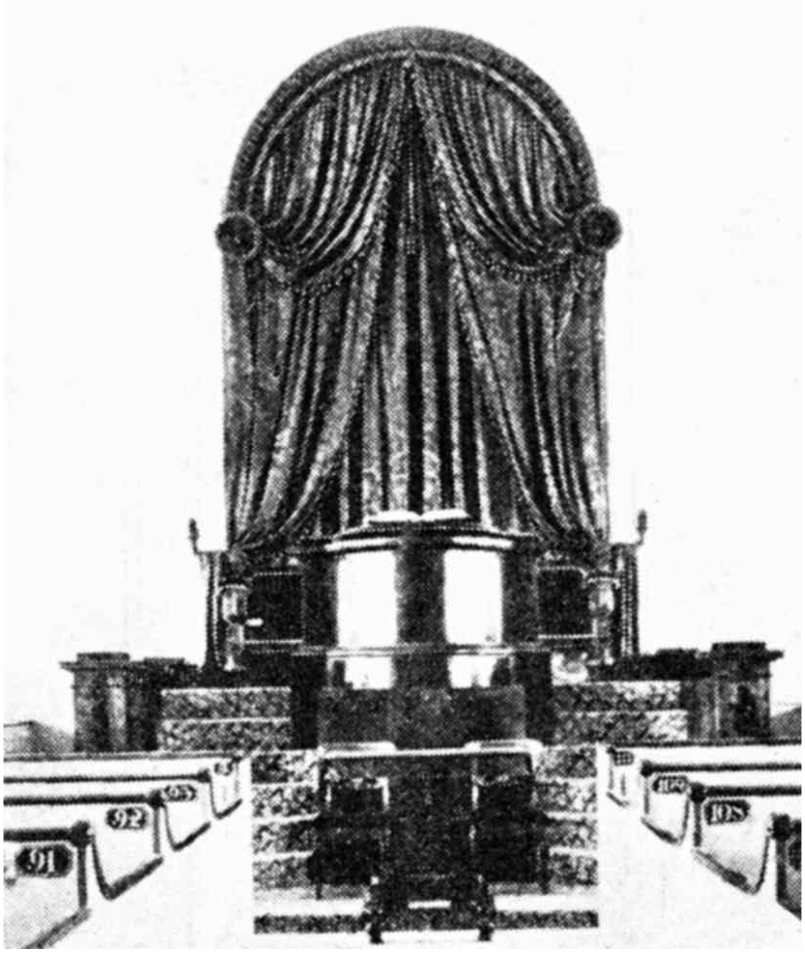


1278. Pulpit of First Church

"The curtain back of the pulpit was placed there immediately after the edifice was completed. It was the occasion of much opposition on the part of the older members of the church and society. The leader of this opposition was Captain Joshua Eddy, then one of the deacons of the church. On the Sabbath after it was put up he was in church, but said nothing about it until he returned home, when he called his oldest son Zachariah to his house and said, "Zach how about that curtain?" he replied, "It is for glory and beauty like Aaron's robe." There was a moment's silence, then the conversation turned upon other subjects and no further opposition was heard in regard to the curtain."

Source: A Direct Quote, Middleborough Town History, Thomas Weston, pg. 456

1279. Pulpit of First Church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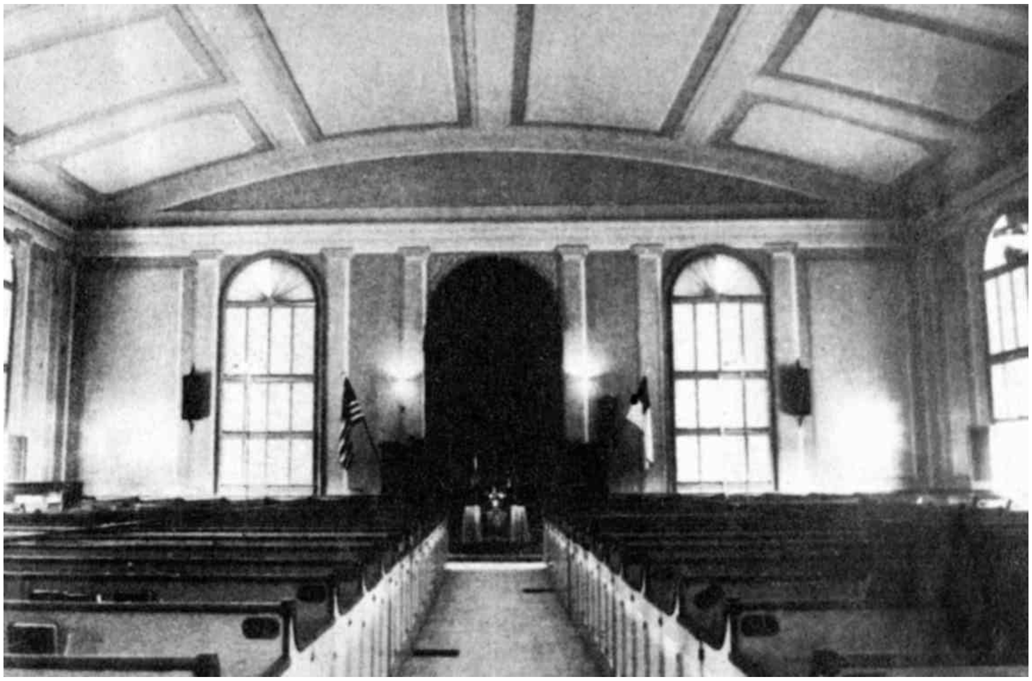


1280. First Church Interior

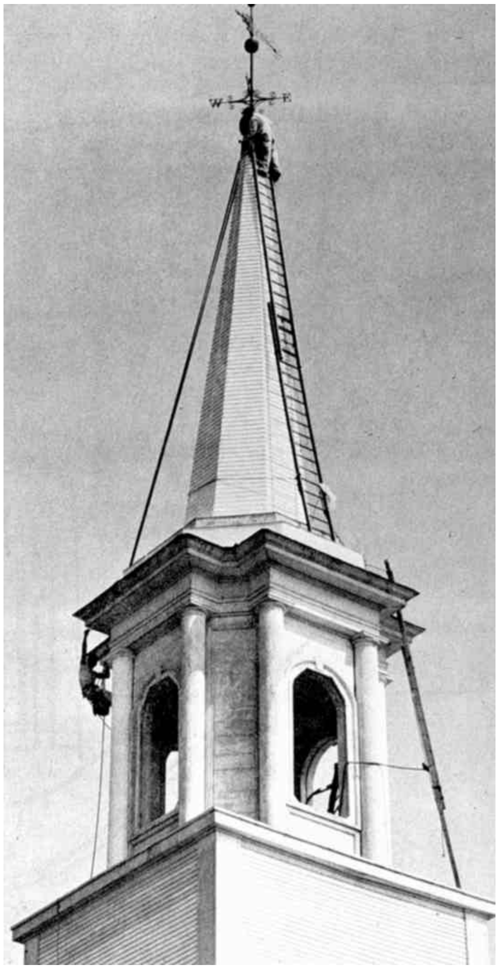
The interior of the church can fool a persons eye upon the first viewing. All of the ceiling and wall moldings and pilasters are nothing but a good “fake” paint job.

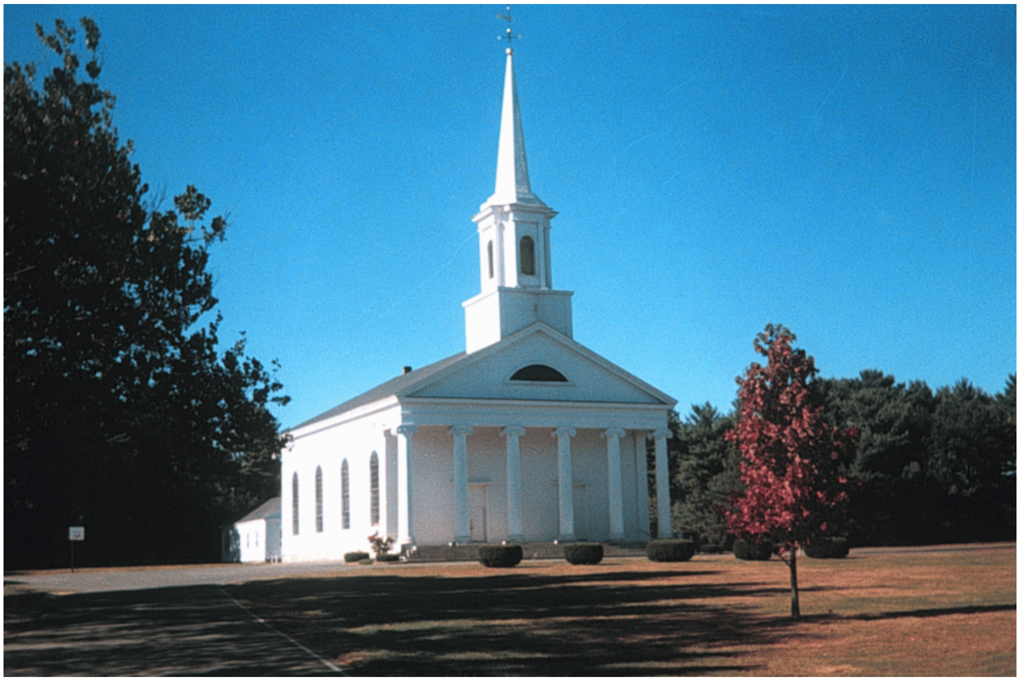
Source: Walter Thompson

1281. First Church Steeple

This picture depicts the painter high in his rigging as he paints the steeple in preparation for Middleborough’s 1969 Tercentennials.

Source: Walter Thompson





1282. First Congregational Church

We will end this section showing the church as people see it today.

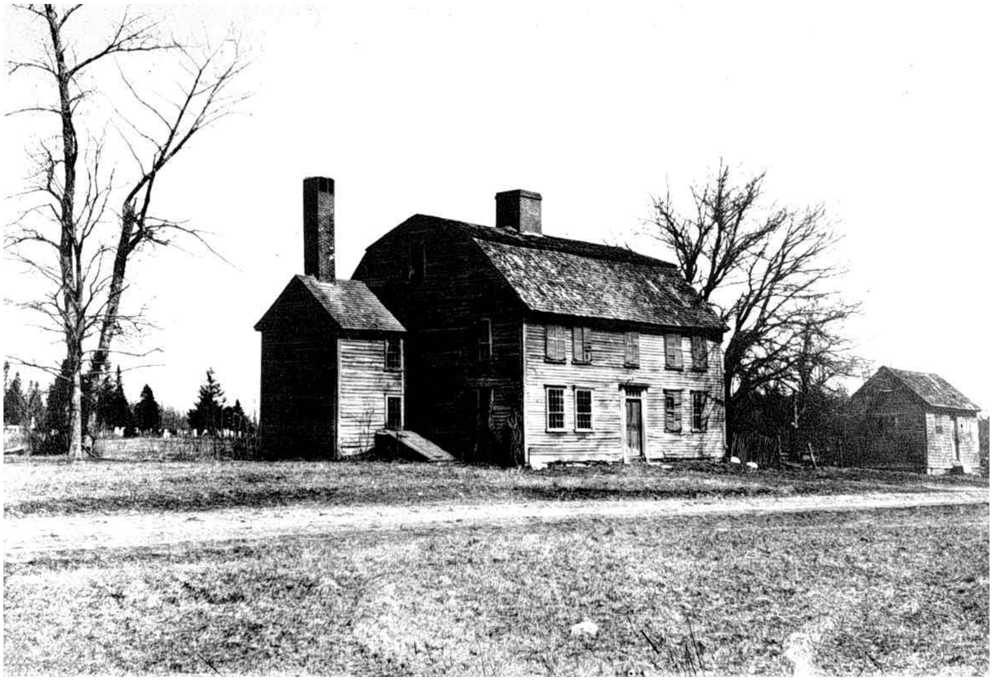
Source: Walter Thompson

1283. The Green Cemetery

Typical of churches of the period the cemetery is located across the street. It was established in 1717. Many of the town's leading families are buried here. The Green Cemetery Association has the care of the burial ground.

Source: Walter Thompson

Cemetery at
The Green
Est. 1717



1284. The Sproat Tavern

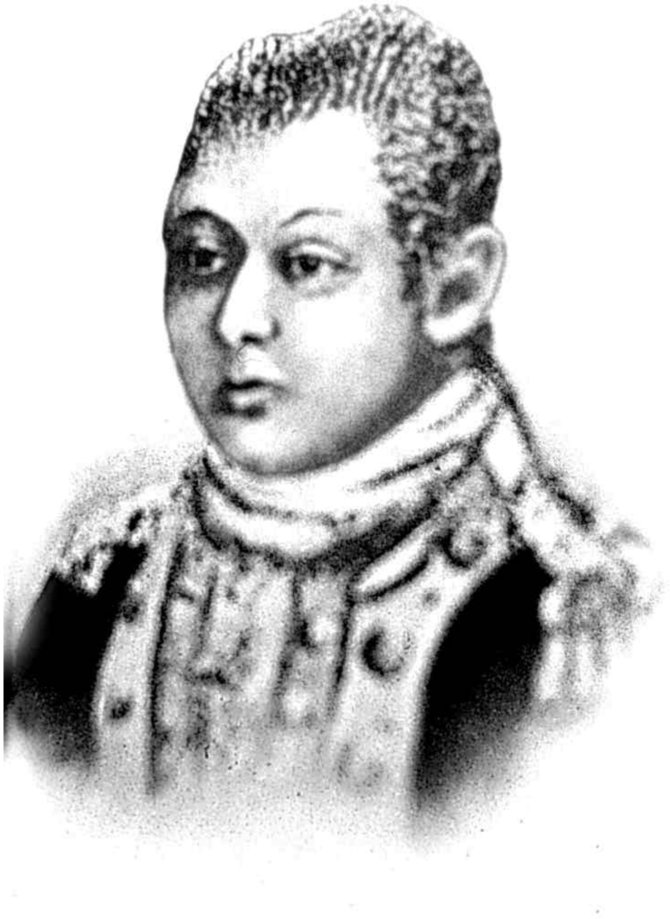
As one goes from the back of the Green Cemetery, they would reach the Old Sproat Tavern on Plymouth Street. Originally the building was only half the size pictured and was built by James Soule in 1700 as his home. A later owner, Col. Ebenezer Sproat brought fame to the tavern, which was in business for over 200 years until taken down in 1898.

Source: Walter Thompson

1285. Sproat Tavern Site

The site of the Sproat Tavern is simply a grassy knoll in 1998.

Source: Walter Thompson



1286. Colonel Ebenezer Sproat

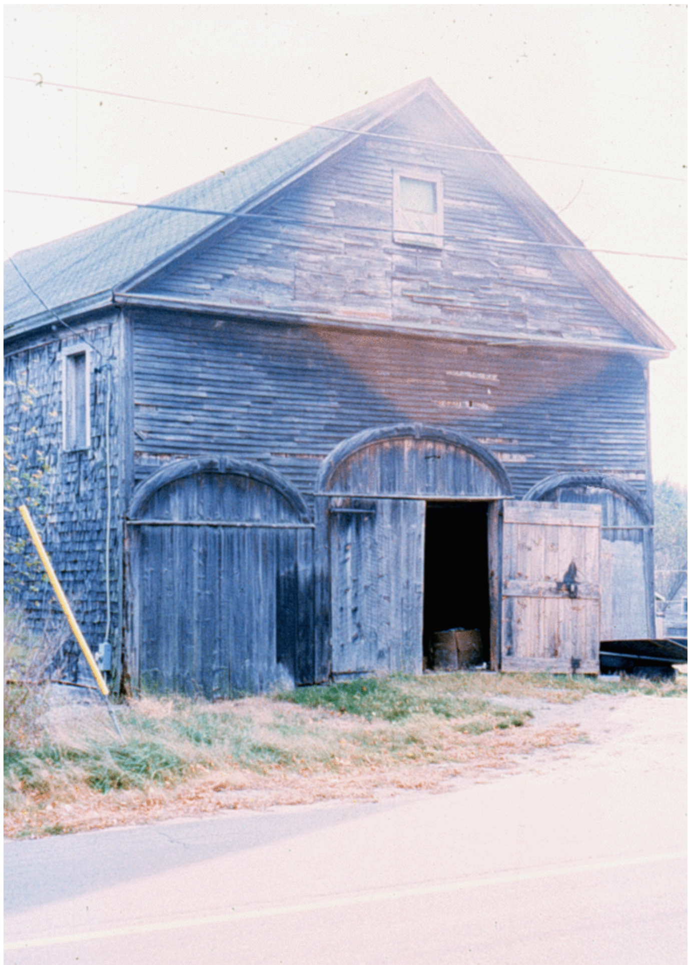
Col. Sproat liked to tweak the nose of Judge Peter Oliver with his views on America's Independence. He fought in the American Revolution and at its end became a respected citizen of Marietta Ohio. He died in February of 1805.

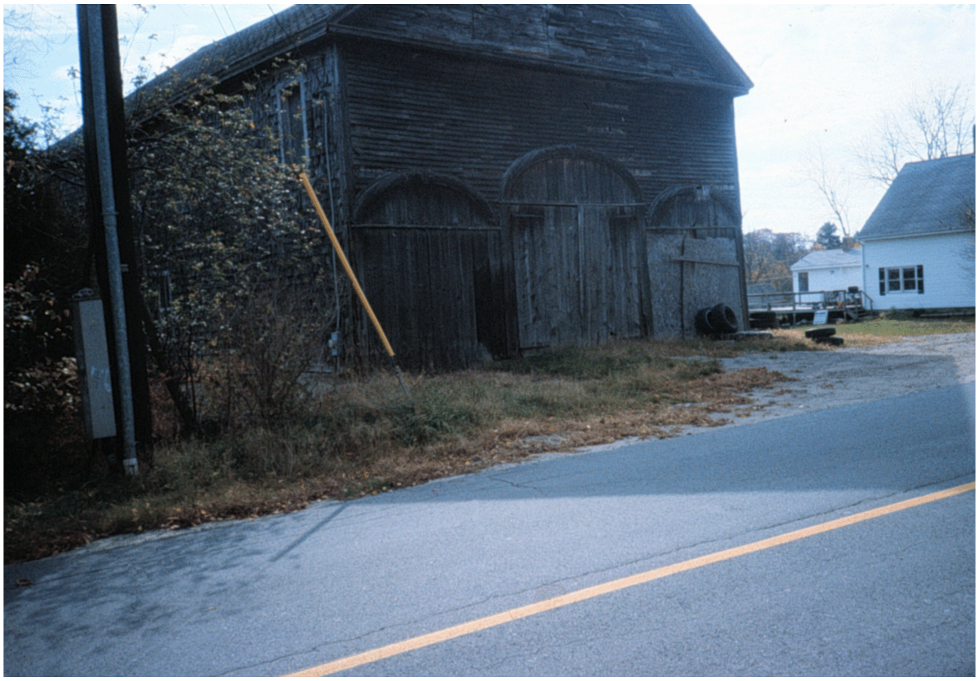
Source: Walter Thompson

1287. Sport Tavern Barn

The sport Tavern Barn was a very busy and integral part of the Sproat Tavern. It was built with heavy timbers so that carriages could be winched to the second and third levels if need be.

Source: Walter Thompson

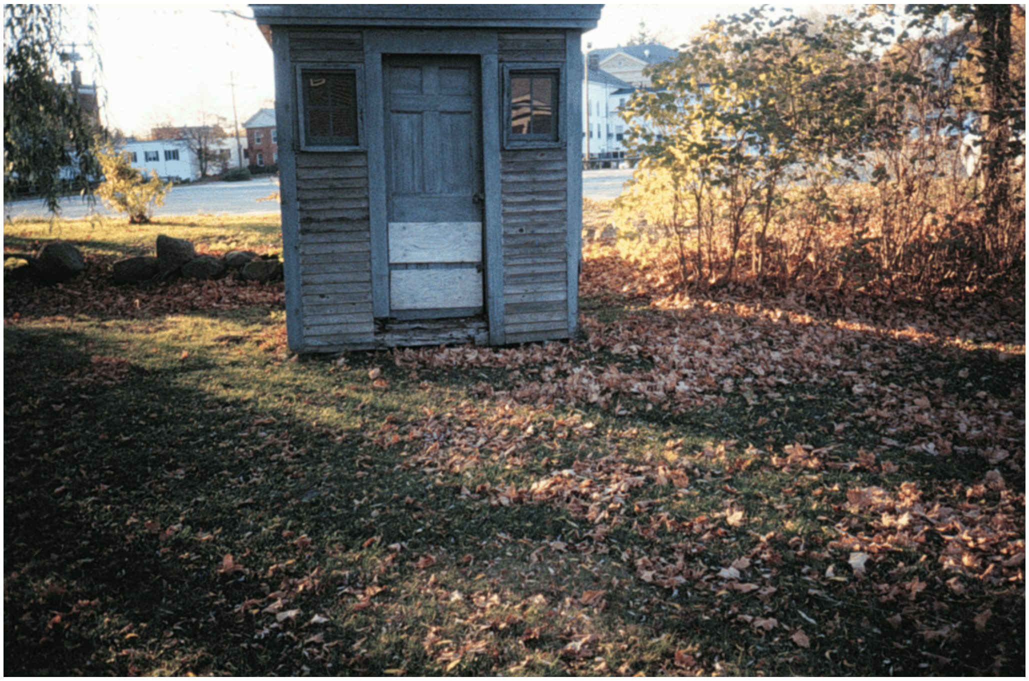




1288. Sproat Tavern Barn

Unfortunately another piece of Middleborough’s history will be leaving the town, as the Sproat Tavern Barn has been sold. There is joy in this sad event as the building will not end up in a landfill.

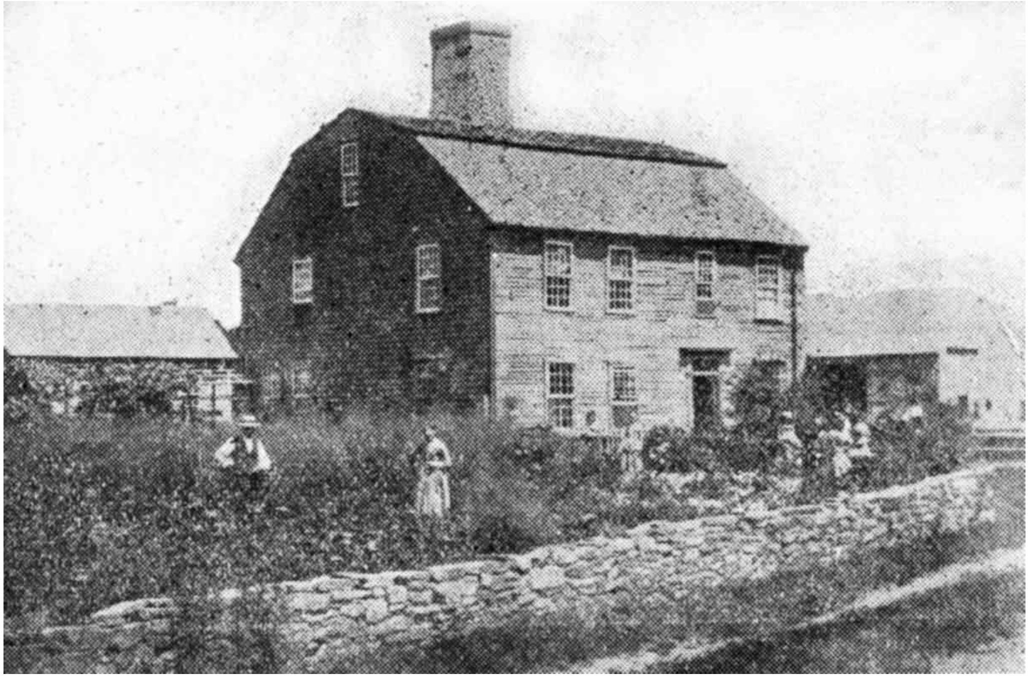
Source: Walter Thompson



1289. Sproat Tavern Outhouse

The last remaining relic of the Sproat Tavern will soon be its outhouse. As outdoor toilets (necessary) go, this was a rather nice little building, it sported two adult seats and one lower child's seating.

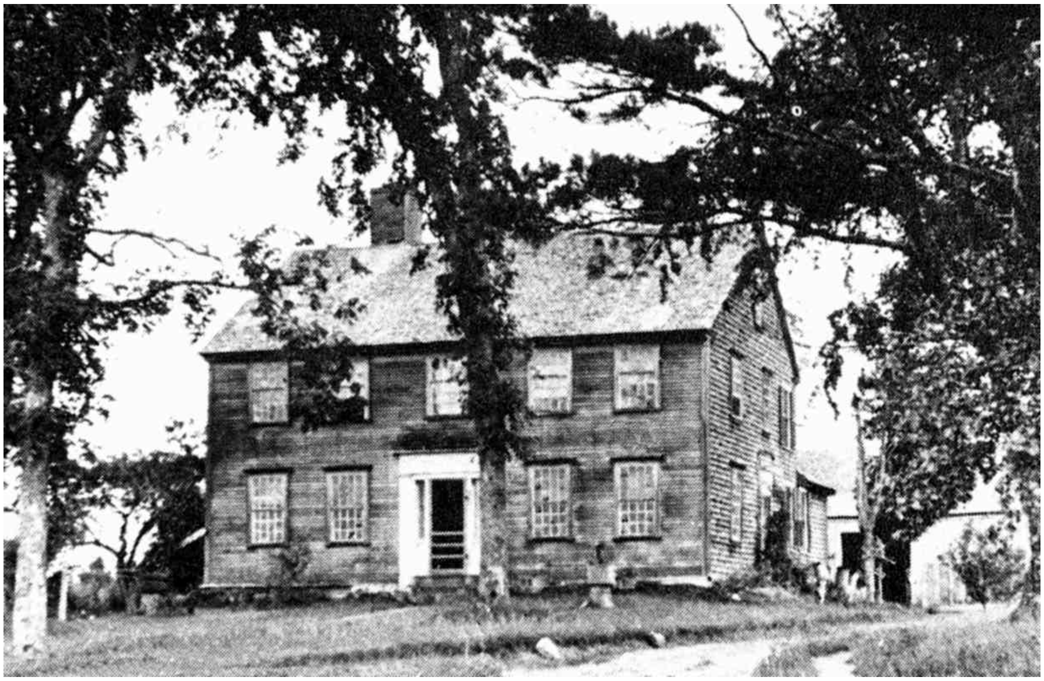
Source: Walter Thompson



1290. Home of Reverend Sylvanus Conant

The Rev. Sylvanus Conant was an outspoken patriot who preached against the injustices of the crown. He was so vehement to the cause that he joined one of the regiments in the Revolutionary War to become their chaplain.

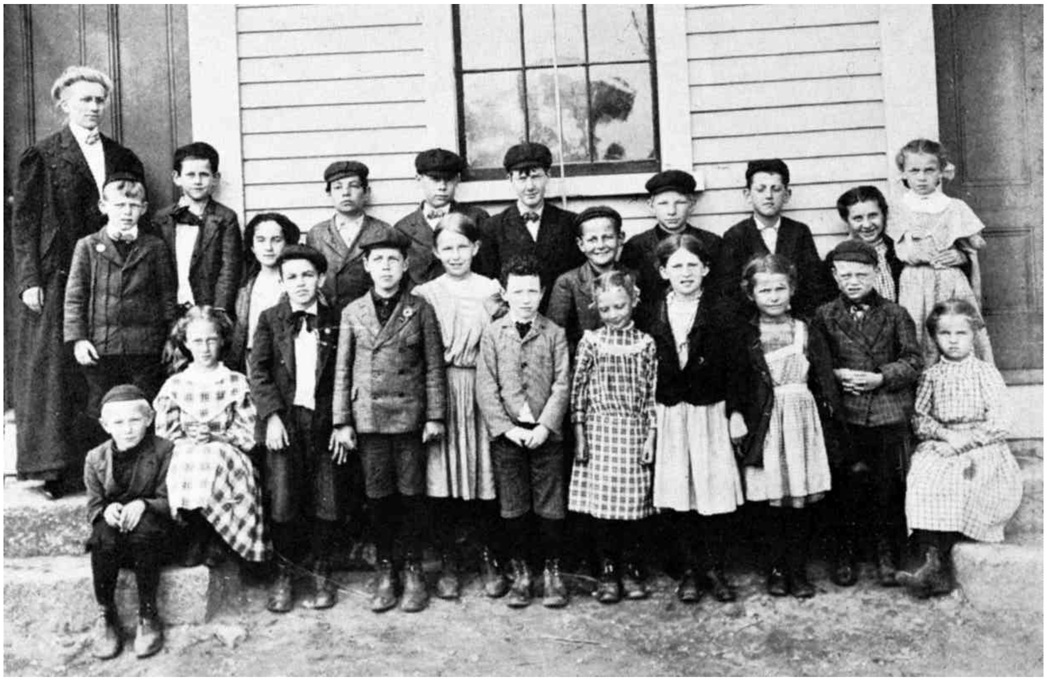
Source: Walter Thompson



1291. Sturtevant House

Dr. Thomas Sturtevant lived on the Sturtevant Farm until his death in 1836. The Rev. Dr. Israel W. Putnam, pastor of the first church resided here after giving up his thirty year ministry and died here at the age of eighty-one on May 3, 1868. Sylvanus Tinkham was the next occupant.

Source: History of Middleborough



1292. The Green School

The Green School 1905 – Front Row: Charles Erickson, Ruth Bryant, Hyman Gold, William Theall, Anne Erickson, George Hudson, Dorothy Burt, Rosalie Sears, Hattie Sears, Guy O'Brien, Dorothy Fessenden. Second Row: Howard Sparrow, Murray Day, Anne Thompson, Clifton McCrillis, Edward Griffith, Horace Griffith, Ralph Theall, Herbert Erickson, Michael Collins, Edith Burt and Lillian Chapman.
Bessie Bailey, Teacher.

Source: Middleborough Antiquarian
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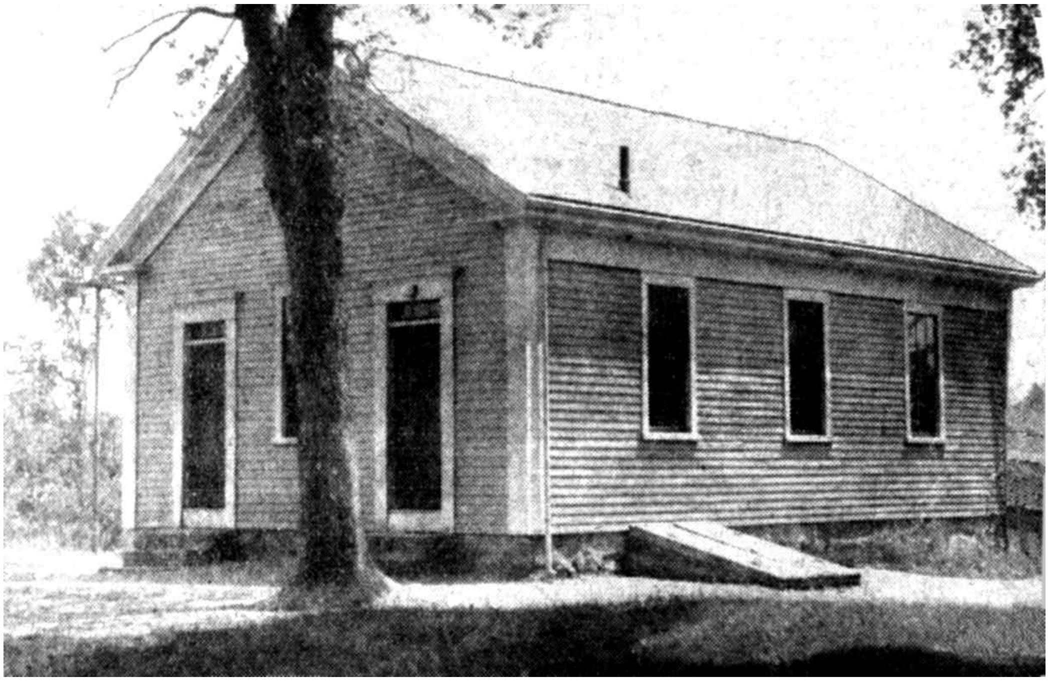
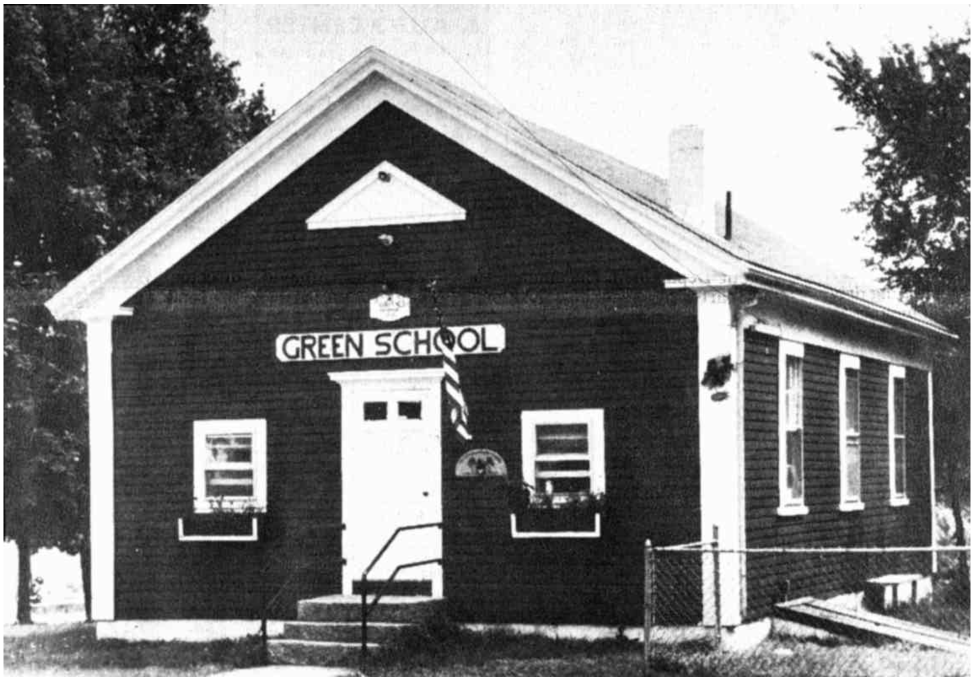


1293. The Green School

This 1923 view of the Old Green Schoolhouse shows the building that was built in 1872 to replace the original.

Source: Walter Thompson



1294. The Green School

This is the Green School as a kindergarten before it was finally closed for good in 1991.

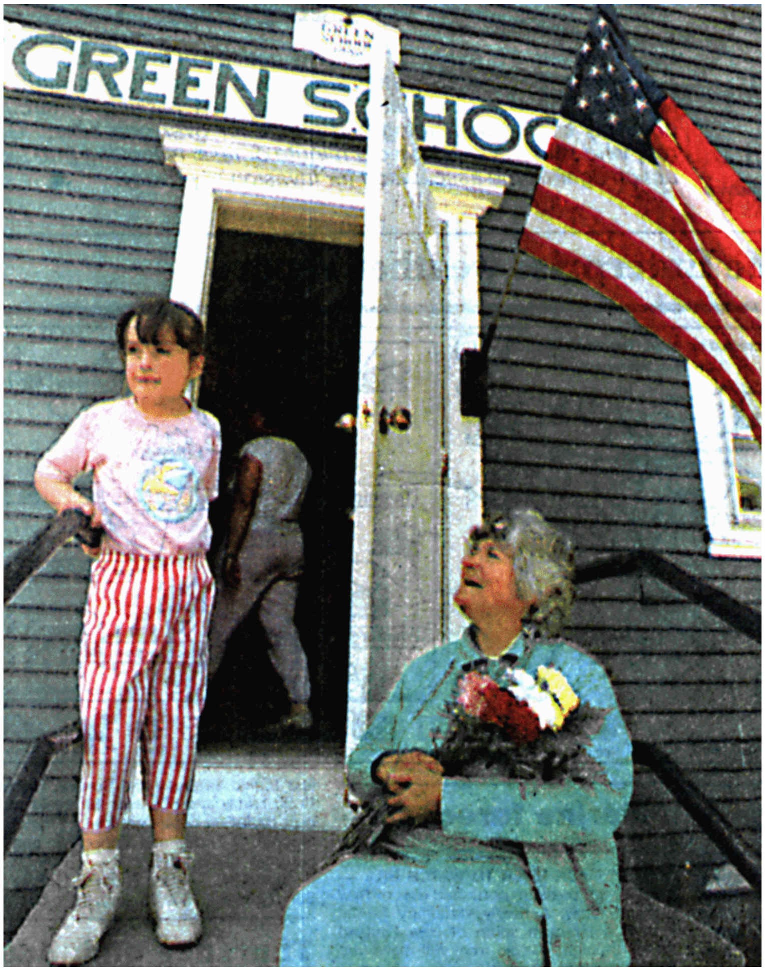
Source: Walter Thompson

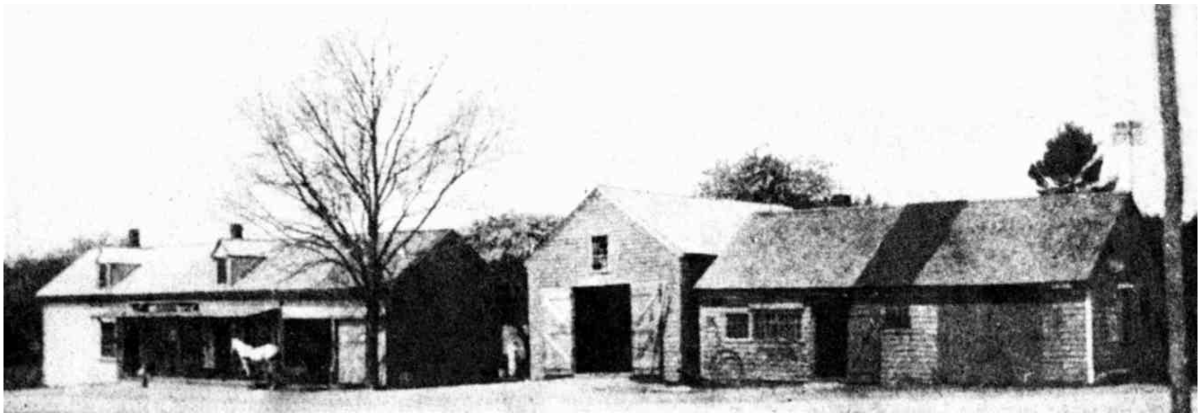
1295. The Green School

“Goodbye Laura Knox, one of 42 kindergarten students at the Green School in Middleborough has flowers for teacher Beverly Atwood on the last day of classes Tuesday. The one-room schoolhouse founded in 1856 is closing as part of a townwide consolidation of elementary schools.”

Source: The Brockton Enterprise, June 19, 1991

Craig Murray Quote.

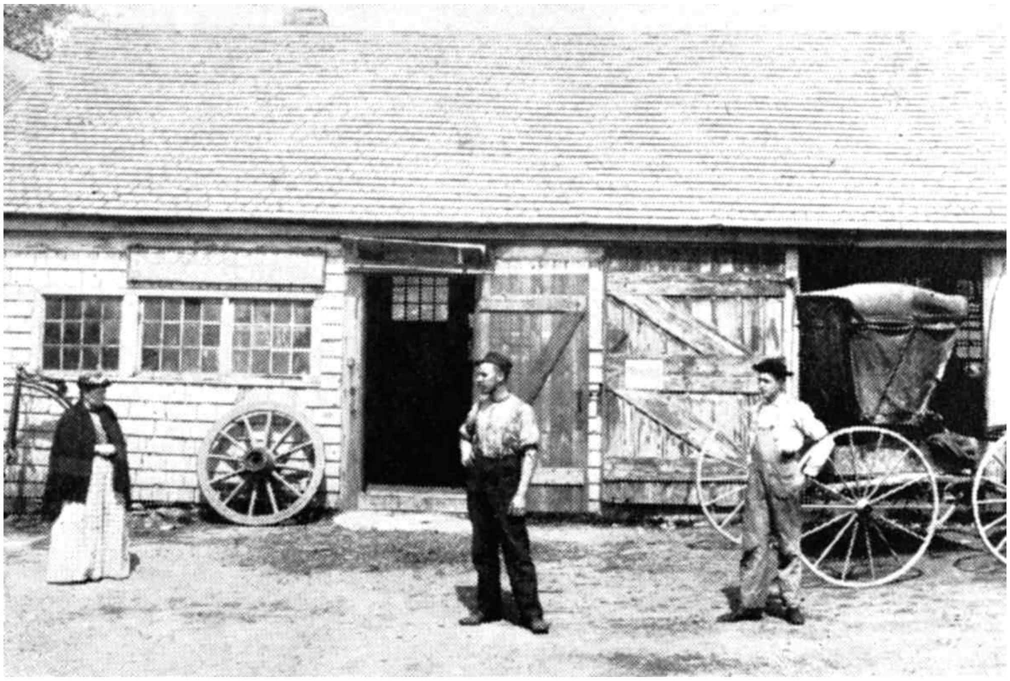




1296. Old Fessenden Blacksmtih Shop C.C. Griffith Store

Edward W. Fessenden purchased in 1890 the blacksmith shop at the Green located at the corner of Plympton and Plymouth Streets. He bought the shop from George L. Perry who was preceded in business by Elton Smith and George A. Cox. Mr. Fessenden sold the blacksmith shop in 1904 to William Oliver who conducted the business for a brief period before selling it to Job Clark. After Mr. Clark's occupancy, the building was torn down and the site used for Gagnon's Garage.

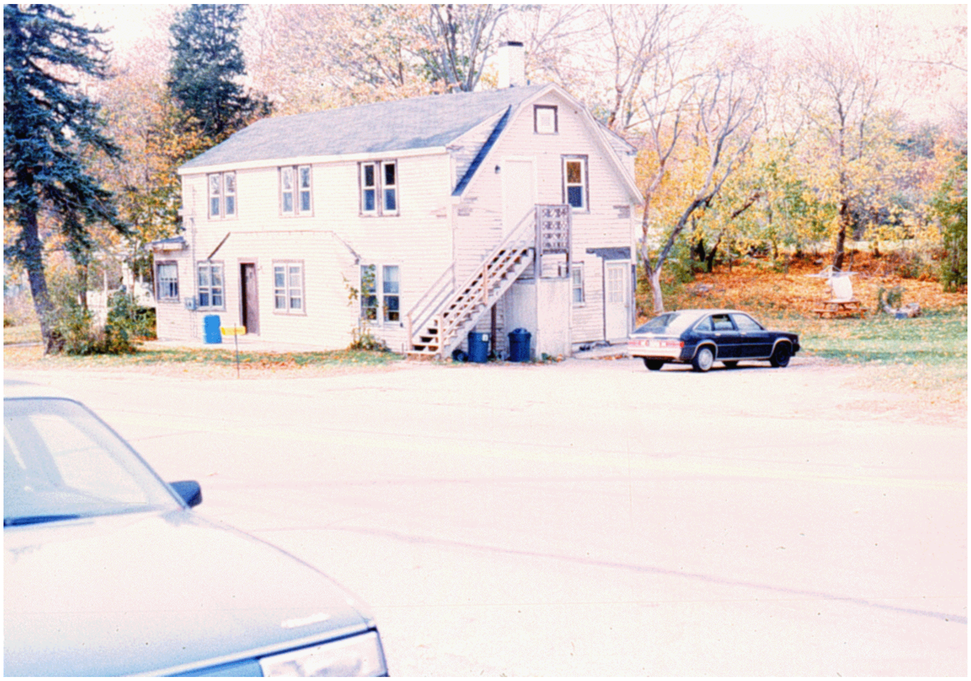
Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 42.



1297. E. W. Fessenden Blacksmith Shop

The E. W. Fessenden Blacksmith Shop at the Green, East Middleborough, showing Mrs. Fessenden, Mr. Fessenden and Harvey S. LaPorte.

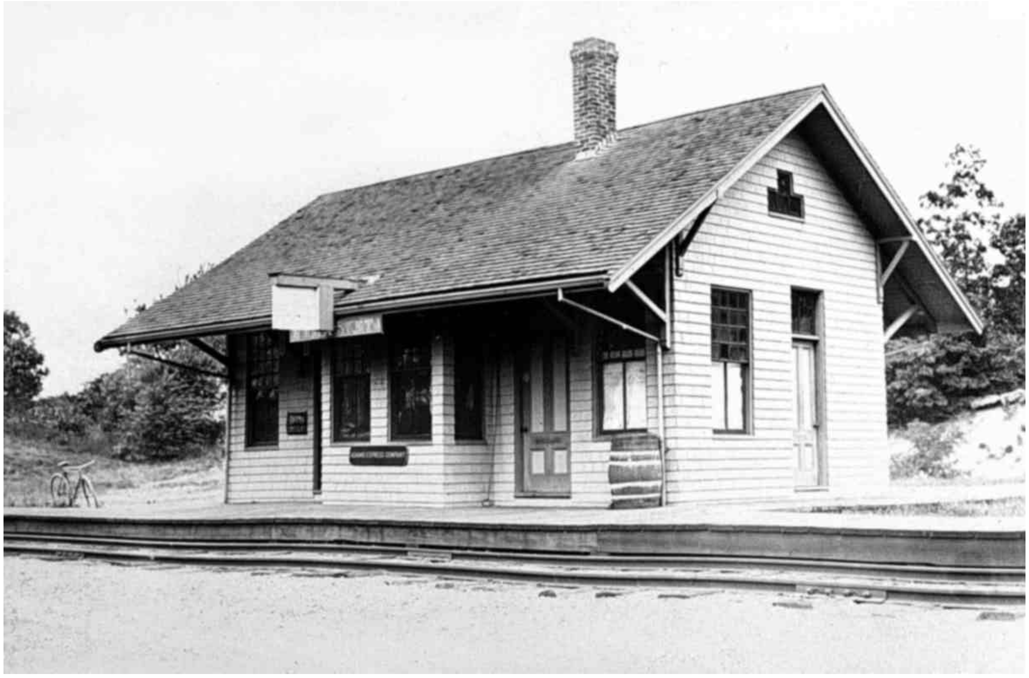
Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough



1298. Abair's Apartments

This apartment house on the corner of Plymouth and East Main Streets was built on the site of the original Griffith Store. Today the Abair family owns the property.

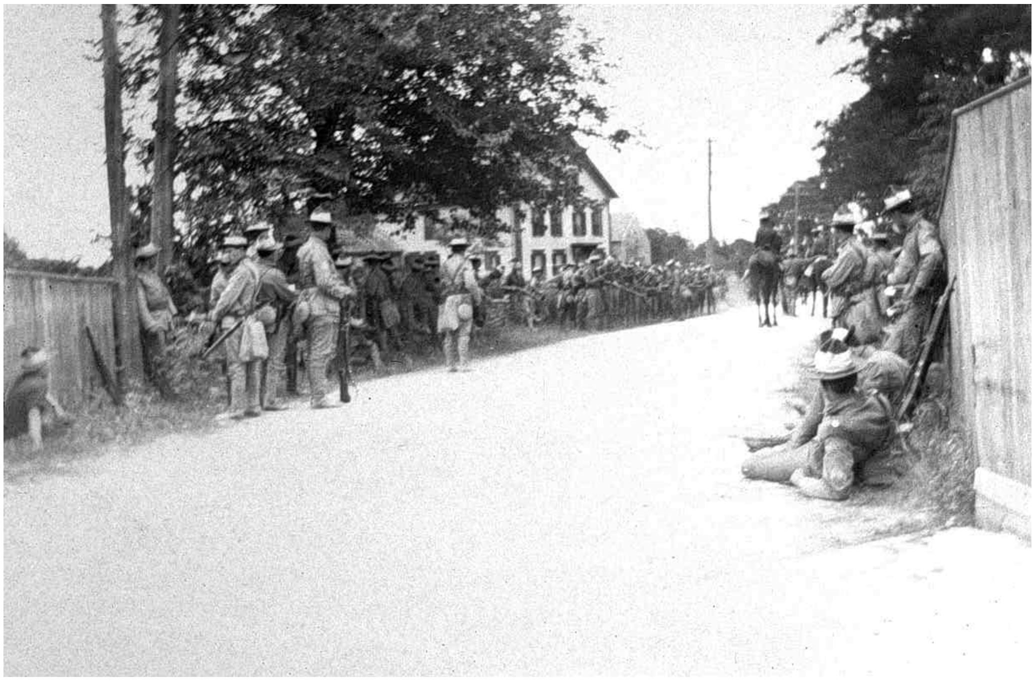
Source: Walter Thompson



1299. Nemasket Railroad Station

This East Middleborough railway station located across the street from the First Church was originally named Putnam Station; but was changed to Nemasket because of confusion with Connecticut's Putnam. With the end of the train service, the building was moved to a local cranberry bog.

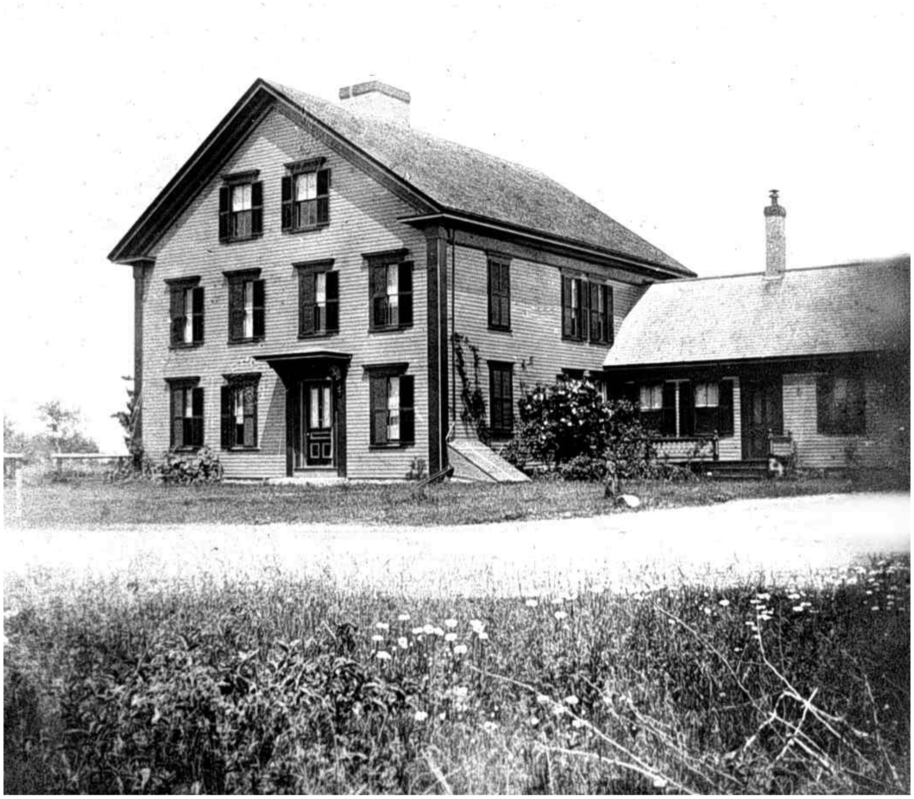
Source: Walter Thompson



1300. Troops on Nemasket Overpass

In 1909 the doughboys had mock maneuvers between two teams called the blue and red armies. This view shows the doughboys of one of the armies on the Nemasket Railroad overpass with their officers on horseback near the Sparrow homestead.

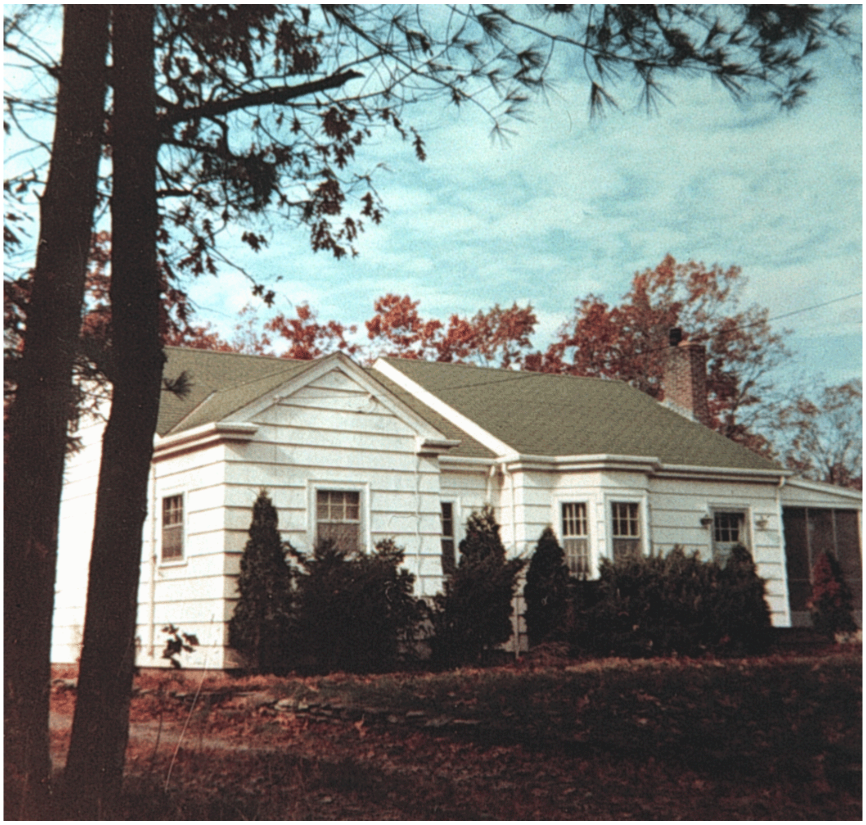
Source: History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine, pg. 357.



1301. James Sparrow Home

This large house stood to the left side of Plympton Street just below the Church at the Green. This home had seen much of Middleborough history but ended its days in a dilapidated condition and was torn down in 1959-1960 as the new Route 44 was being built.

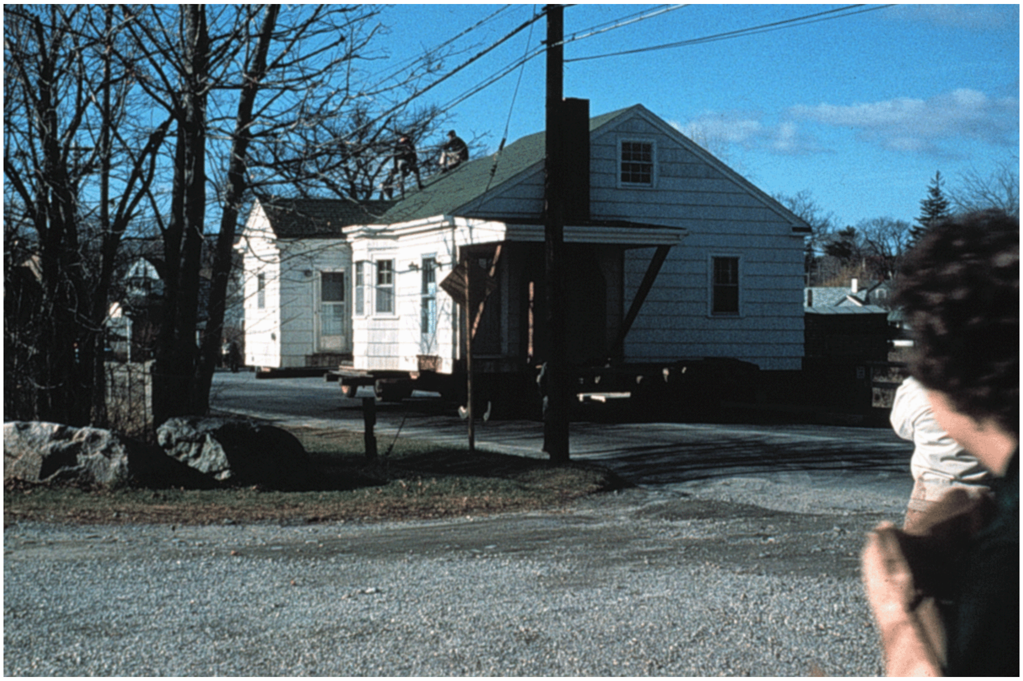
Source: Walter Thompson



1302. Plympton Street Home

This house used to sit where Route 44 goes through the Green section of town. In 1959 the state took the homes in this area to build the ramps for the new highway. Some houses were moved and some torn down, this one was moved to the center of town.

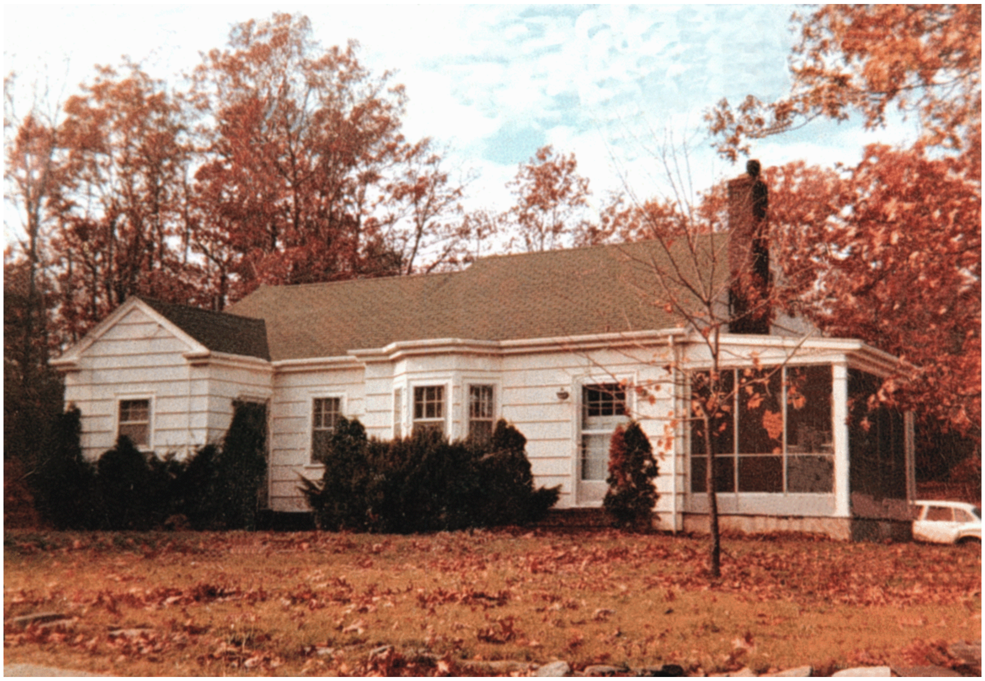
Source: Walter Thompson



1303. Plympton Street House

Paul and Betty Connolly, upon moving to Middleborough after their marriage bought this house on Plympton Street and had it moved to Oak Street to make way for Rte. 44. This picture shows the house being moved over the East Main Street Bridge.

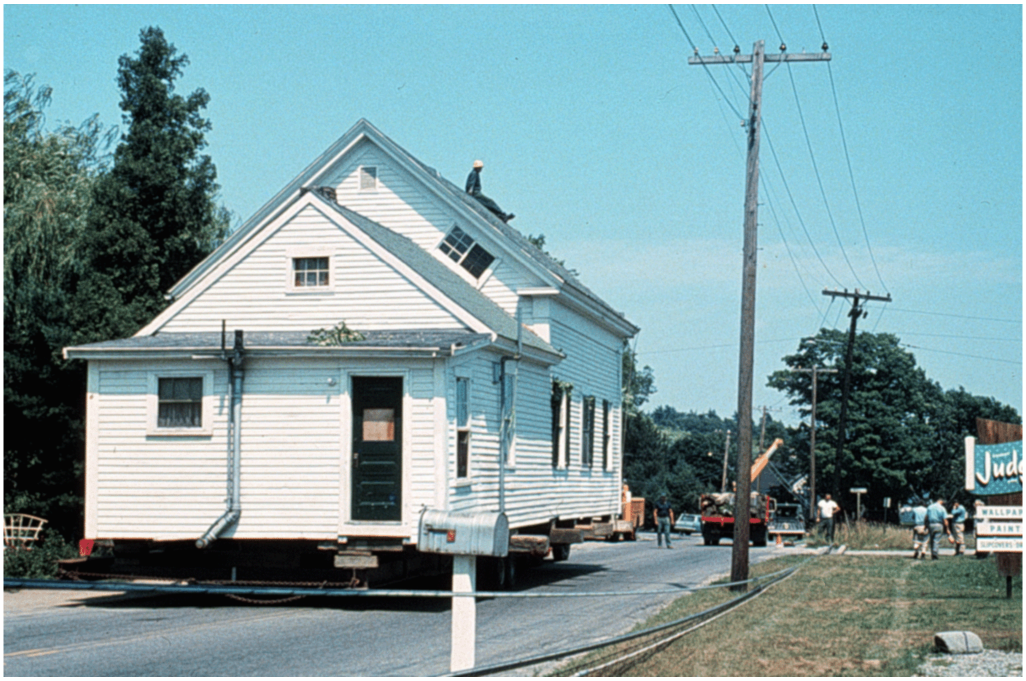
Source: Walter Thompson



1304. Connolly Home

In 1960 Paul and Betty Connolly had this Plympton Street home successfully relocated to Oak Street and used as a family home.

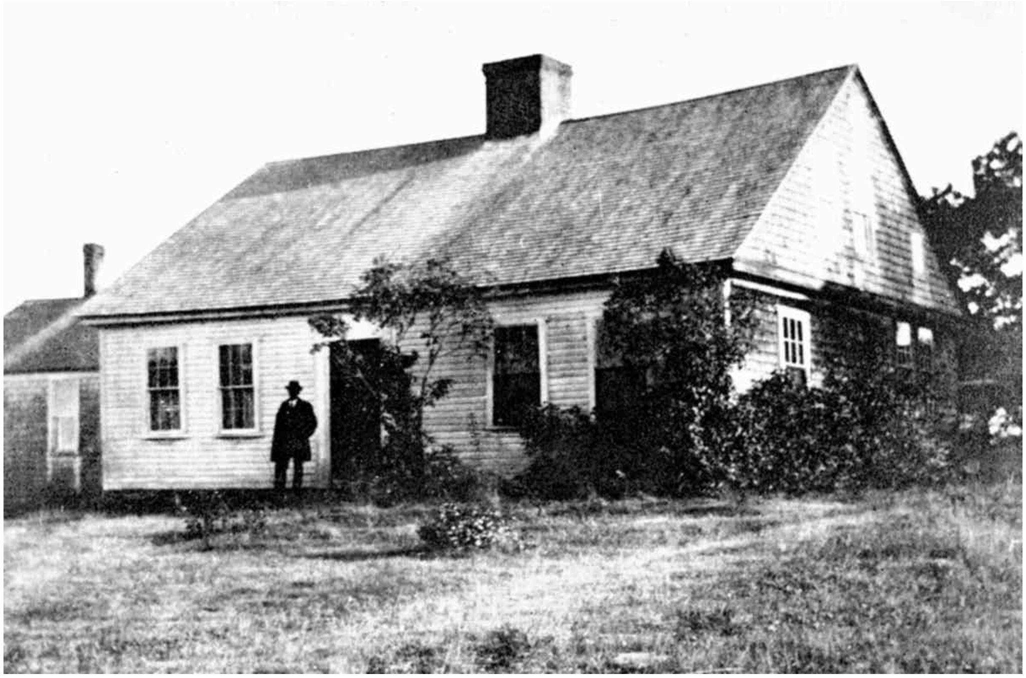
Source: Walter Thompson



1305. Another Plympton Street Home Being Moved

The Niedzwiecki family bought this house that originally sat on a high knoll overlooking Plympton Street. In 1960 they had the house moved to the garden plot next to their “farmhouse” and converted it into their retirement home.

Source: Walter Thompson



1306. The John Bennett Home

The John Bennett home built about 1687 on the site of the William Nelson house, which was burned by Indians in 1676. On this same foundation, three houses east of the intersection of Thompson Street and Plympton Street. Albert Sears built the home where he now lives after the Bennett homestead burned years ago. The gentleman in the front yard is Grover Bennett, Nellie Bennett's father.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
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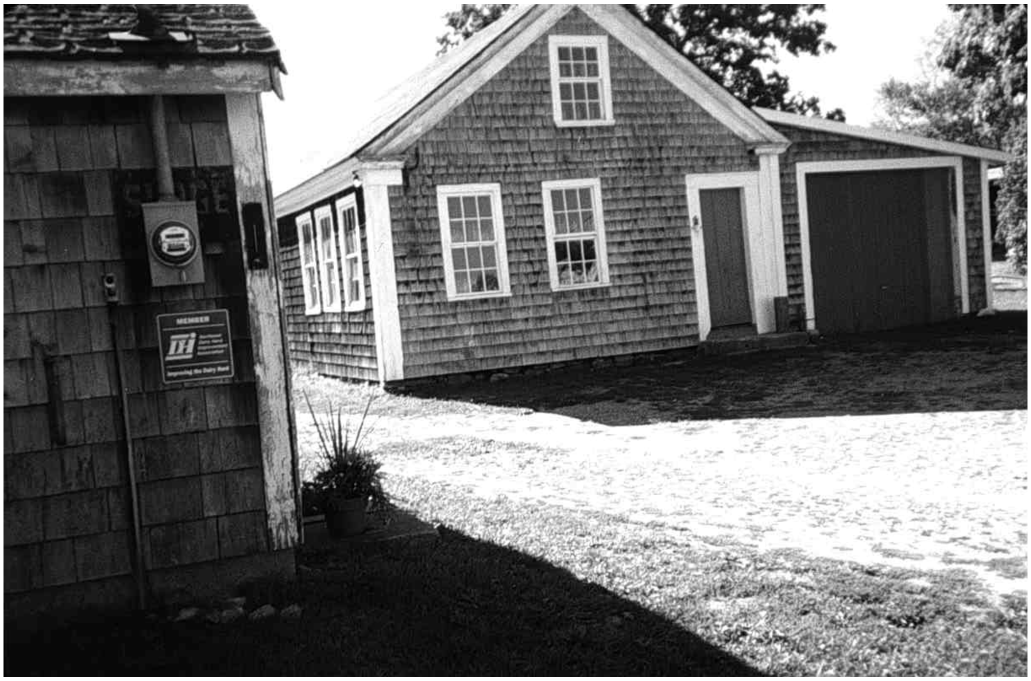


1307. First Thompsonville School

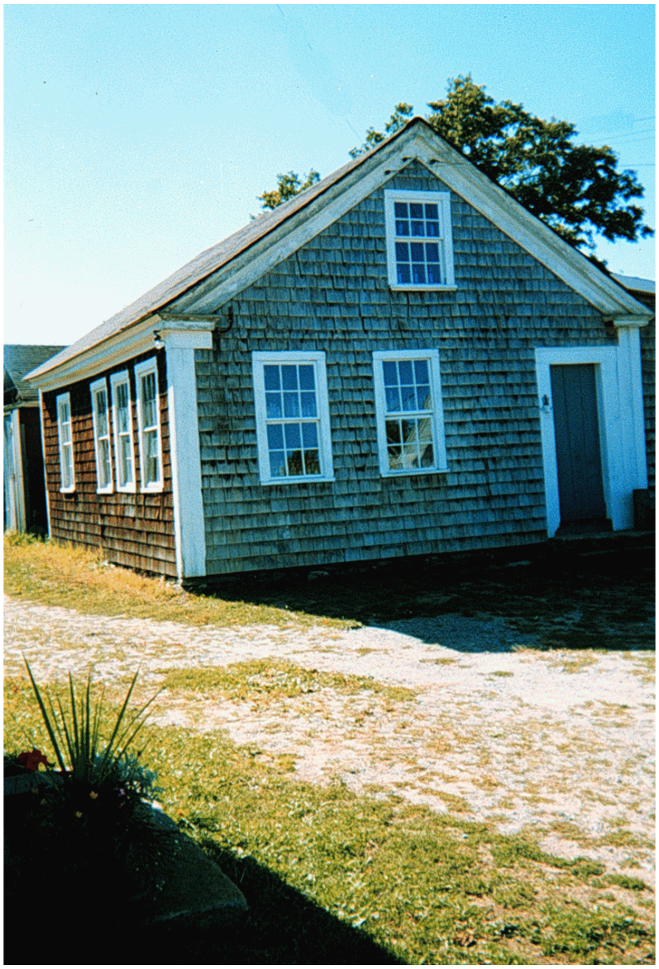
This small one-room schoolhouse was replaced in 1854 by a larger building on Thompson Street.

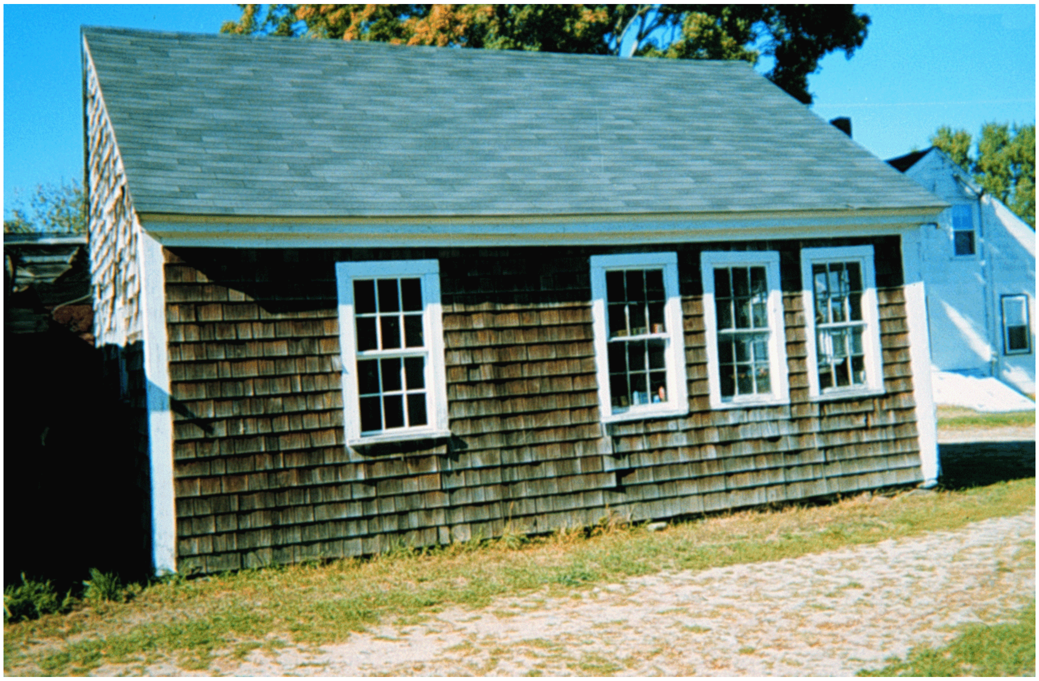
Source: Aymar B. Gates

1308. First Thompsonville School

This old schoolhouse was being moved down Thompson Street on rollers when it slid off onto the street in front of the Gates Farm. Mr. Gates offered to pay “$15.00 for where she sits”. His offer was accepted, he rolled the building up to the end of his driveway where it sits today.

Source: Aymar B. Gates

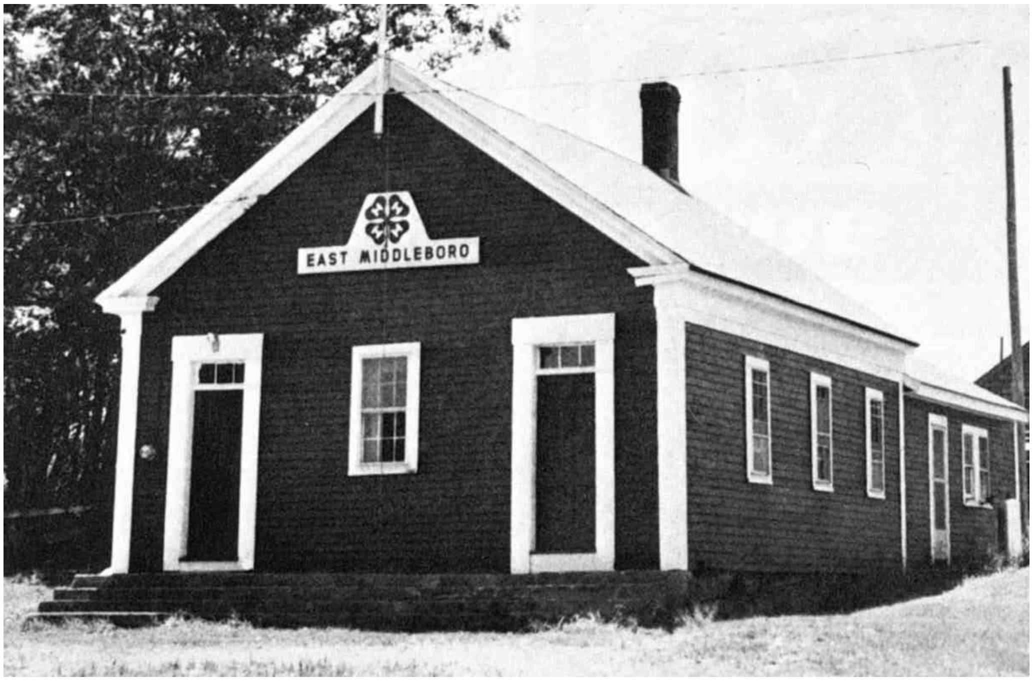




1309. Original Thompsonville School

The building has remained a tool house to this day.

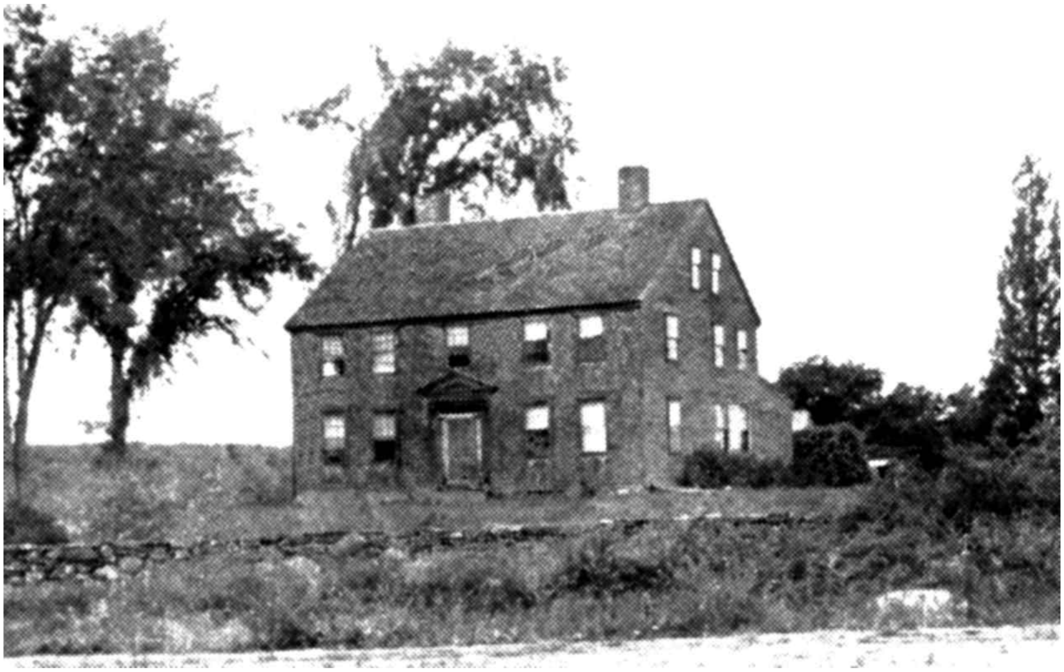
Source: Walter Thompson



1310. 4-H Clubhouse

The East Middleborough Thompsonville School was built about 1854 , closed in 1938 and sold in 1946 to the East Middleborough 4-H Club.

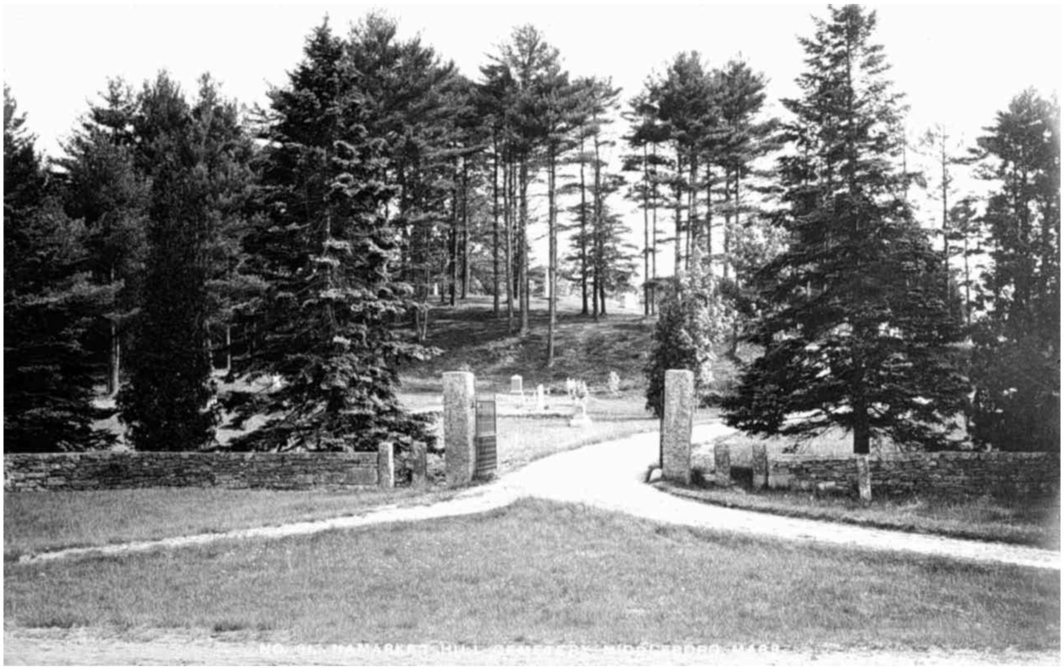
Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough



1311. Ritchie House

John Ritchie, Boston merchant, built this house opposite the entrance to the Nemasket Hill Cemetery. He bought an interest in Oliver’s Mill after it was confiscated by an act of the legislature in the year 1778.

Source: Middleborough History, Thomas Weston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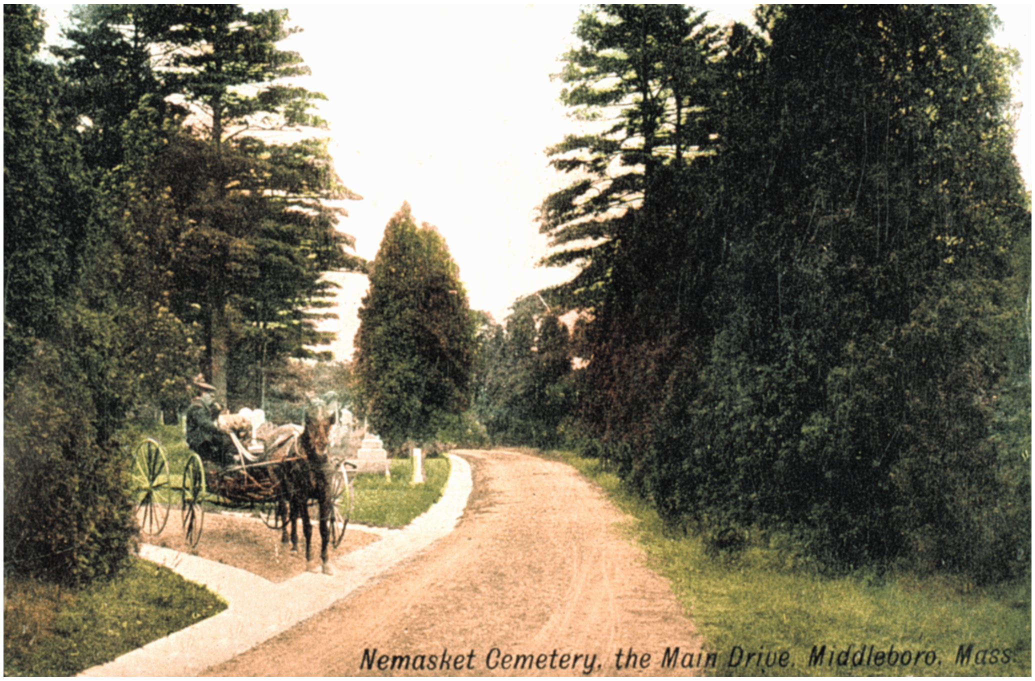
1312. Nemasket Hill Cemetery

This is the entrance to the first cemetery in Middleborough. “The oldest stone is that of Elizabeth Vaughan, who died June 24, 1693, aged 62 years.”

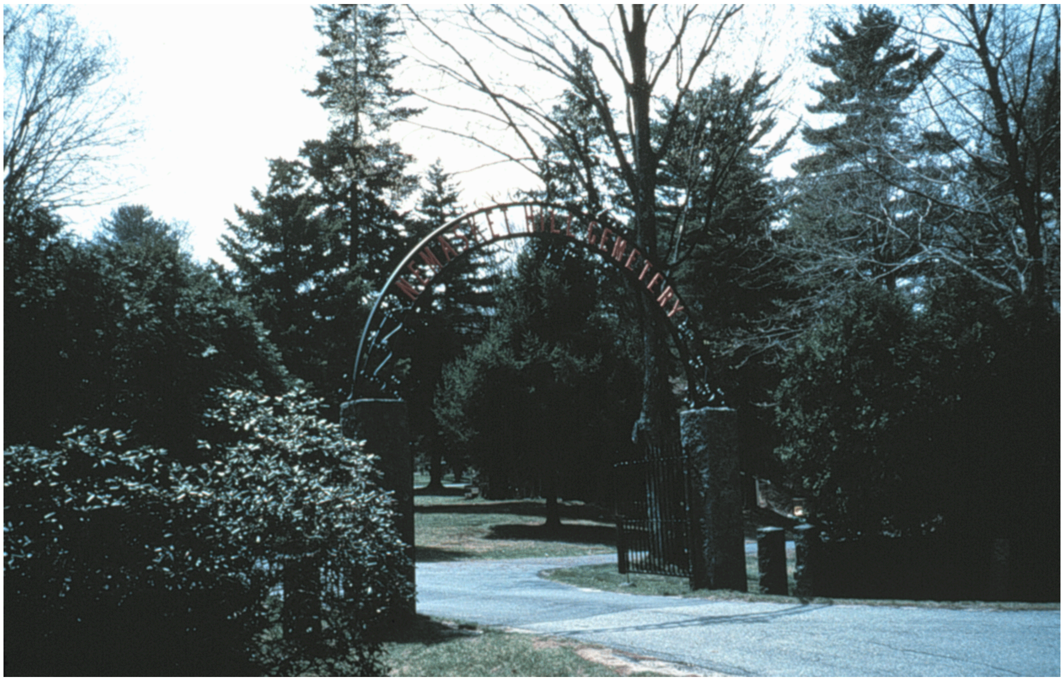
Source: History of Middleborough, Thomas Weston.


Nemasket Cemetery, the Main Drive. Middleboro, Mass.

1313. Nemasket Hill

This is the main drive to the Nemasket Hill Cemetery where Rennie Wood and I, along with other friends would toboggan down this drive coming to a stop at the end in a snow bank.

Source: Walter Thompson


NEMASKET HILL CEMETERY

1314. Nemasket Cemetery Entrance

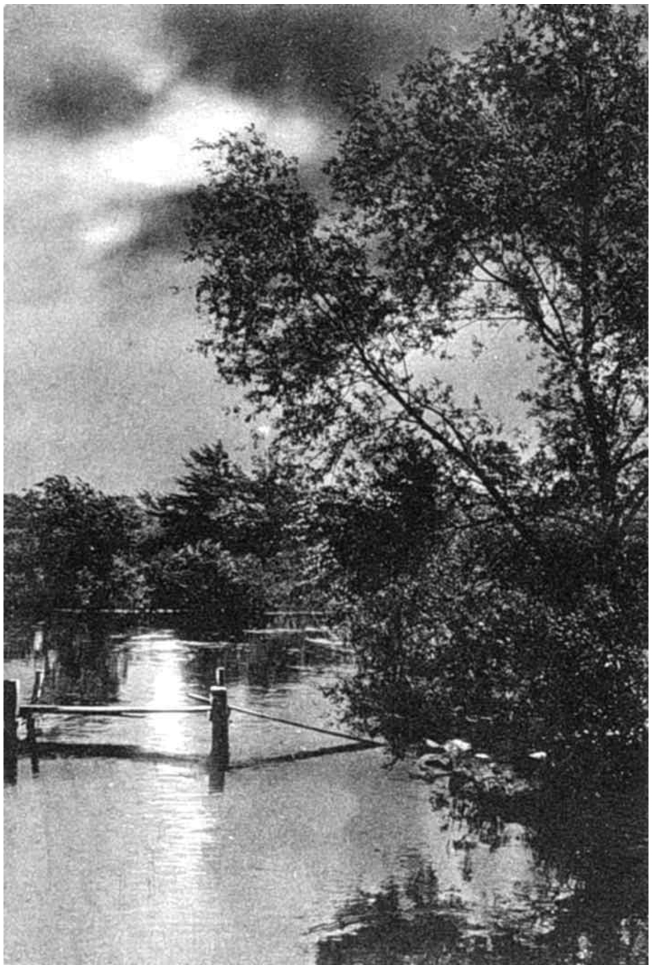
The Nemasket Hill Sewing Circle financed the erection of a handsome metal arch to surmount the gateway to the cemetery in 1921.

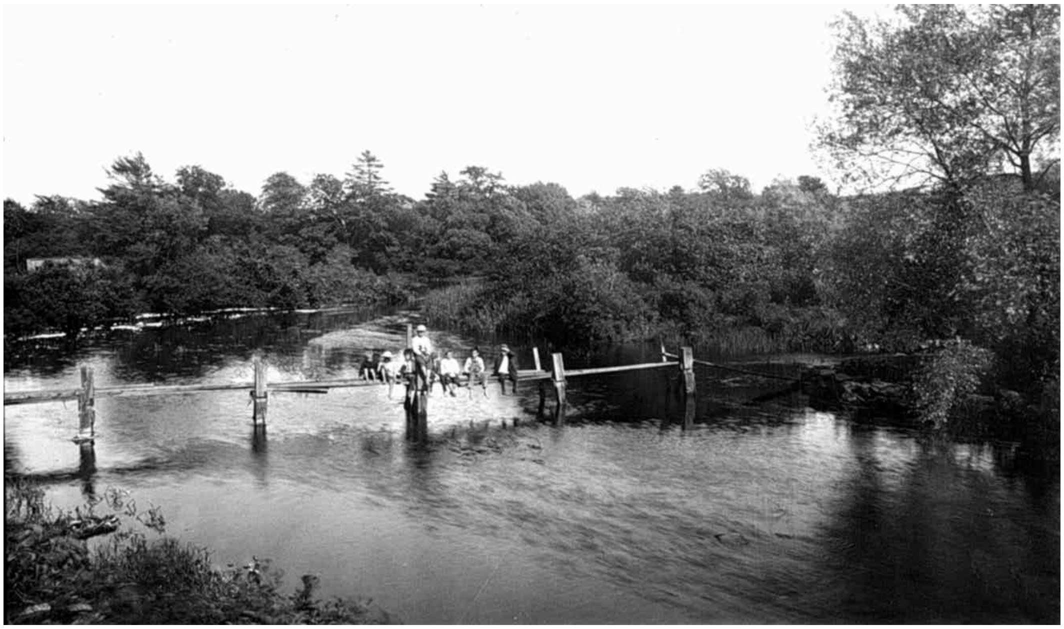
Source: Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough

1315. Early Footbridge

This is one of the earliest attempts to have a crossing over the Nemasket River to the Nemasket Hill Cemetery.

Source: Walter Thompson

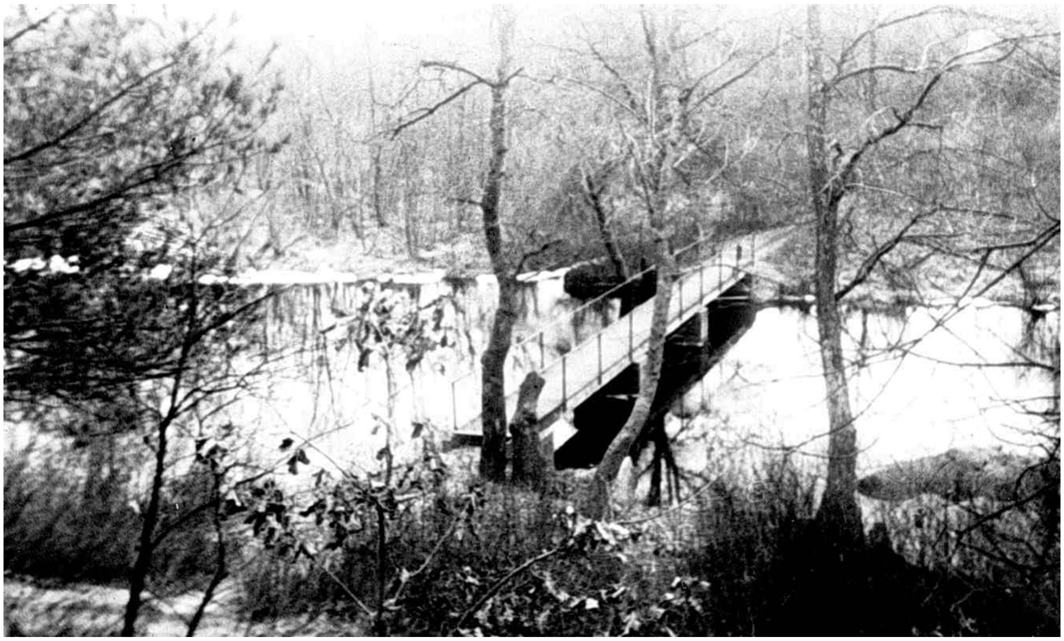




1316. Footbridge

This is another view of the earliest attempts to create a footbridge over the Nemasket. The children are enjoying themselves on a warm summer day perhaps fishing as I used to do. In my fathers day it was his favorite swimming hole.

Source: Walter Thompson



1317. Cemetery Footbridge

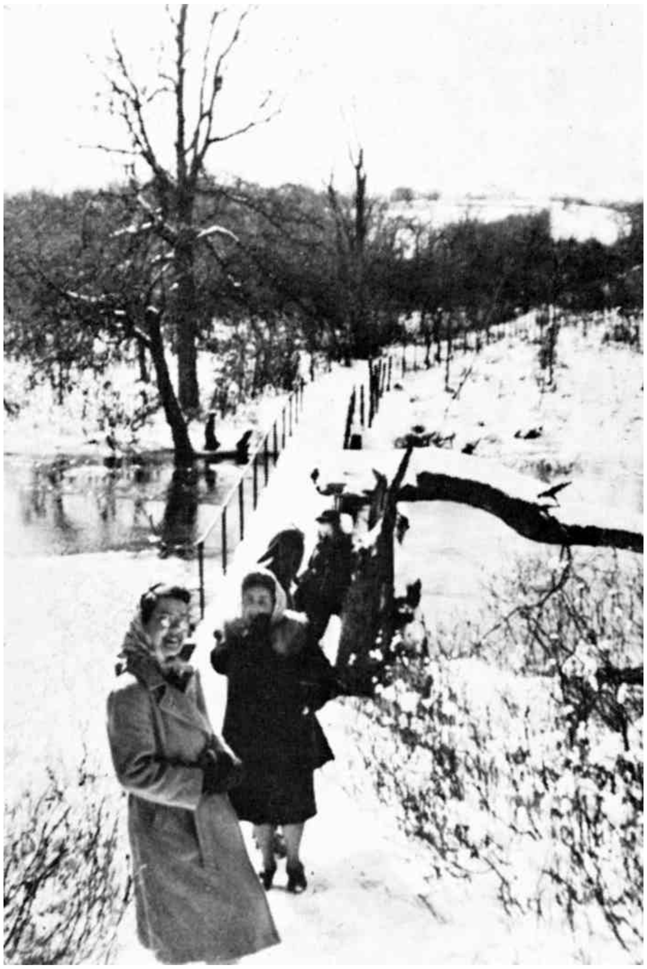
This gorgeous photo was taken by Bob Gross showing the footbridge the way I remember it in the 1940's. The Nemasket Sewing Circle had this bridge built to facilitate the downtowners easy access to the cemetery rather than having to walk all the way around by the street.

Source: Walter Thompson

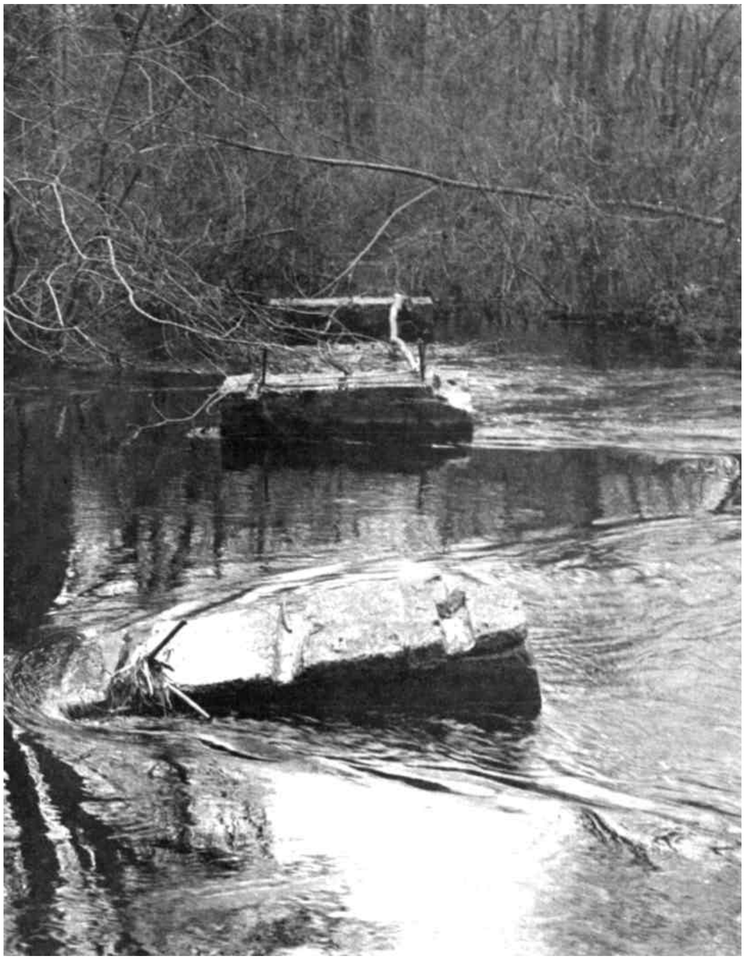
1318. Footbridge in Winter

This picture shows girls from Winthrop Atkins on a field trip. Note the fenced in Peirce fields on the right. Also the central part of the footbridge has the remains of the turnstile.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XVI, November 1974, Number I, pg. 4



1319. Footbridge Remains

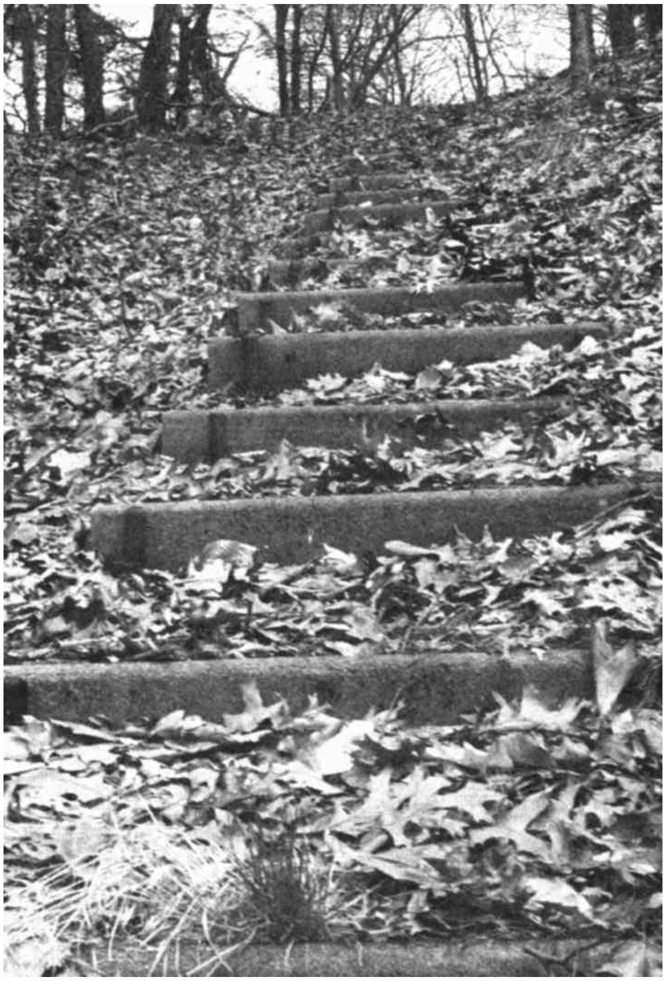


"Stand quietly in the woods below the Nemasket Hill Cemetery and you can almost see and hear the men and women of the town crossing the bridge built over the Nemasket from North Street in 1919."

"The bridge cut two miles off the trip from town to the cemetery, if you were on foot. When automobiles became popular, the short cut was no longer needed and the bridge fell into disrepair."

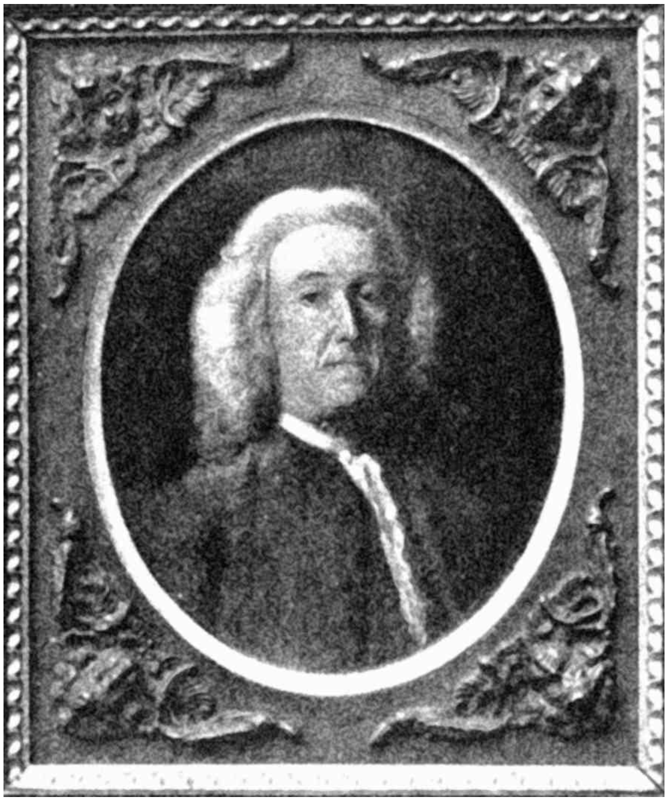
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, May 14, 1987, pg. 22.

1320. Nemasket Hill Cemetery Steps



The bridge and the steps that can still be seen ascending the steep hill were built with funds obtained through "public subscription" and the Nemasket Cemetery Circle.

Source: The Middleborough Gazette, May 14, 1987, Pg. 22



1321. Judge Peter Oliver

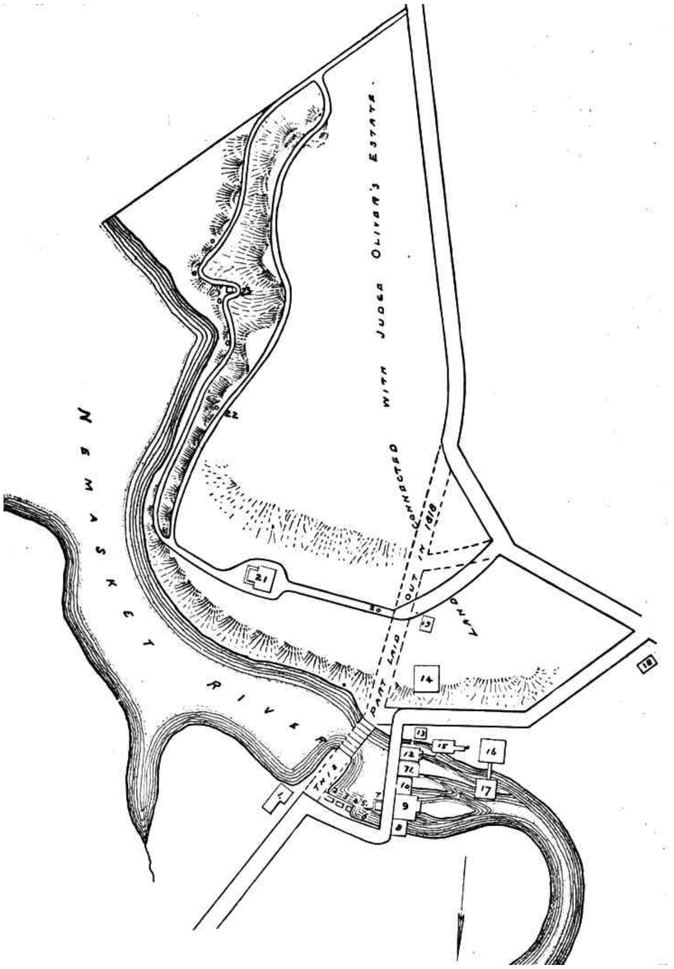
Judge Peter Oliver designed the first courthouse at Plymouth in 1747. He came here to visit his good friend Gov. Hutchinson, liked the area so well he bought land at Muttock to build his own home. He also bought the iron works and slitting mills on the dam.

Source: Thomas Weston – History of Middleborough

1322. Plan of Judge Oliver's Estate and Works

"Plan of Judge Oliver's Estate and Works" 1. Shovel Shop. 2. Blacksmith Shop. 3. Finishing Shop 4. Finishing Shop 5. Fishing Weir. 6. Fishing Place. 7. Coal House. 8. Coal House 9. Hammer Shop 10. Grist Mill 11. Slitting Mill 12. Forge. 13. Iron House for Forge 14. Coal House for Forge. 15. Sawmill 16. Site of Old Wood House for Judge Oliver's Furnace 17. Site of Judge Oliver's Furnace before the Revolution 18. Andrew Leach's Store 19. Residence of Andrew Oliver 20. Entrance to Oliver Hall 21. Oliver Hall 22. Site of Sachem's Wigwam 23. Summer Pavilion

Source: History of Town of Middleborough,
Thomas Weston, Pg. 365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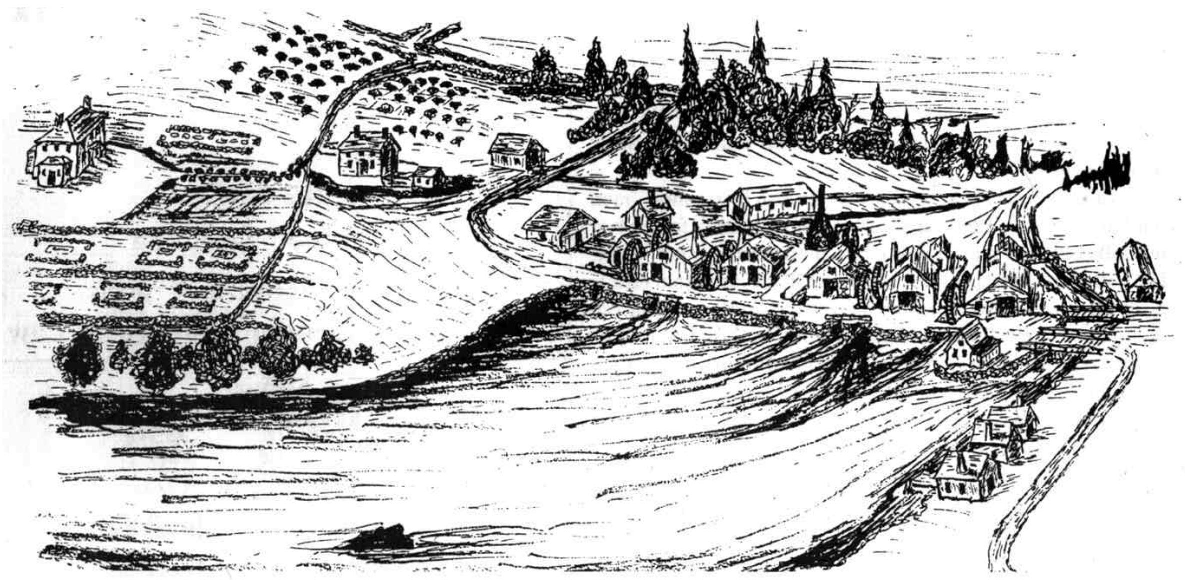
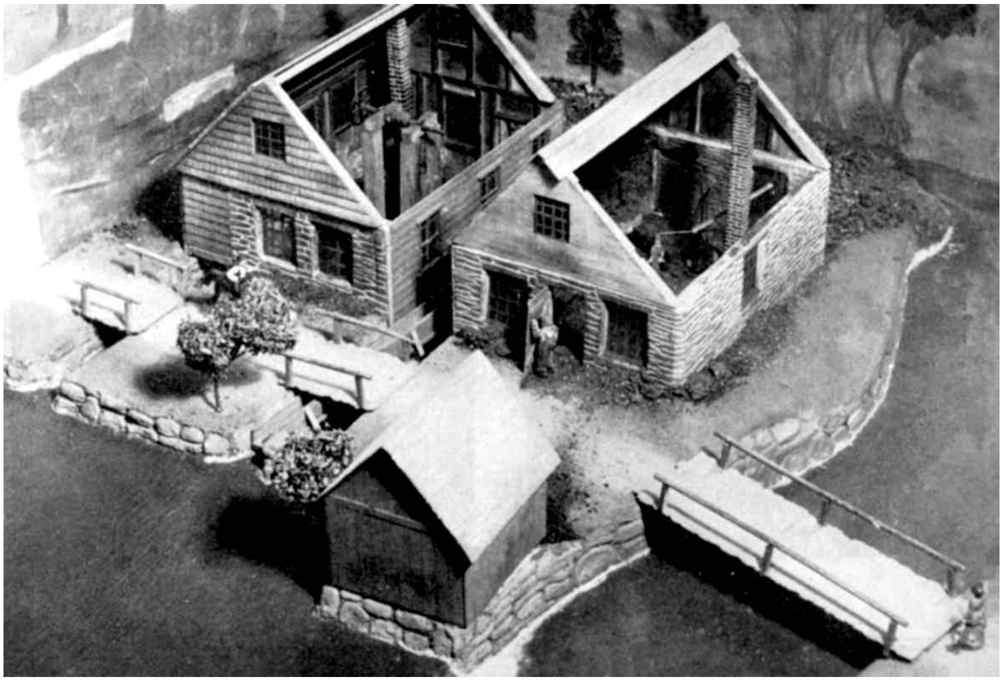


1323. Judge Oliver's Estate and Works

A view of what Judge Oliver's mansion and beautiful English garden might have looked like in 1775, drawn by the late James Maddigan in 1986. To the right, set on the Nemasket River, are the many mills and water-wheels in the judge's factory complex at Muttock. From left are the mansion house, styled after an old English mansion; the home of Andrew Oliver; cider mill; saw mills; furnaces; forges; grist mill slitting mill; boulting mill; blacksmith shops; finishing shops; axe house; and several coal and wood houses.

(Collection of the Middleborough Historical Commission.)
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Pg. 17, Volume XXVIII Spring/Summer, Number I



1324. Diorama of Oliver's Iron Works

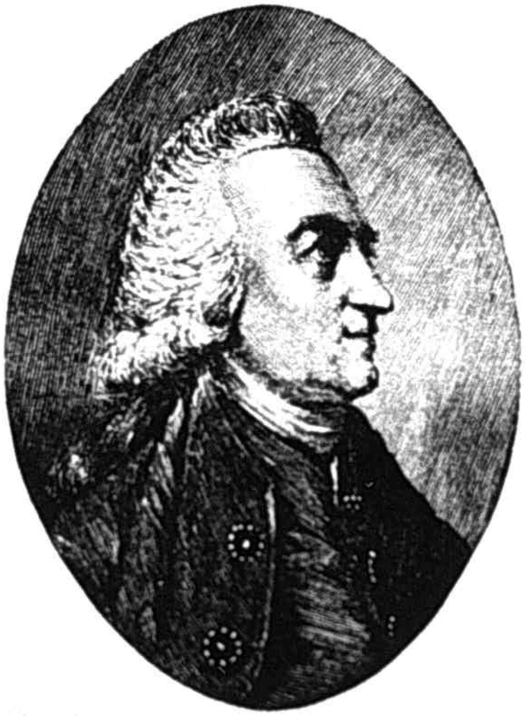
This diorama of a section of Oliver's Mills was designed and built by Ted Eayrs Jr. while a high school student. It may be seen today at the Middleborough Historical Association Museum.

Source: Walter Thompson

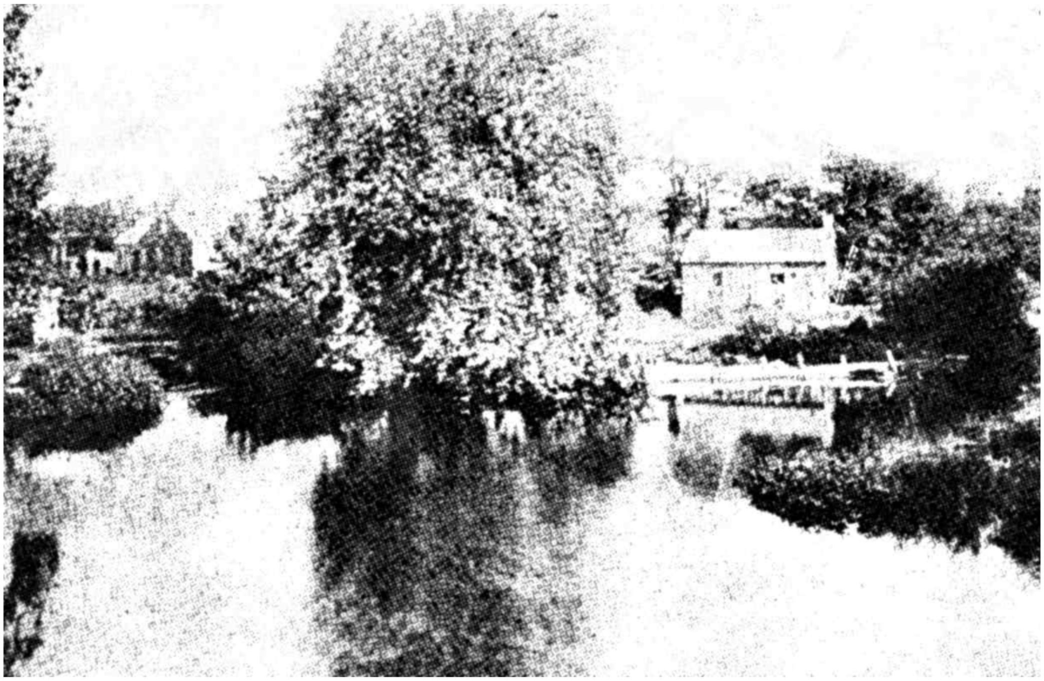
1325. James Bowdoin

James Bowdoin owned 400 acres of land in Middleborough. He built a retirement home here during his term of Governor in 1785. He established Bowdoin College.

Source: Reflections



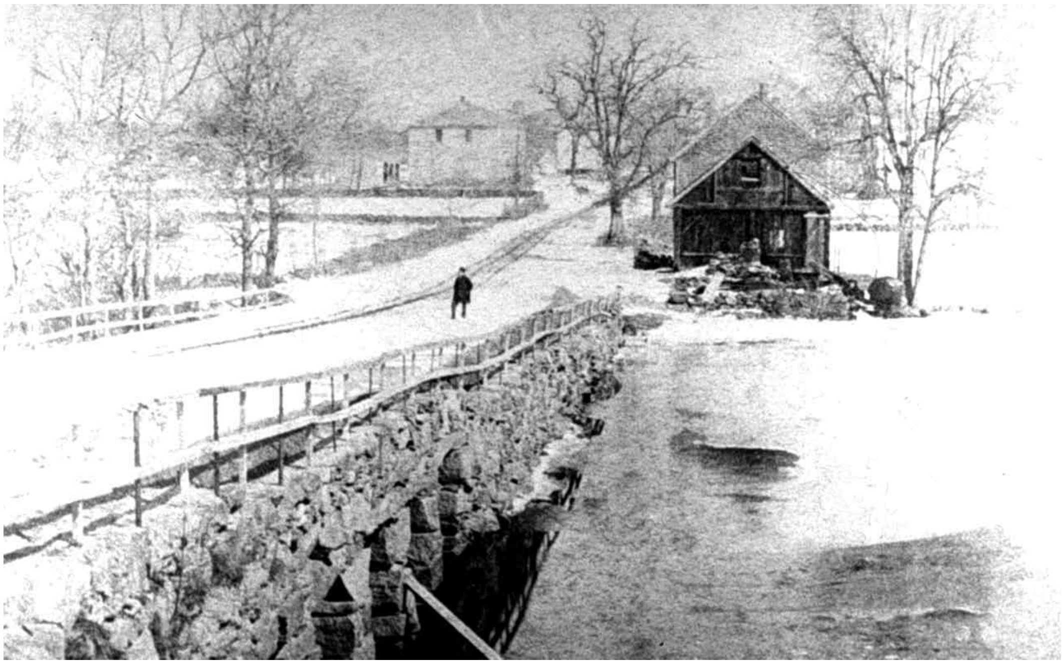
James Bowdoin



1326. A Muttock View

This view, probably taken from "Oliver's Walk", shows the old fish house on the right. The house on the left was lived in originally by General Abiel Washbarn's farm manager.

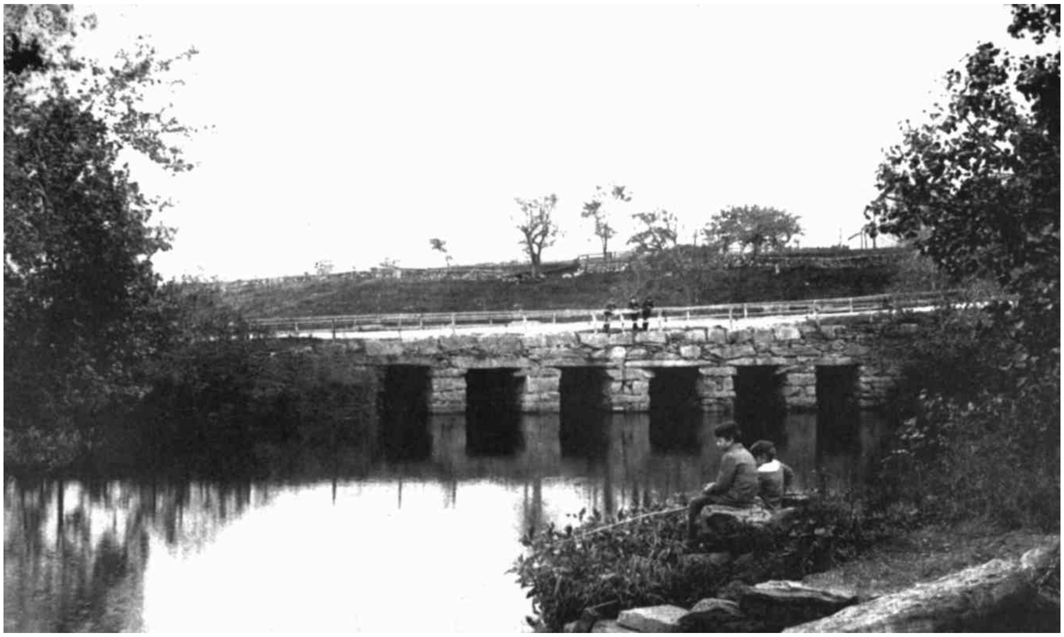
Source: Walter Thompson



1327. Muttock Bridge

This is a very early view that shows the early stonework of the bridge, which is still in existence today. The stonewalls along the sides of the bridge were constructed by the W.P.A. The building on the right is the town's herring house.

Source: Walter Thompson



1328. Muttock Bridge

“The Bridge at Muttock undated photograph, (Middleborough Historical Museum collection)”

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
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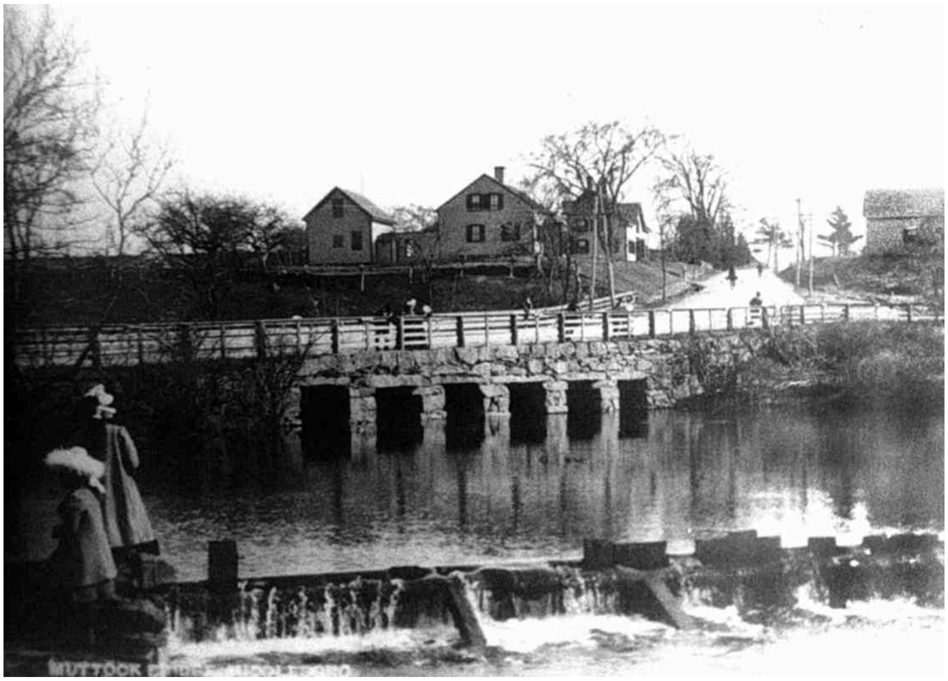
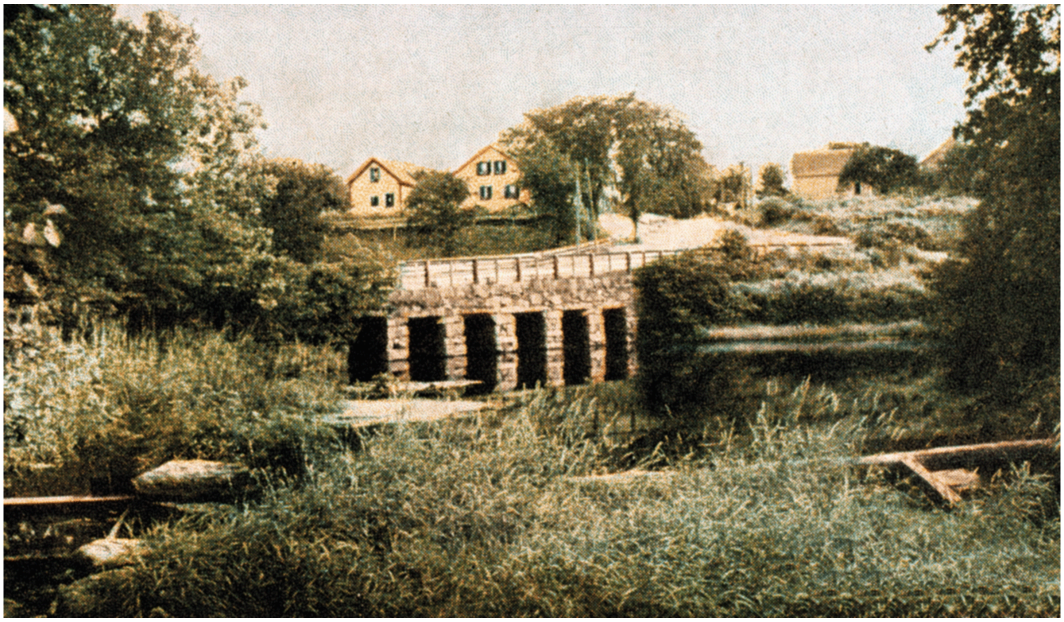


1329. Muttock Bridge

This is a very popular shot of Muttock Bridge showing the millpond and dam. Two young girls are standing on the side of the dam.

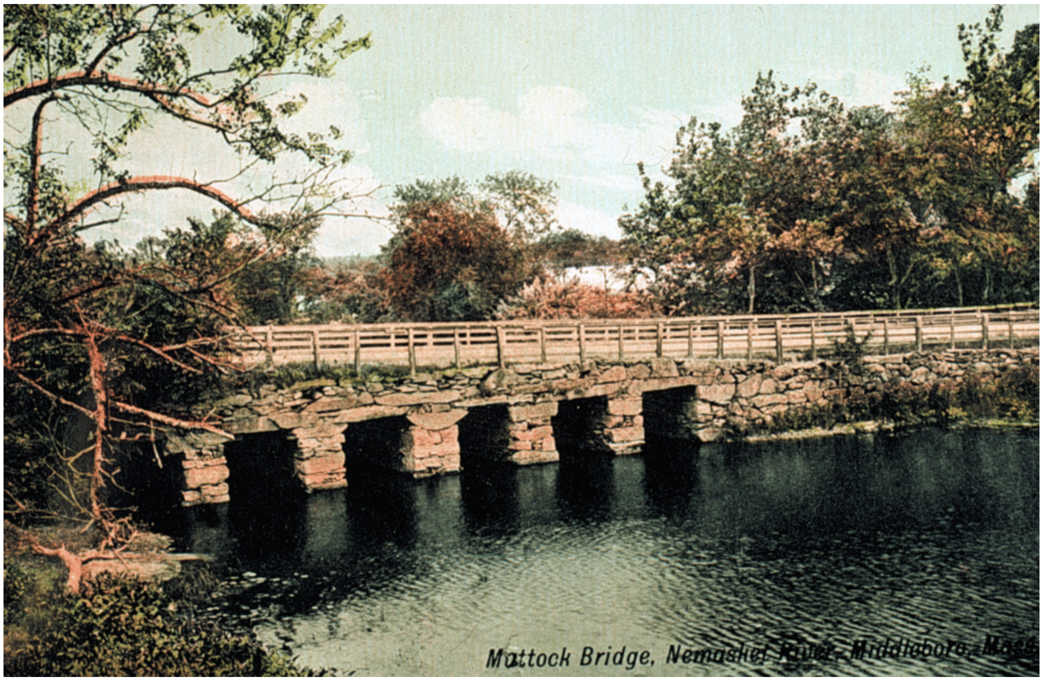
Source: Walter Thompson



1330. Muttock Bridge

“In the early 1800’s the highway from Judge Peter Oliver’s mill to the Green was over the dam of the ironworks. In 1818, the town voted to locate a highway over the mill pond and the road over Muttock Hill was made, but the road over the hill was so steep it was considered unsafe. Complaints were numerous that in 1859 the wooden bridge was replaced by a stone structure and the top of the hill was lowered eight or ten feet leaving the bridge and the highway as we know it today.

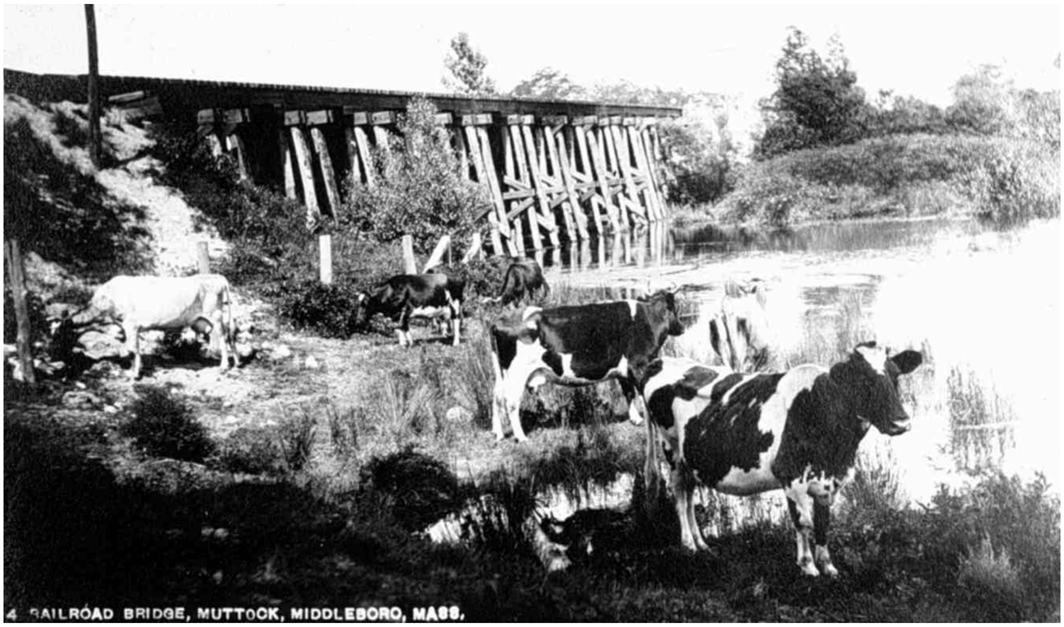
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XX, July 1980, Number 3


Muttock Bridge, Nemasket River, Middleboro, Mass

1331. Muttock Bridge

The original bridge stonework really is shown up in this view, with the wooden railing and the millpond.

Source: Walter Thompson


4 RAILROAD BRIDGE, MUTTOCK, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

1332. Railroad Trestle Behind the Oliver House

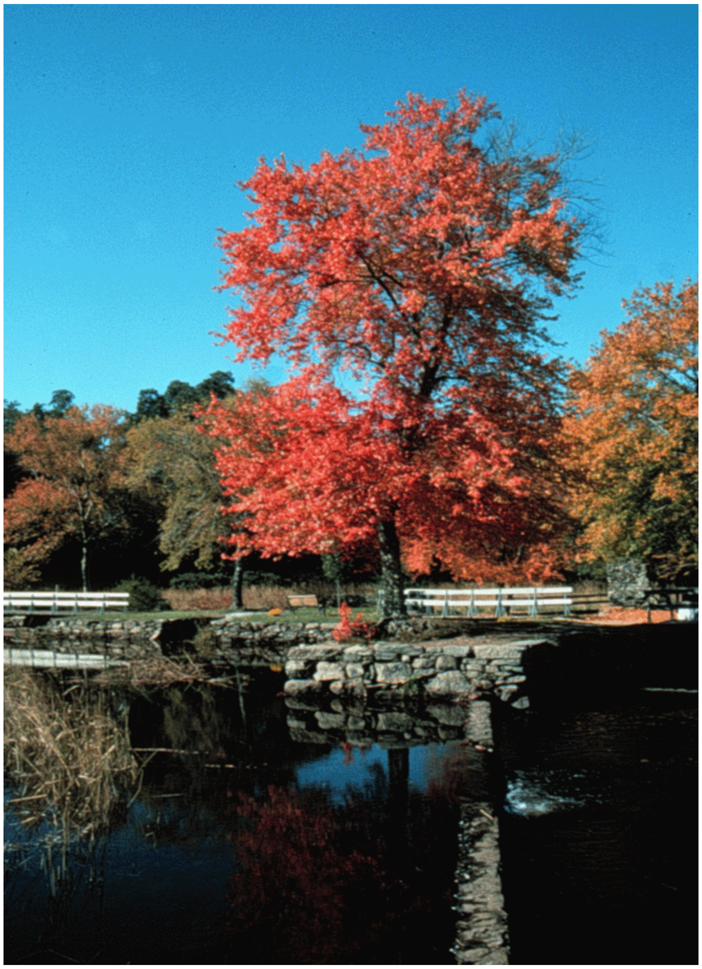
This is a typical Middleborough view showing the cows along the river. One may see the wooden railroad trestle behind the Oliver House.

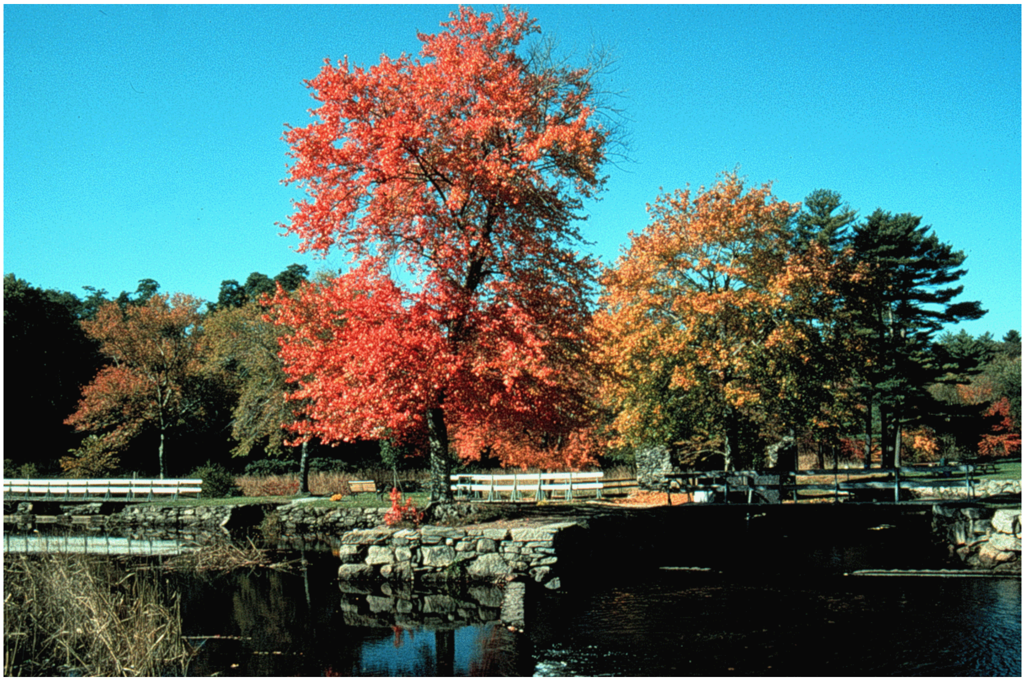
Source: Walter Thompson

1333. Muttock Ruins

This view catches the regal beauty of this huge tree in its autumn colors among the ruins.

Source: Walter Thompson

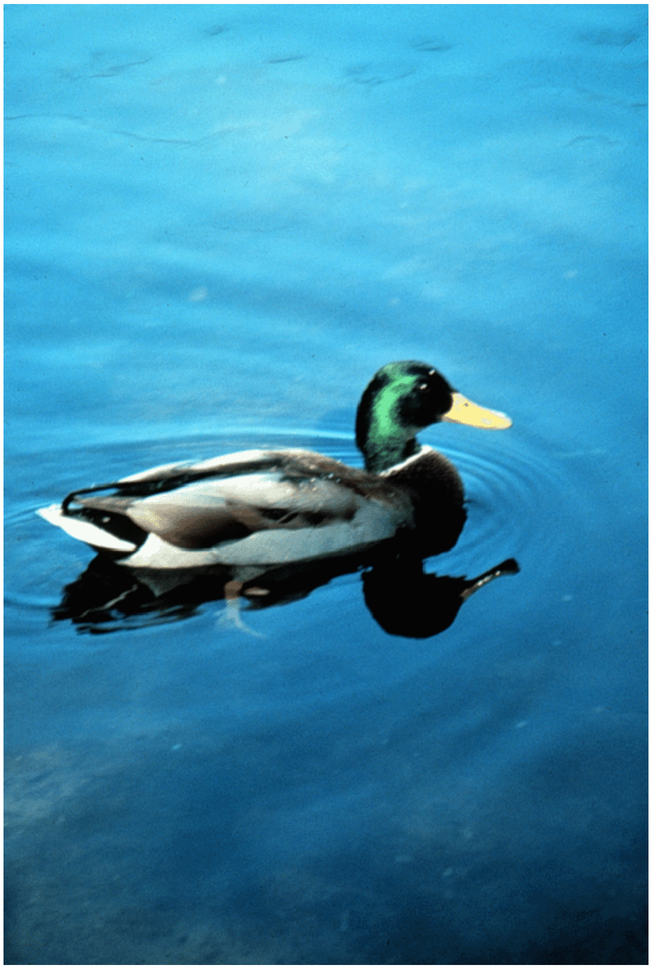




1334. Muttock Ruins

This wide view captures a multitude of colors towering over the still waters of a once very busy mill area.

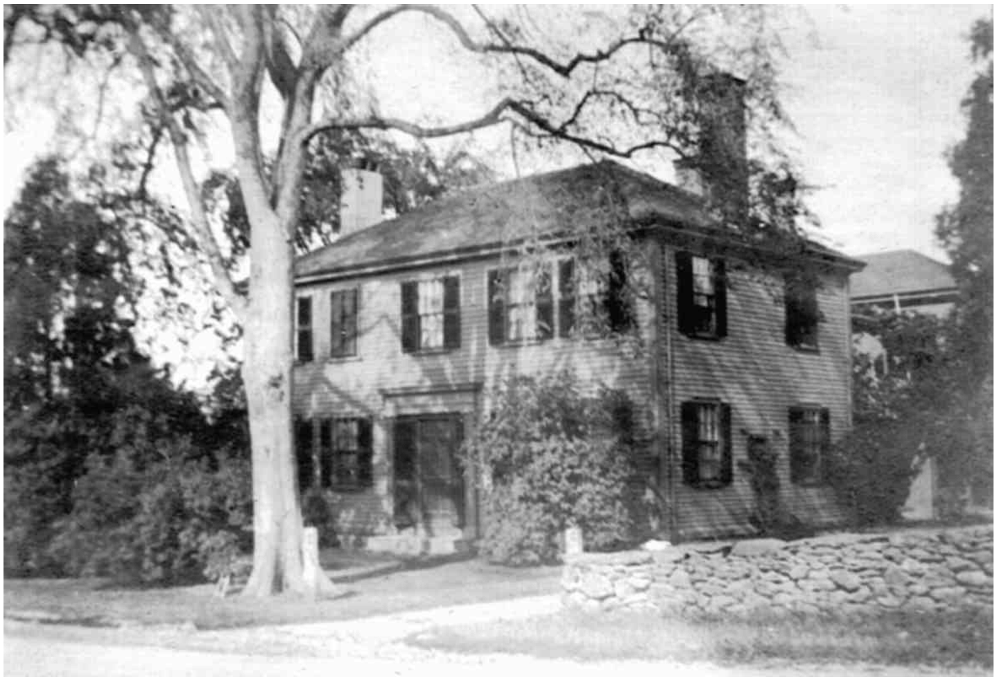
Source: Walter Thompson



1335. A Mallard Duck

Steve got a good shot of this mallard drake in search of a meal. There is abundant wildlife all along the river.

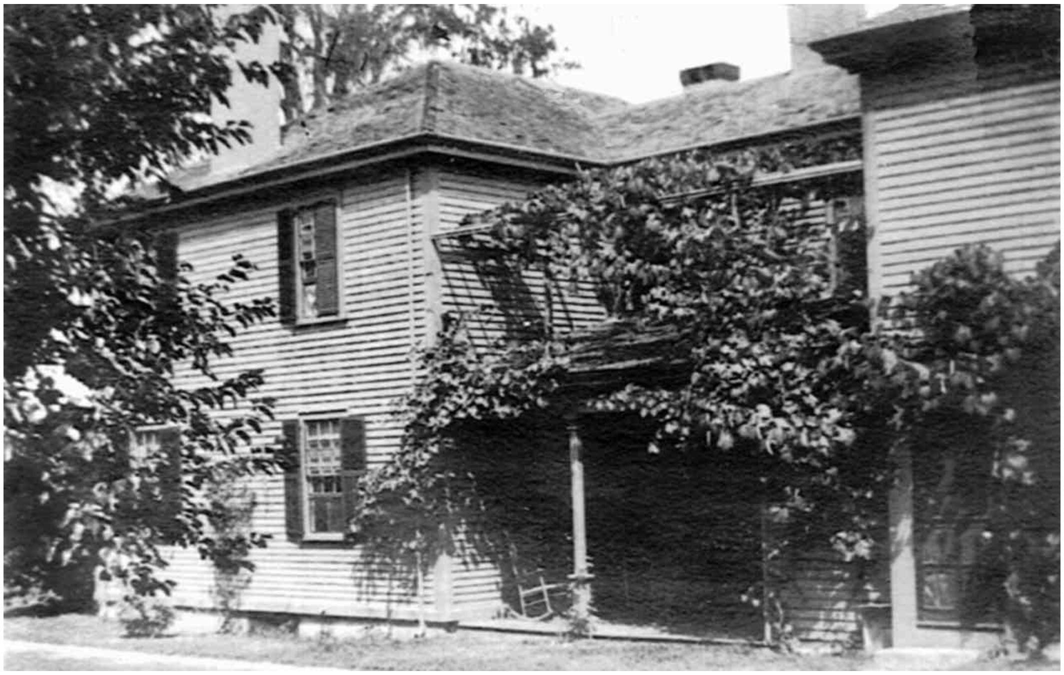
Source: Walter Thompson



1336. Colonel Weston's Muttock Manse

The Weston House on Nemasket Street, built around 1830 by Col. Thomas Weston, was once owned by Stillman Pratt a retired clergyman who published and edited the Middleboro Gazette and Old Colony Advertiser, the "ancestor" of the Middleboro Gazette.

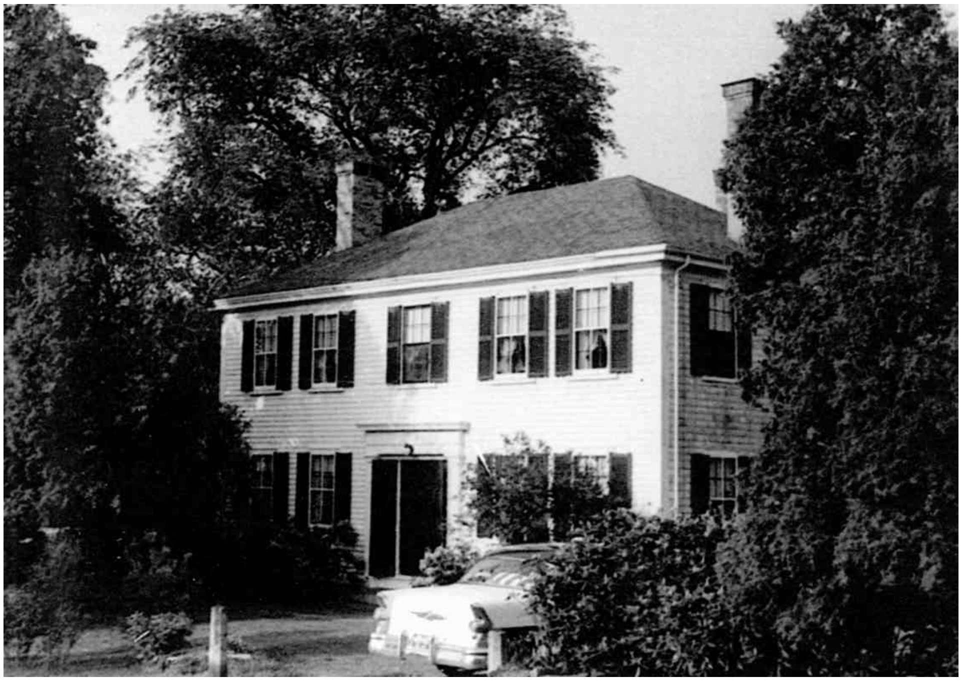
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, June 18, 1998, Michael Maddigan Quote



1337. The Weston House

This family photo shows a side view with its porch.

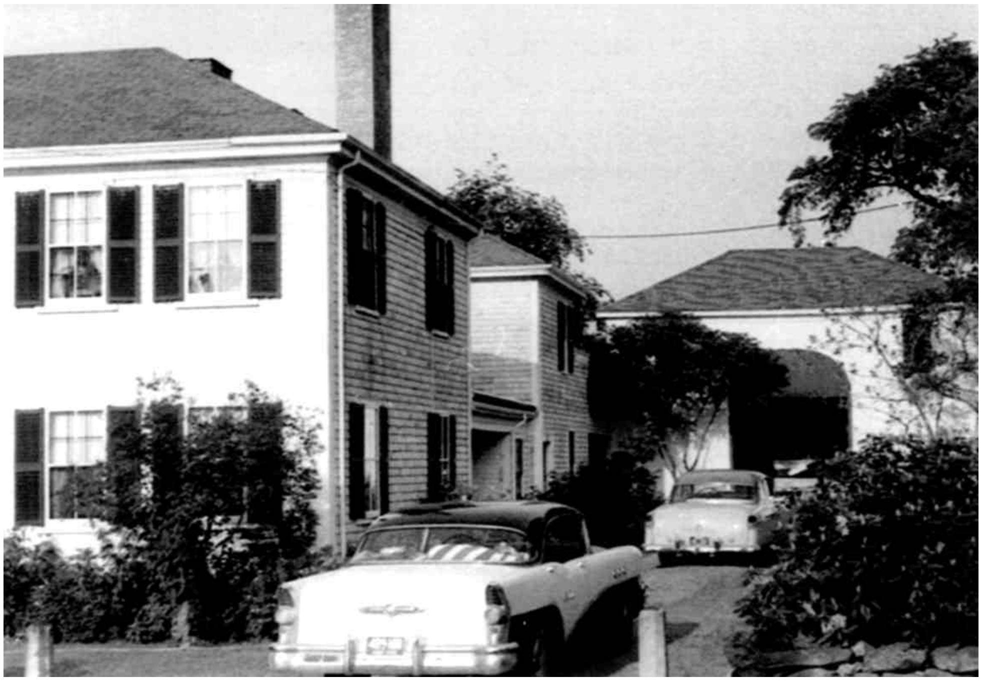
Source: Walter Thompson



1338. The Weston House

“In August 1905, Edward F. Tinkham purchased and moved into the Soule Wood House just up Muttock Hill and sold the Weston House to Isabella and Maria L.C. Winslow of Middleborough.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, June 18, 1998, Michael Maddigan Quote



1339. The Weston House

“The house was later owned by Attorney Boyd A. Iseminger, a partner in the Middleborough law firm of Stetson & Clark.

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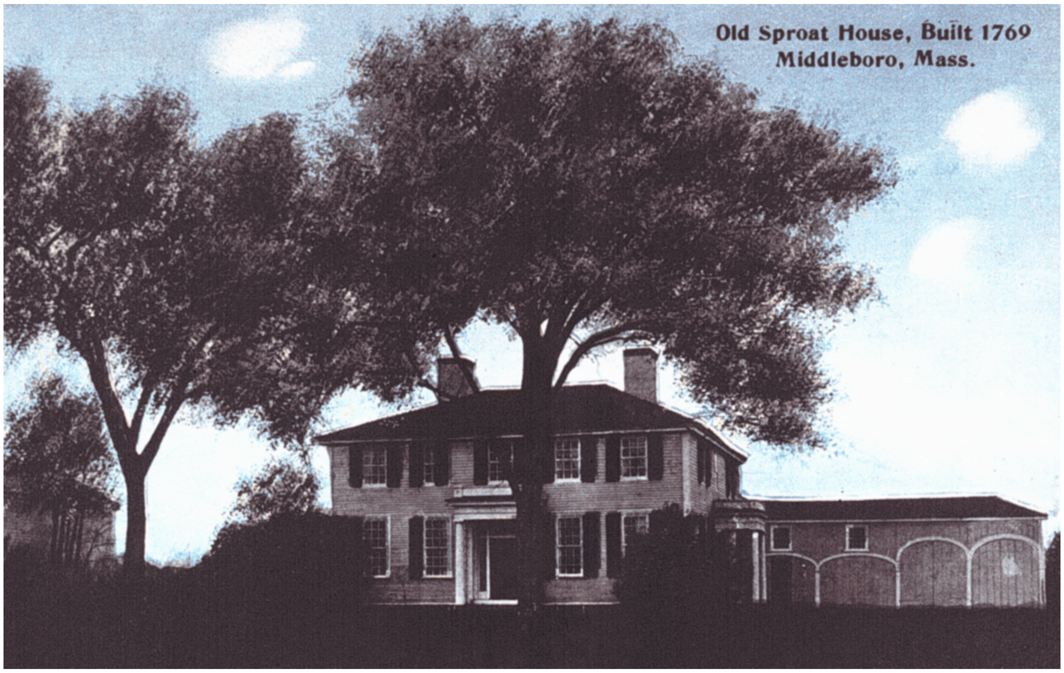

Old Sproat House, Built 1769
Middleboro, Mass.

1340. The Sproat House

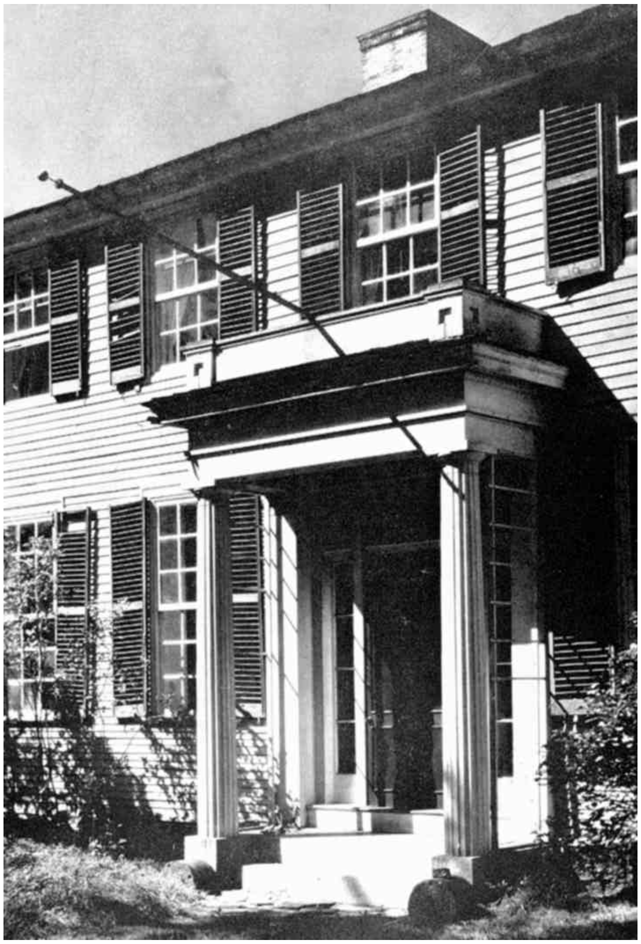
This beautiful home was built in 1769 by Judge Peter Oliver as a wedding gift for his son Peter Oliver Jr. and his wife Sarah, daughter of Massachusetts Governor Hutchinson.

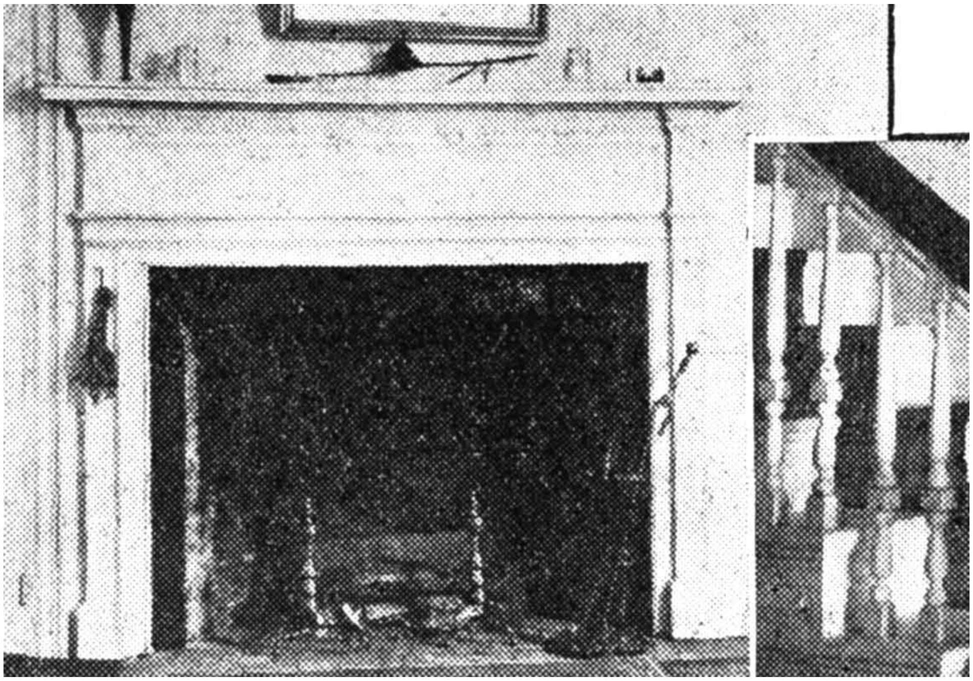
Source: Walter Thompson

1341. The Sproat House Doorway

The Sproat House portico and columned front entrance to the former Dr. Oliver House. In the 1960's Peter Oliver was made aware of his ancestral home at Muttock and restored it. Louis Forney maintained the formal English gardens in the rear of the home until his death in the 1990's.

Source: Walter Thompson

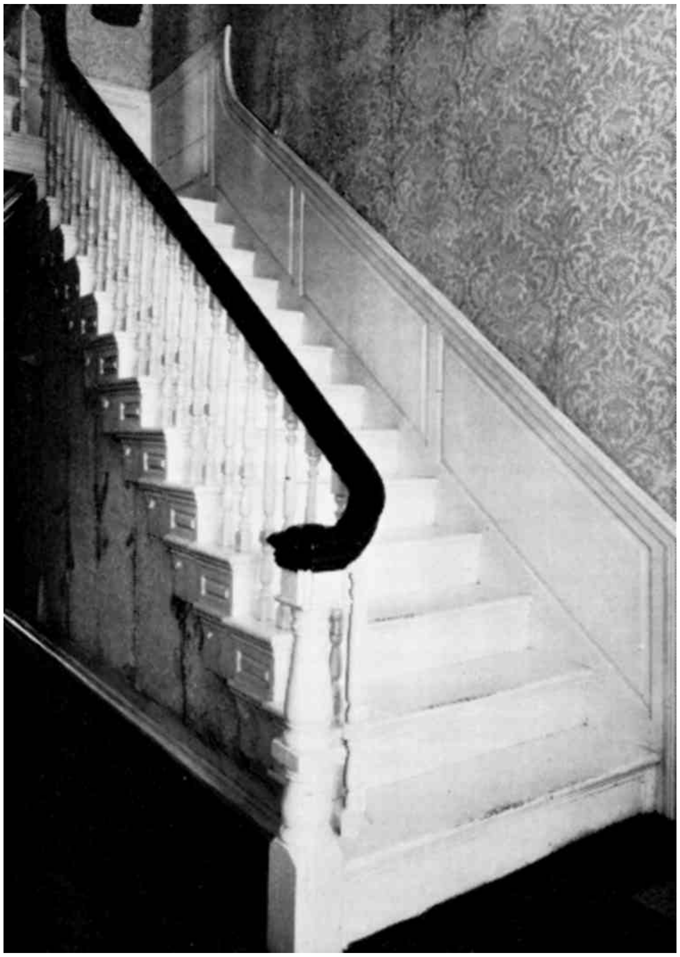




1342. Sproat House Fireplace

To the left front of the Sproat House is the fireplaced livingroom which to this day is still called “The Franklin Room.” Dr. Benjamin Franklin was entertained in this room during a visit to Middleborough in 1773.

Source: Walter Thompson



1343. Sproat House Staircase

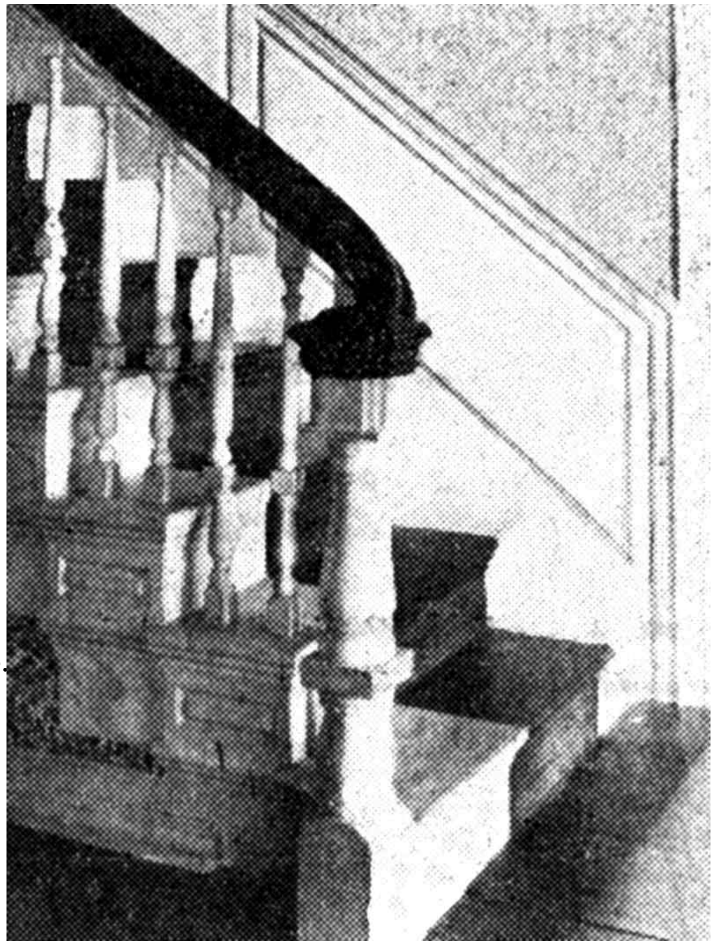
As you enter the Sproat House the first thing one notices is this grand staircase to the upstairs bedrooms and the living room on the left.

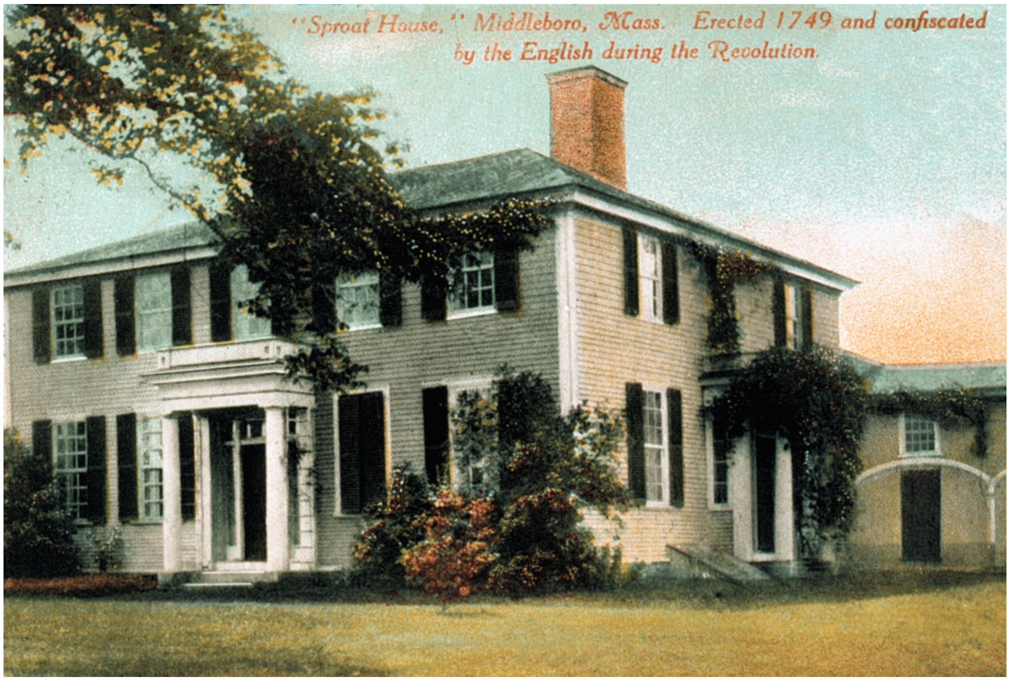
Source: Walter Thompson

1344. Sproat House Staircase

The fine detail of the ballastrade and newel post of the Sproat House staircase is visible in the photo.

Source: Walter Thompson

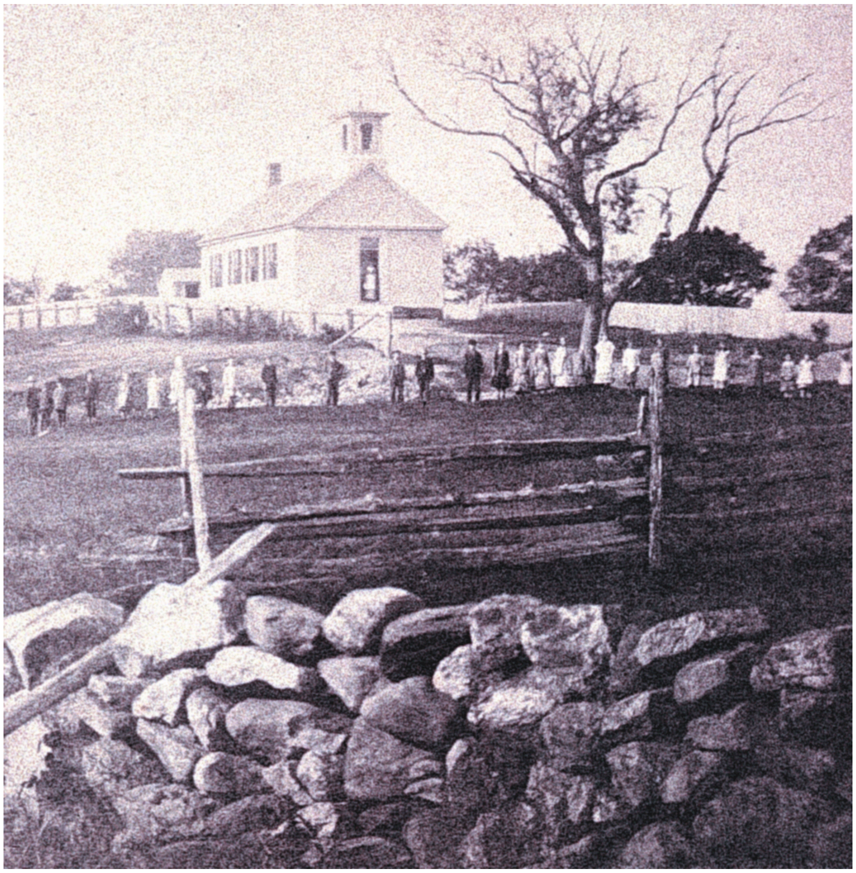



"Sproat House," Middleboro, Mass. Erected 1749 and confiscated by the English during the Revolution.

1345. The Sproat House

Dr. Peter Oliver Jr. and his wife lived in this beautiful home for only six months because he was loyal to the English crown and was forced to leave for England.

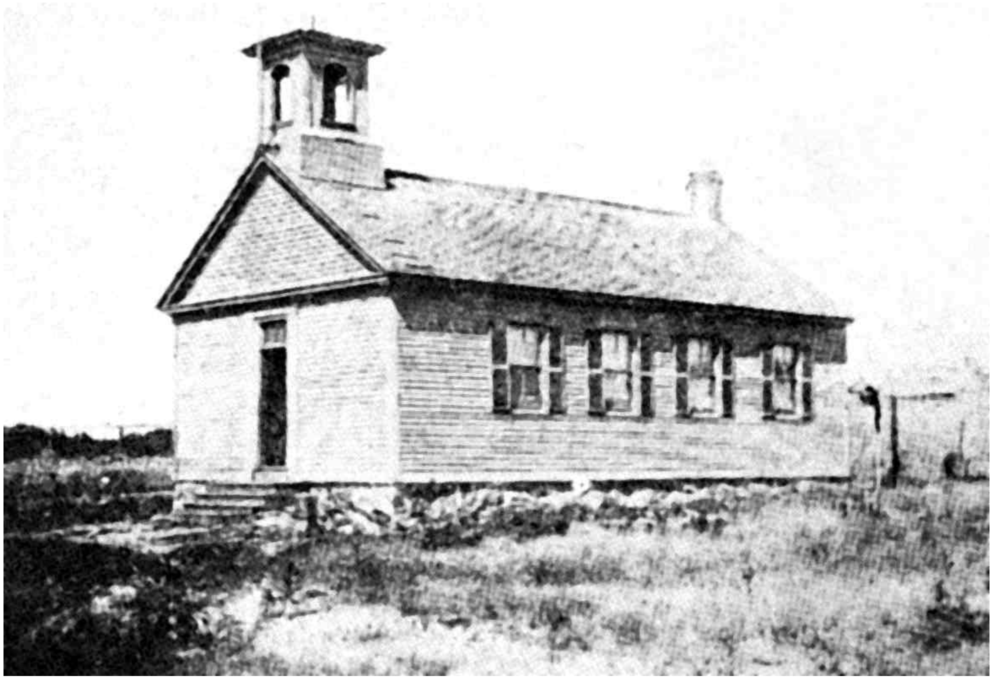
Source: Walter Thompson



1346. The Muttock School

“The old Muttock School was located not far from what is now Oliver Mill park. It stood on a knoll near the Washburn place, now owned by the KOA camp. It was moved to the corner of Plymouth and Precinct Streets at the time of the building of the Plymouth and Middleborough railroad in 1892. The building was over a hundred years old when it was burned on July 3, 1915 during a “night before” celebration.

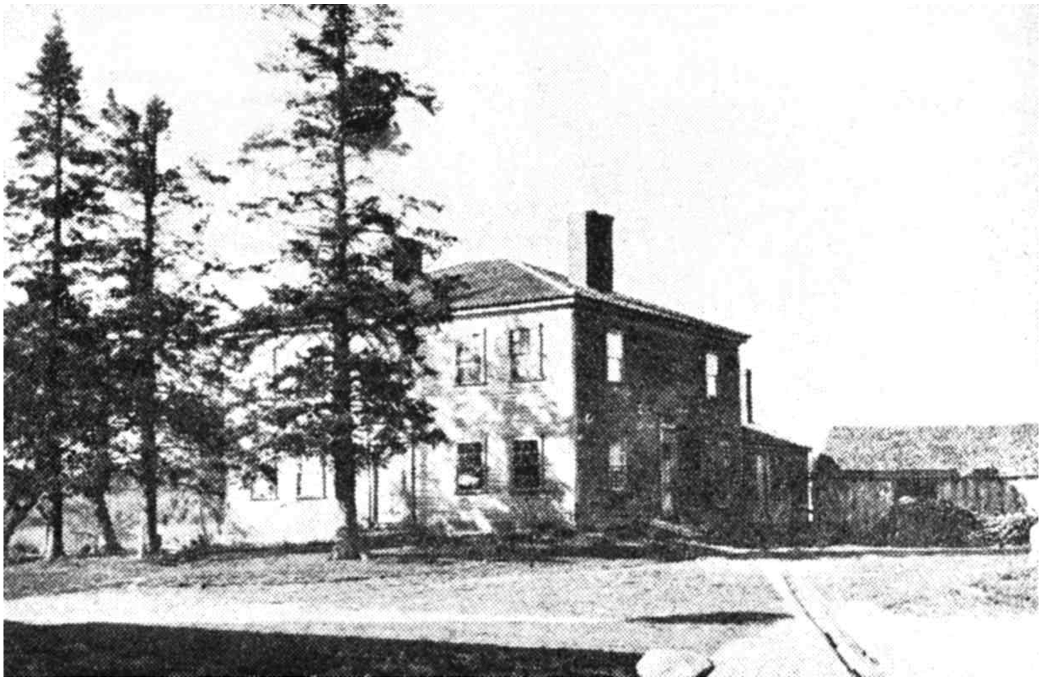
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXIV, July 1985, Number 2, pg. 12



1347. The Muttock School

The Muttock School originally on South Main St. was closed and moved when the School Street School was built in 1850. The building was moved to the present intersection of Plymouth Street and Route 44 (KOA Kampground). It was moved again in the 1870's to Precinct and Plymouth Streets to make way for the Old Colony Railroad tracks.

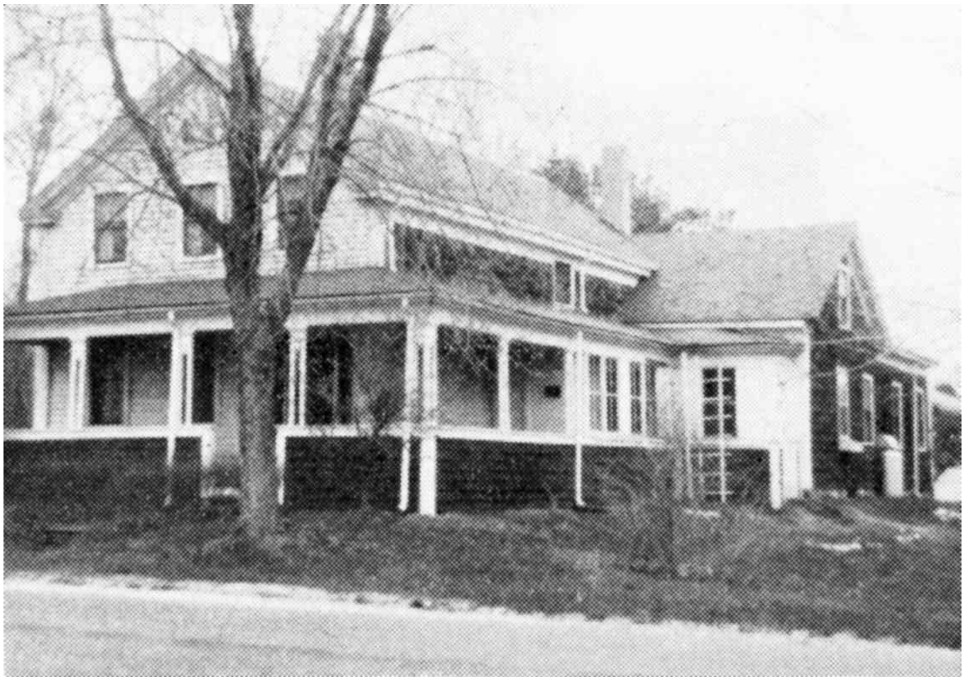
Source: Walter Thompson



1348. John Weston House

Edmund Weston built this home for his son, John about 1734. John Warren made it his home later and his descendents lived here for many years afterwards.

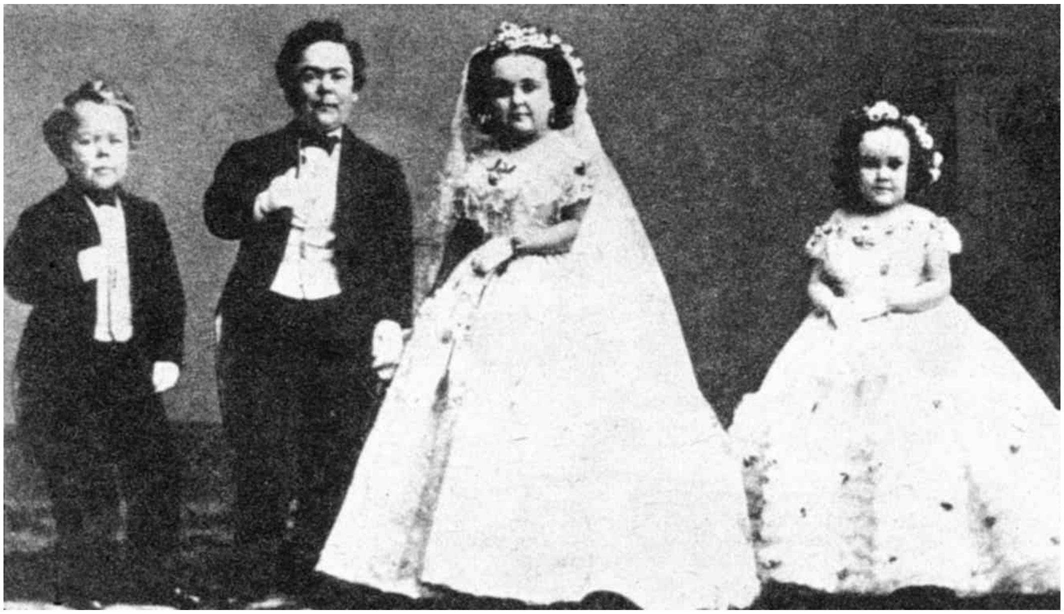
Source: Weston's History of Middleborough



1349. Hinckley House

This house is a different construction than many of the so-called Cape Cod houses. Still retaining its veranda across the front and along the south side with its front and side door, the dwelling is just about as it was built. Originally a barn was connected to the house with a closed shed which housed the family carriages in the day of the horse and buggy.

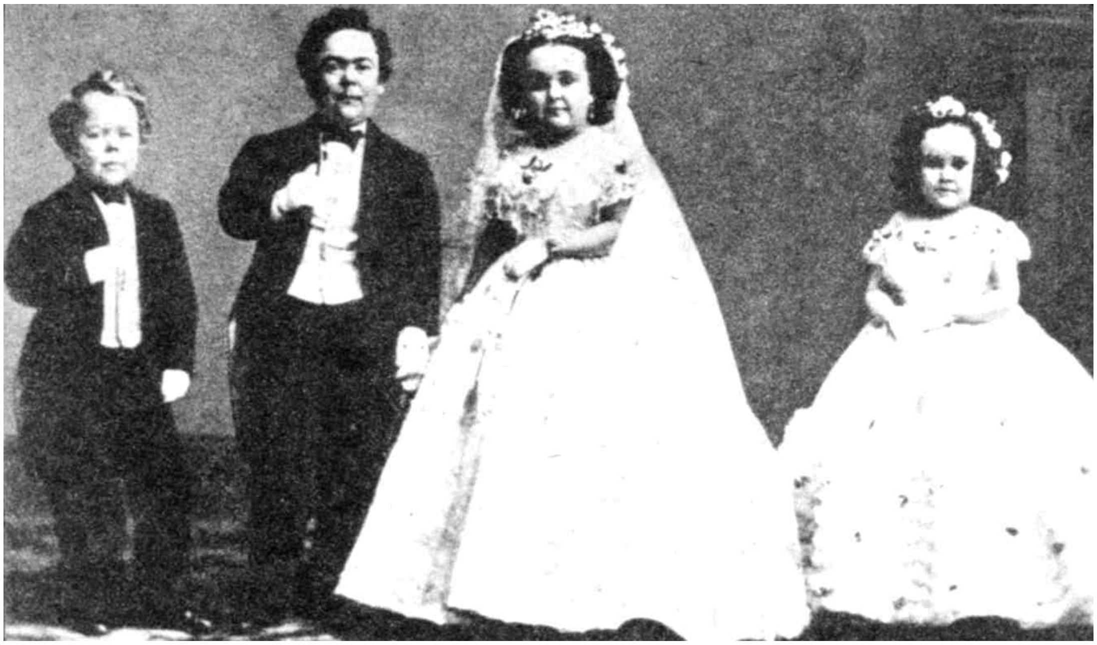
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XII, No. 1, October 1970, Number 3, pg. 9



1350. Gen. Tom Thumb and Lavinia Warren’s Wedding

The wedding took place at Grace Church New York City at high noon on Feb. 10, 1863. The church was packed and among the distinguished guests present were President and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, along with Cabinet members.

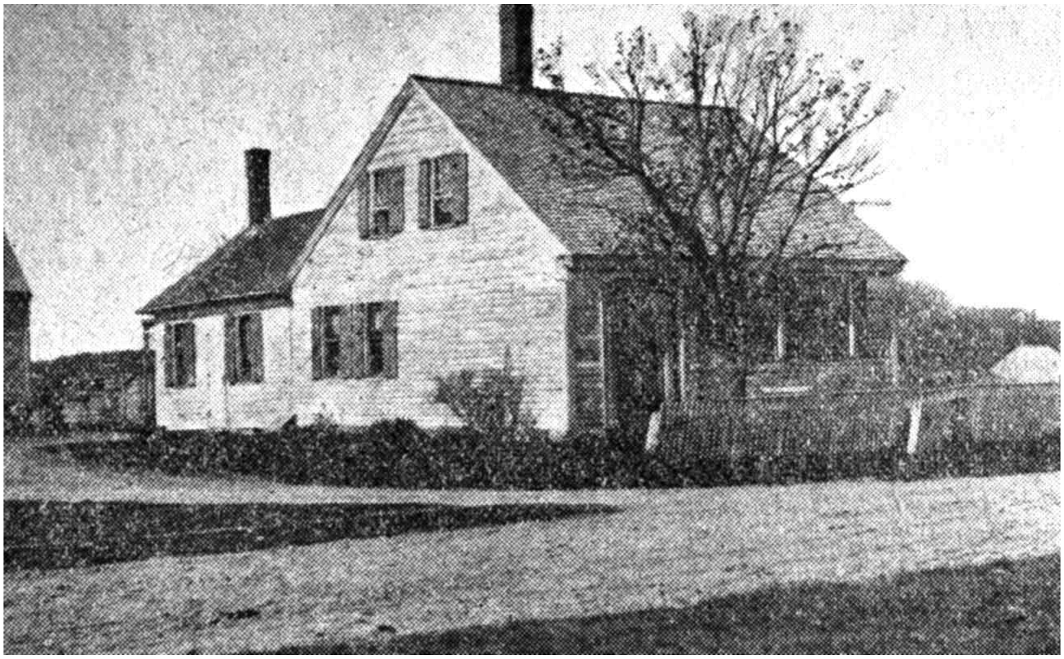
Source: Walter Thompson



1351. Gen. Tom Thumb and Lavinia Warren's Wedding

Both Tom and Lavinia were represented by their own ministers; the Rev. Israel W. Putnam of the First Church, stood up for Lavinia.

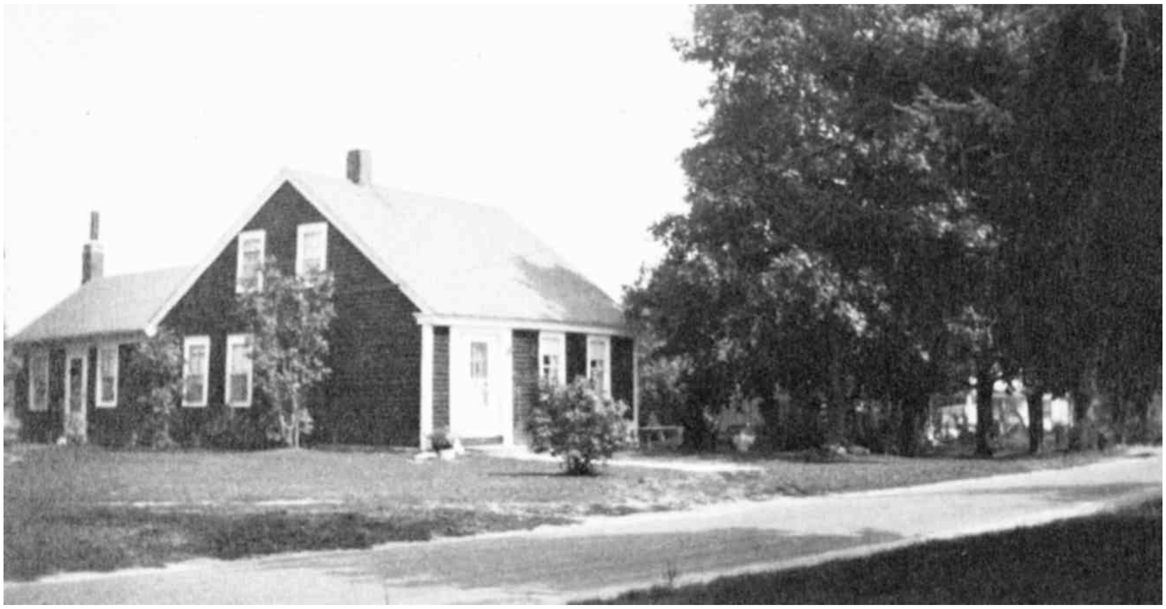
Source: Walter Thompson



1352. Birthplace of Middleborough Lilliputians

This farmhouse was the home of Lavinia’s maternal grandparents.

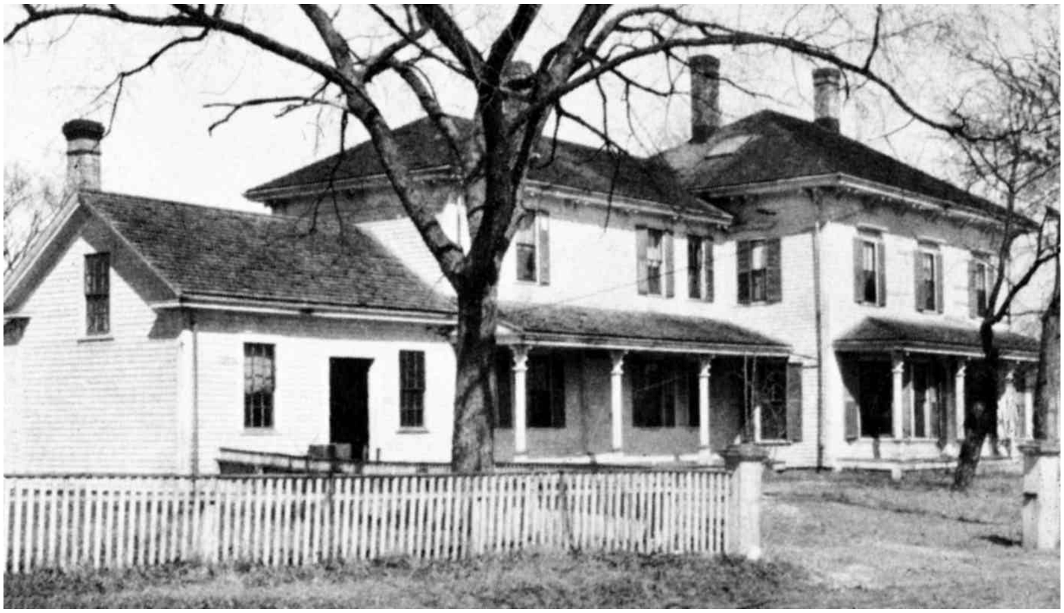
Source: Walter Thompson



1353. Warren Farmhouse

After the birth of Lavinia and her sister Minnie, her father James, purchased the house on the corner where she, her two sisters and four brothers were raised. This was always considered their home.

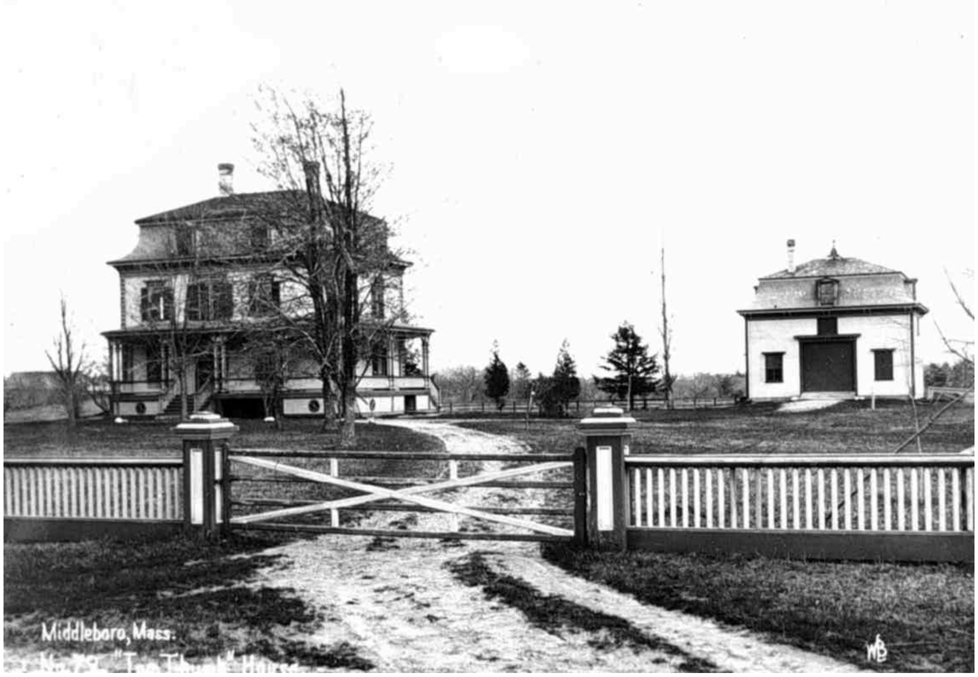
Source: Walter Thompson



1354. The Bump House

Lavinia's father, James S. Bump, bought this house on the corner of Plymouth and Summer Streets to raise his family. In the early part of the twentieth century the back ell of the house was separated and moved to the left of the main house. Both houses are occupied today.

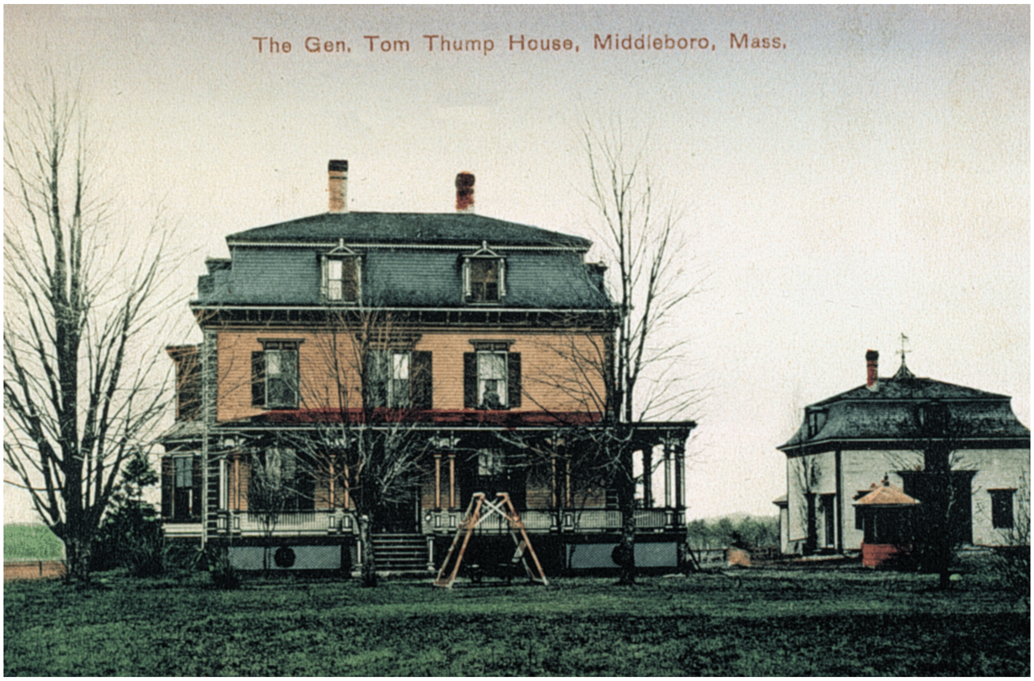
Source: Walter Thompson



1355. General and Mrs. Tom Thumb Home

Home of General and Mrs. Tom Thumb built about 1875 in Middleborough, the interior built to accommodate the diminutive occupants and furnished with miniature furniture.

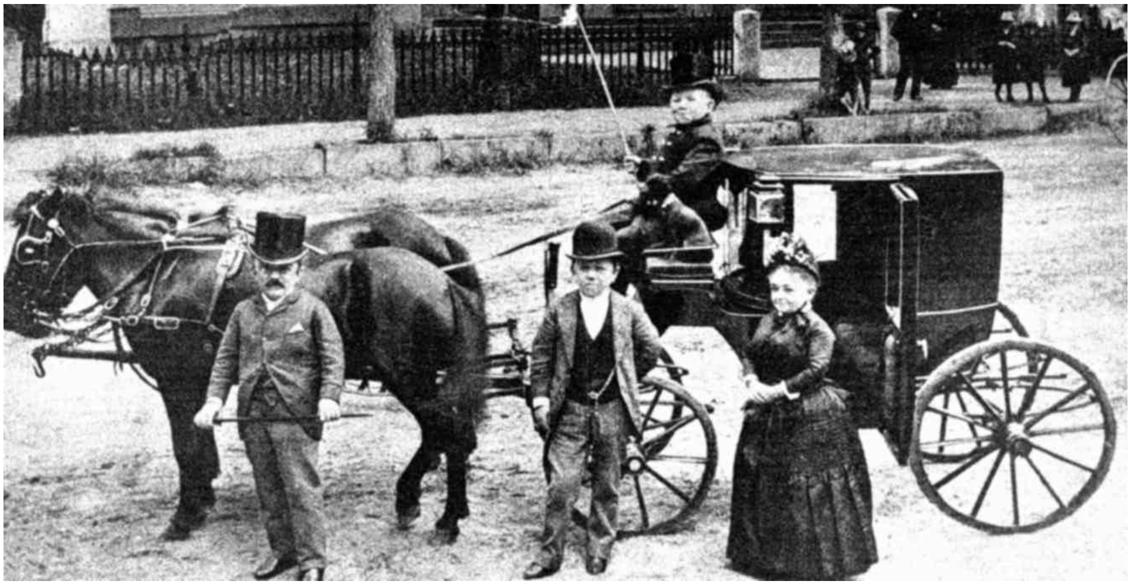
Source: Mertie Romaine’s Middleborough History.


The Gen. Tom Thump House, Middleboro, Mass.

1356. General and Mrs. Tom Thumb Home

In 1998 the home has been beautifully restored but the features that made it fit the Tom Thumb, out of necessity, have disappeared. There are no longer the miniature staircases or bathtub. The Kinney family operated a chicken farm here for many years.

Source: Walter Thompson



1357. A Tom Thumb Coach

The coach is one used by Countess Magri (Mrs. Tom Thumb) and her company and in the parades given before every performance. From right to left; Countess Magri, her second husband, Count Primo Magri, the Count's brother, Baron Ernest Magri. The Shetland ponies, James the driver, are all diminutive, as is the famous coach. Picture taken in 1889 at Bar Harbor Maine.

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
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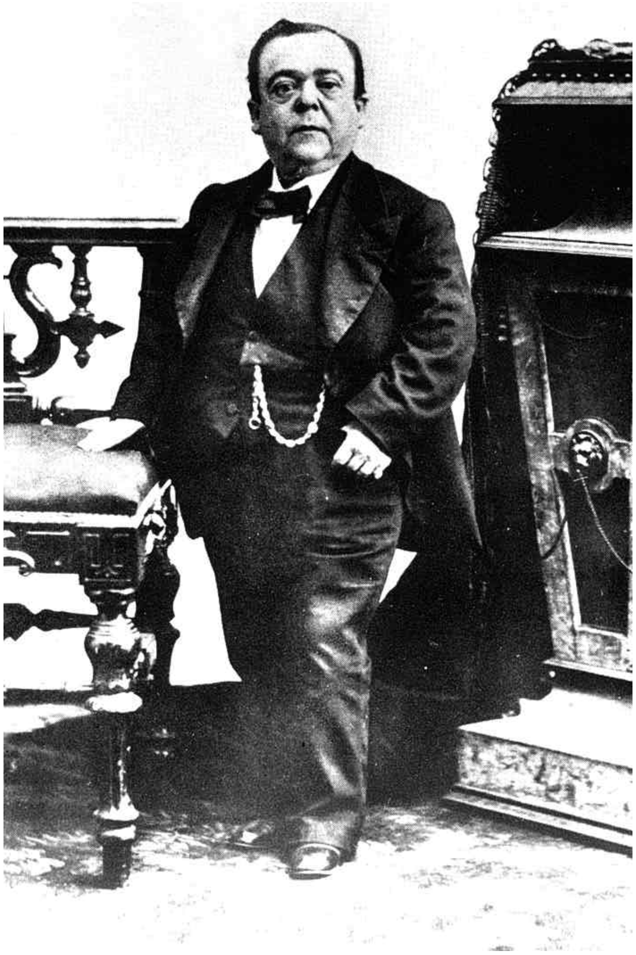
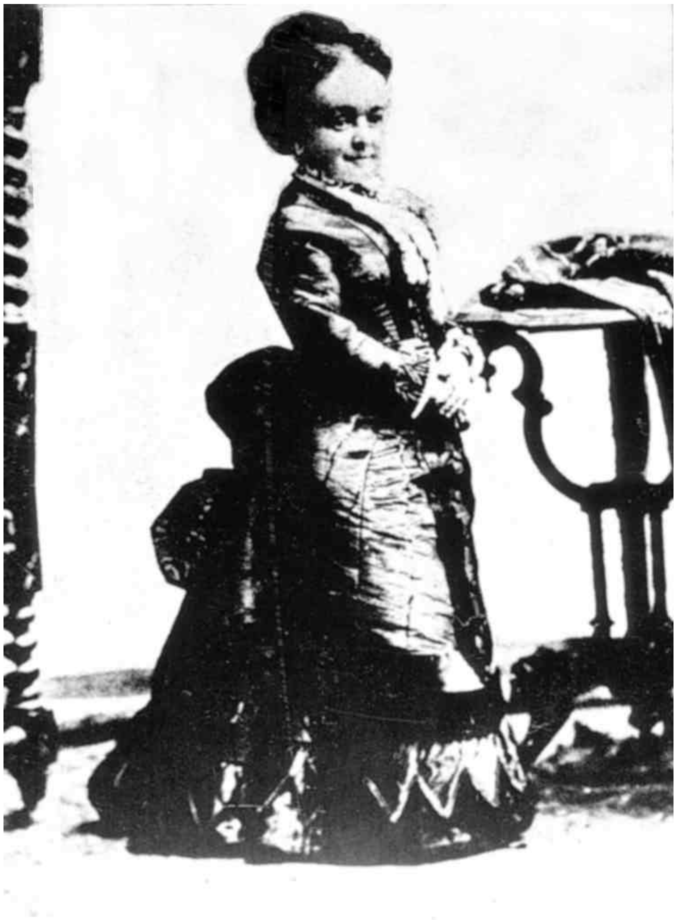


1358. General Tom Thumb

This studio portrait of General Tom Thumb sheds no information on the local of the studio. The picture shows a prosperous small man who is beginning to age.

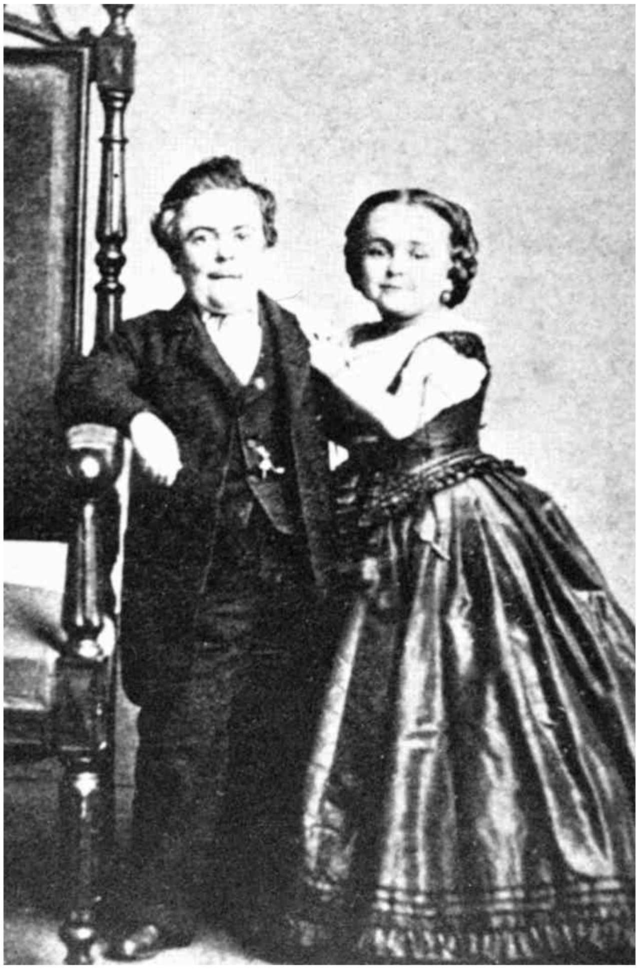
Source: Walter Thompson
Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough, pg. 378

1359. Mrs. Tom Thumb



A studio portrait of Lavinia, Mrs. Tom Thumb, shows an elegantly attired matron.

Source: Walter Thompson



1360. General Tom Thumb and Wife

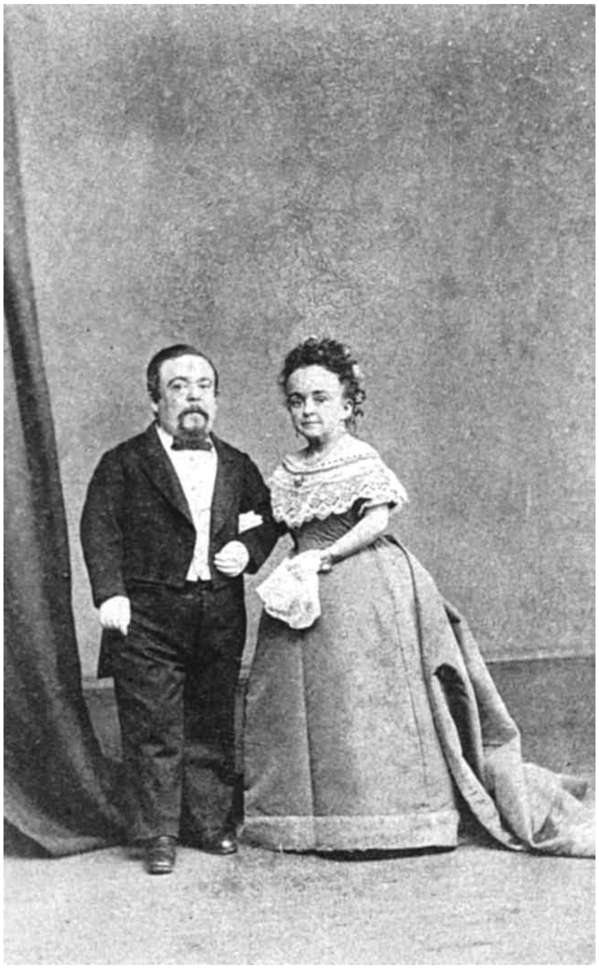
This formal picture of Tom and Lavinia shows off very well the elegant gowns that Lavinia owned.

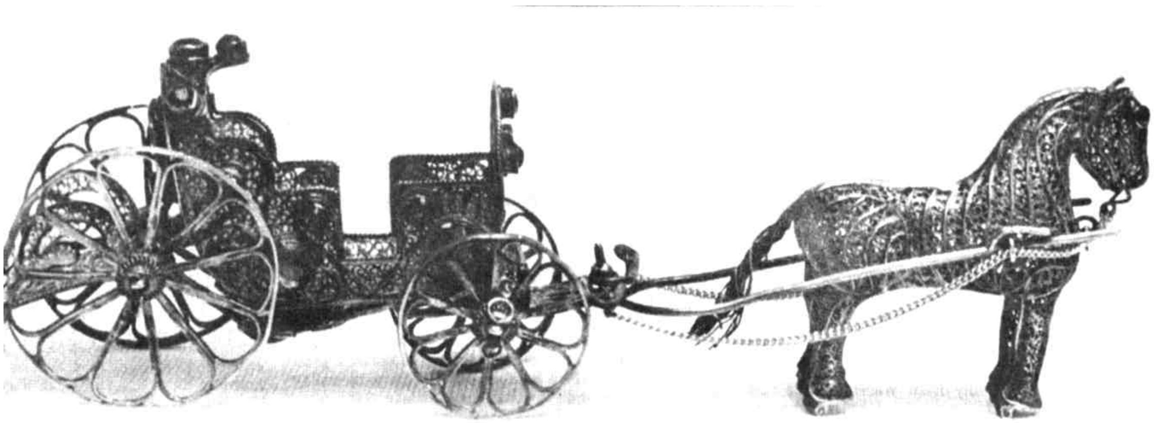
Source: Walter Thompson

1361. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thumb

Cards of this type were common in this period and this particular one depicts Tom and Lavinia probably not too long before Tom's death.

Source: Walter Thompson



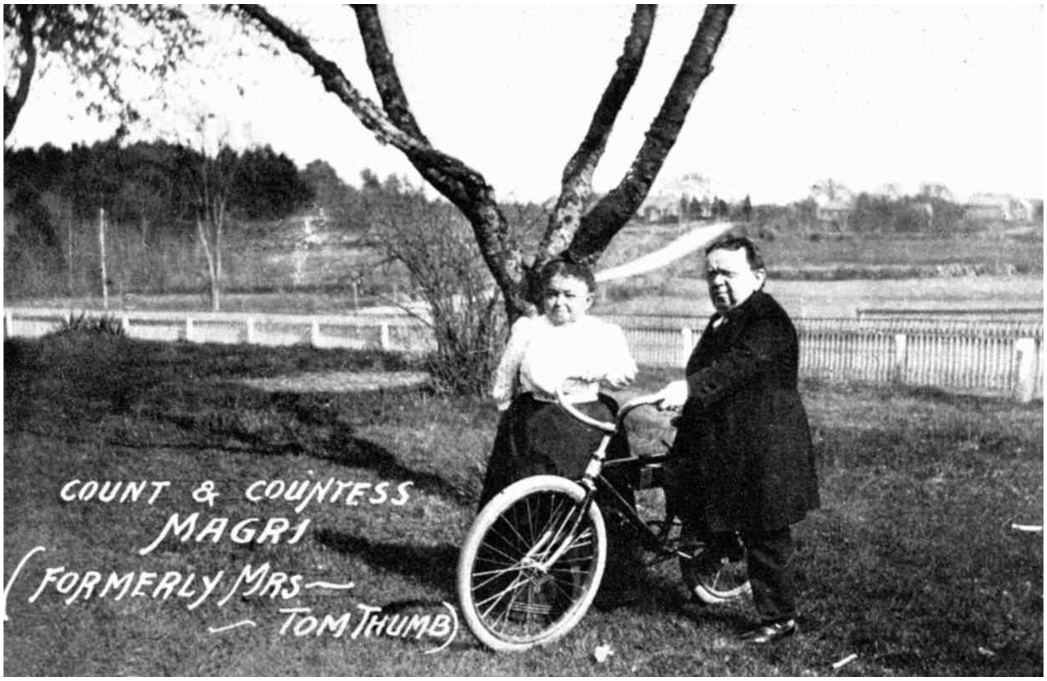


1362. Silver Horse and Carriage

“Tiffany’s of New York presented this tiny, solid silver horse and carriage to General and Mrs. Tom Thumb as a wedding present. The carriage was originally studded with precious gems but the gems were replaced with paste jewelry when times grew hard for their owners.”

Jane Lopes Quote

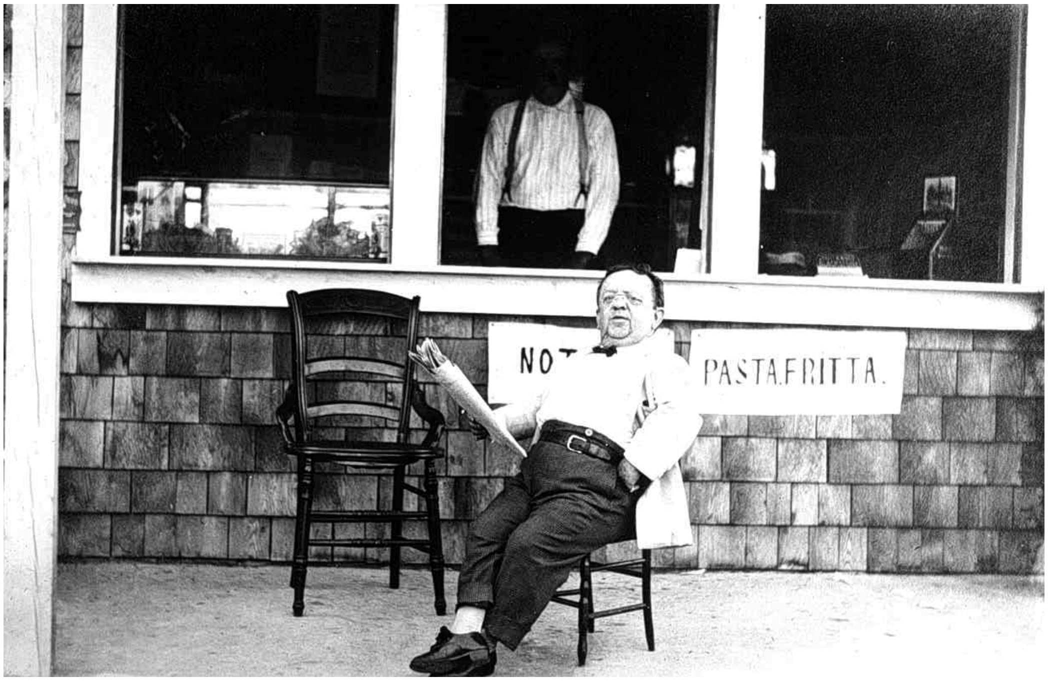
Source: Middleboro Gazette


COUNT & COUNTESS
MAGRI
(FORMERLY MRS—
— TOM THUMB)

1363. Count and Countess Magri

Two years after Tom’s death Lavinia married Count Primo Magri of Bologna, Italy who was a member of their troupe.

Source: Walter Thompson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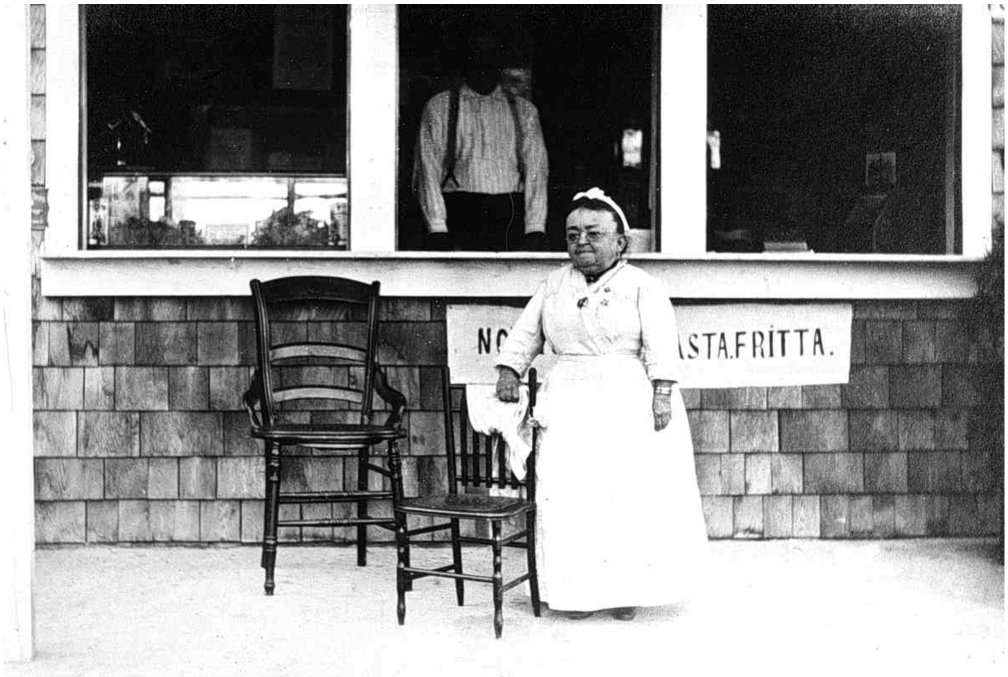
1364. Count Primo Magri

Count Primo is posing in a small chair outside his ice cream stand near his home on Plymouth Street.

Source: Walter Thompson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1365. Countess Lavinia Magri

This picture is of Lavinia in her old age posing in front of Primo’s Pastime.

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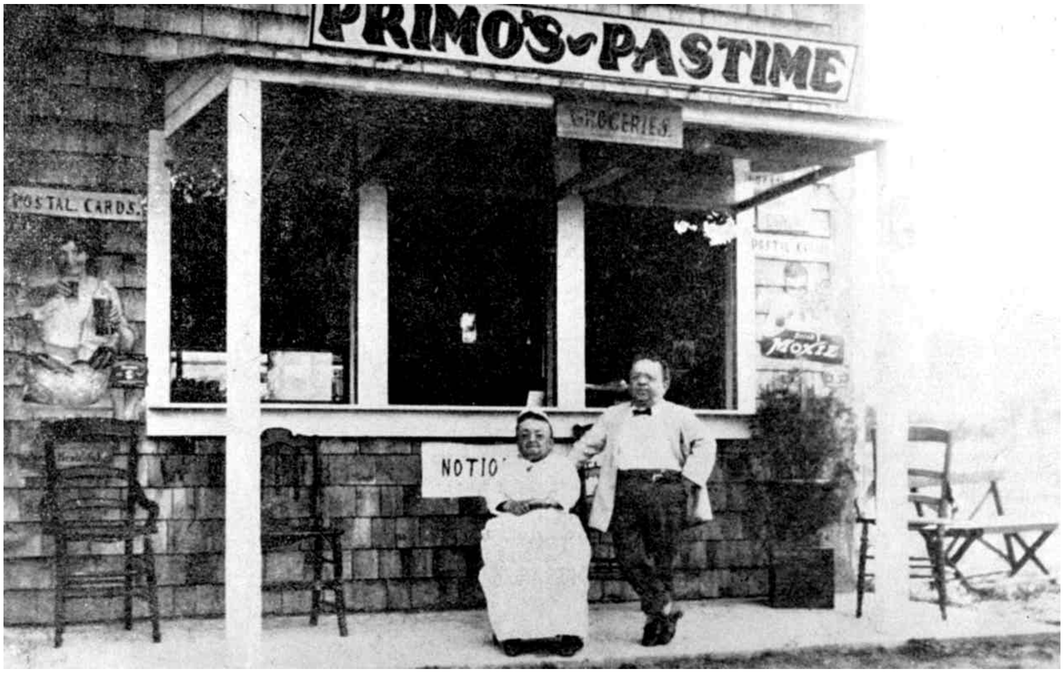
PRIMO'S PASTIME
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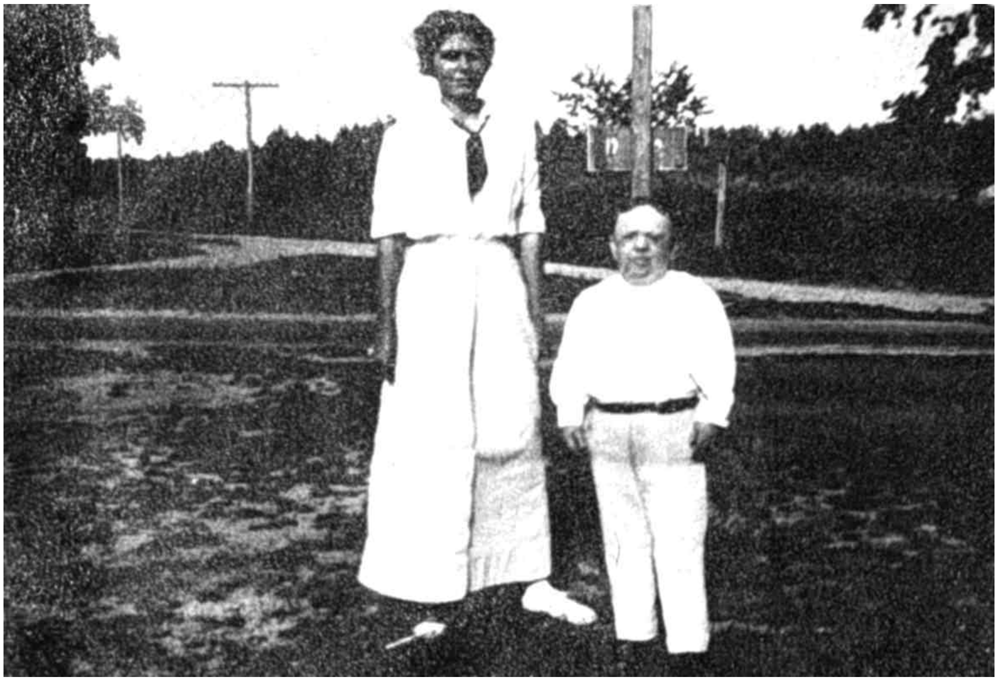
1366. Primo's Pastime

When the Magri's became too old and too tired to travel the entertainment circuit they retired to their home on Plymouth Street and opened Primo's Pastime. Customers stopped by the stand more to see the celebrated couple than for a purchase.

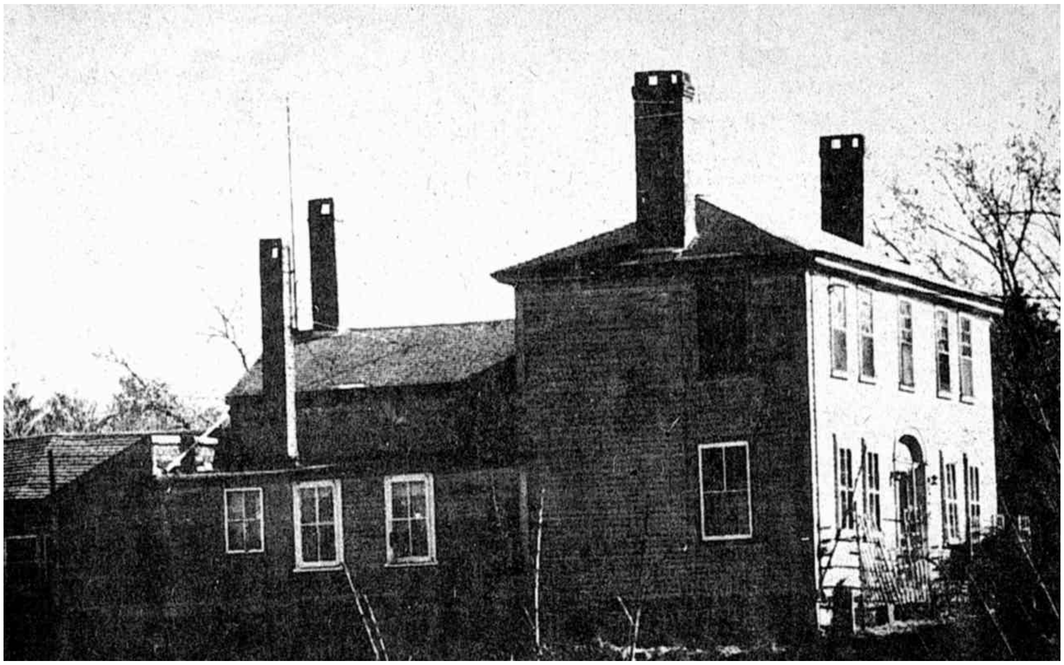
Source: Walter Thompson



1367. Ruth and Count Magri

Ruth (?), like many other people liked to have their pictures taken with the little people.

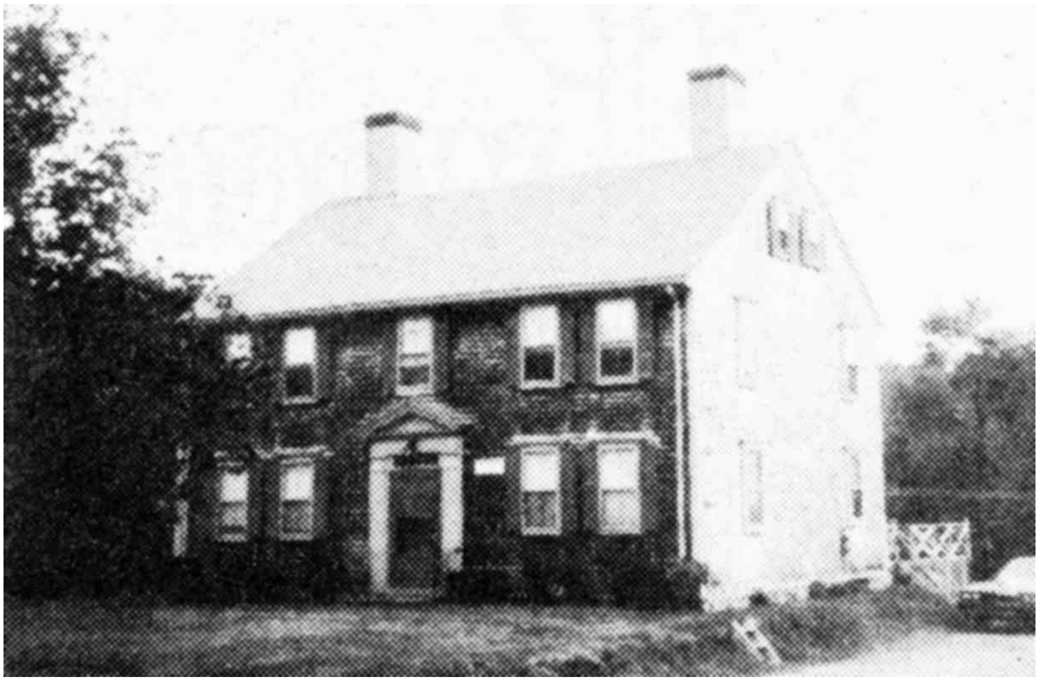
Source: Walter Thompson



1368. Eddy House

This home was originally built by the Eddy family, but we always knew it as the Bryant homestead, located on Raven Street. Up to a few years ago this house was still in its original state with no central heat and no electrical fixtures. Today the house is lived in by younger people and modernized.

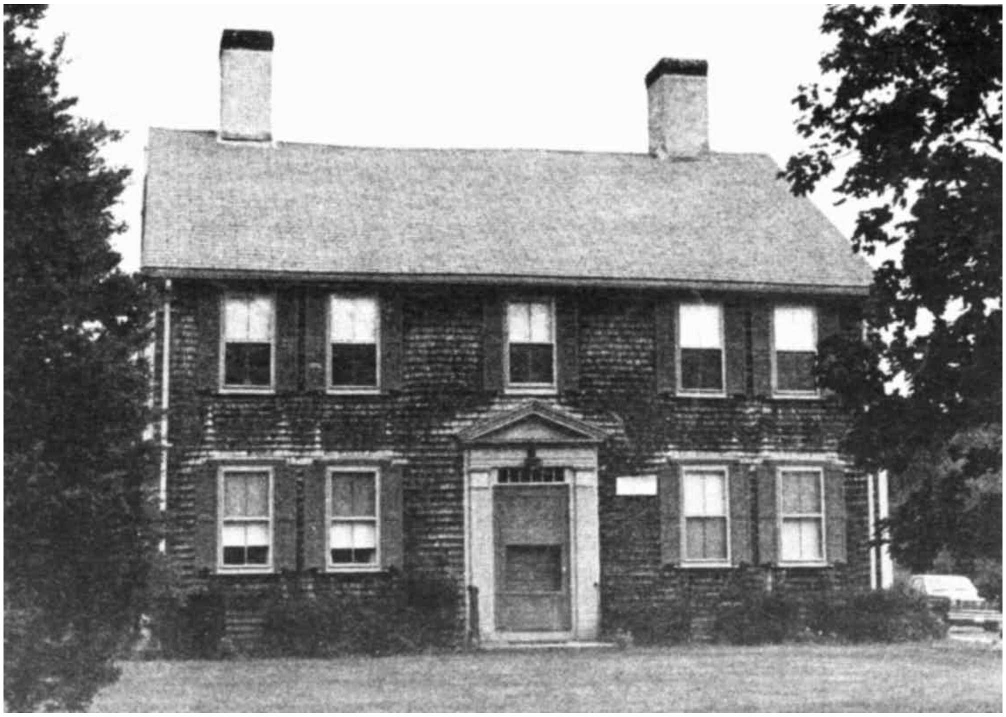
Source: Walter Thompson



1369. Samuel Eddy Home

This is another one of the Eddy homesteads that was lived in by another Bryant family. Hank a well-known farmer, grew many of his vegetables on this farm to sell to the produce market.

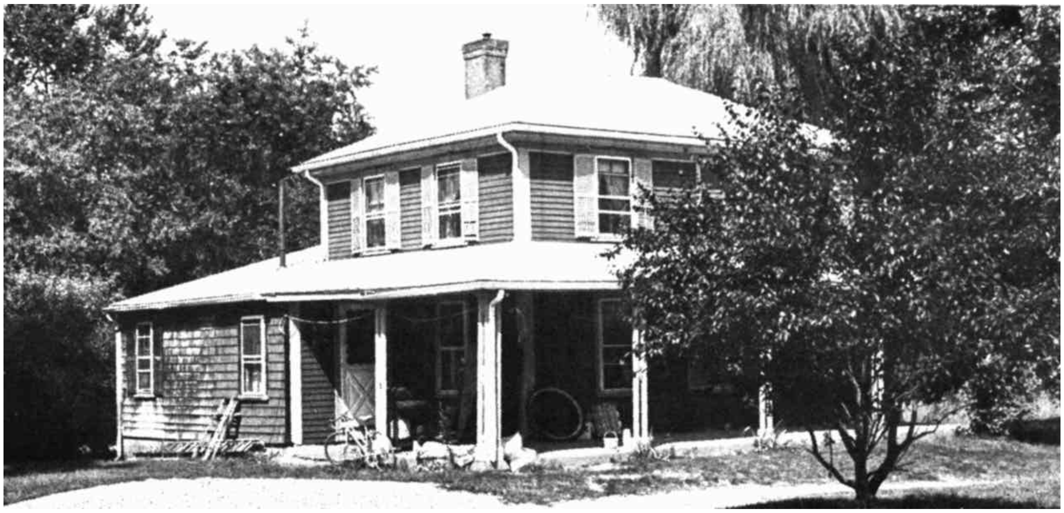
Source: Walter Thompson



1370. Samuel Eddy House

Perhaps the oldest intact structure in the Eddyville section of town, the Samuel Eddy house is a handsome example of Georgian architecture.

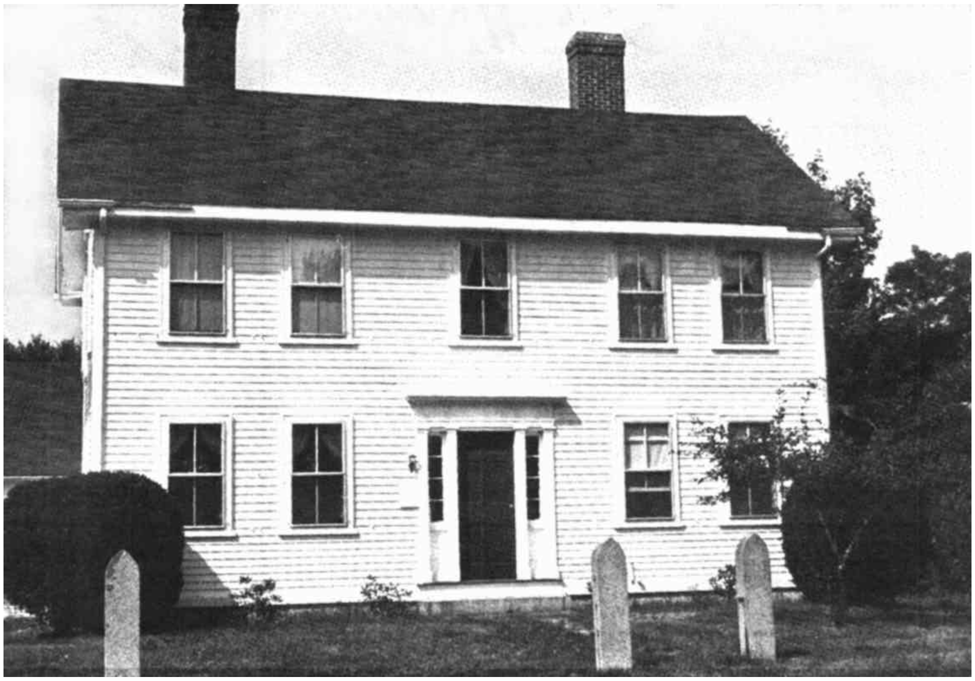
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, Reflections, September 25, 1986 pg. 12



1371. Joshua Eddy Store

Joshua Eddy may have operated a store from this building on Plympton Street, which is now a private residence.

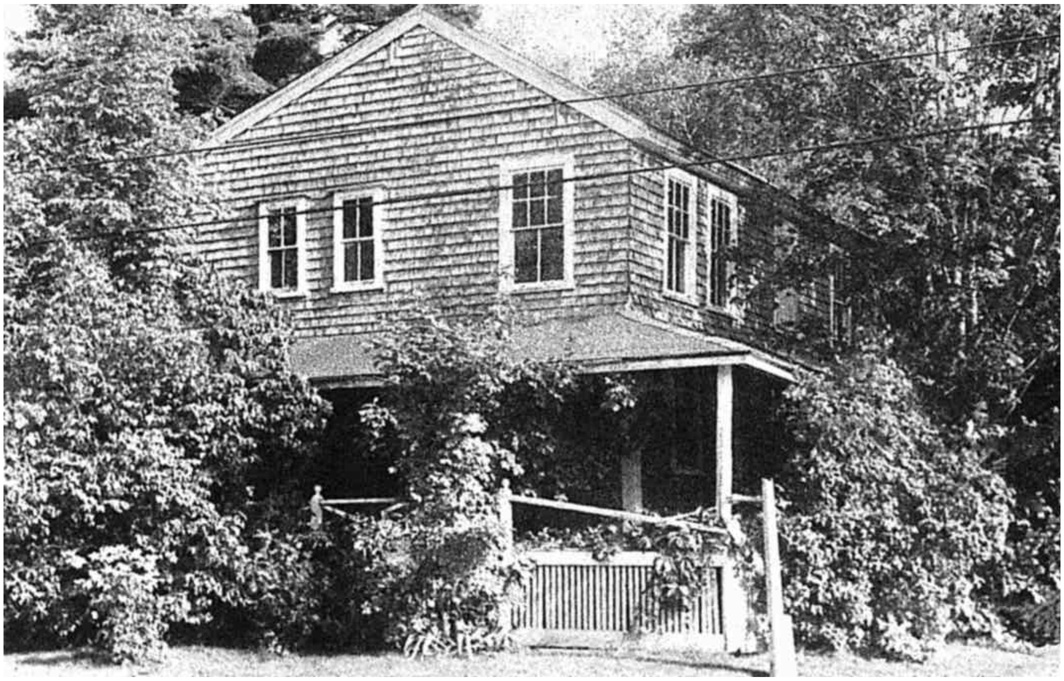
Source: The Middleboro Gazette, Reflections, September 29, 1988, pg. 8.



1372. Joshua Eddy House

The Joshua Eddy house on Plympton Street in East Middleborough is an example of a blend of Georgian and Federal styles. The house was restored and rehabilitated after a 1770 fire. The doorway in the Federal style was probably added after the fire.

Source: The Middleboro Gazette, Reflections, September 29, 1988, pg. 9.

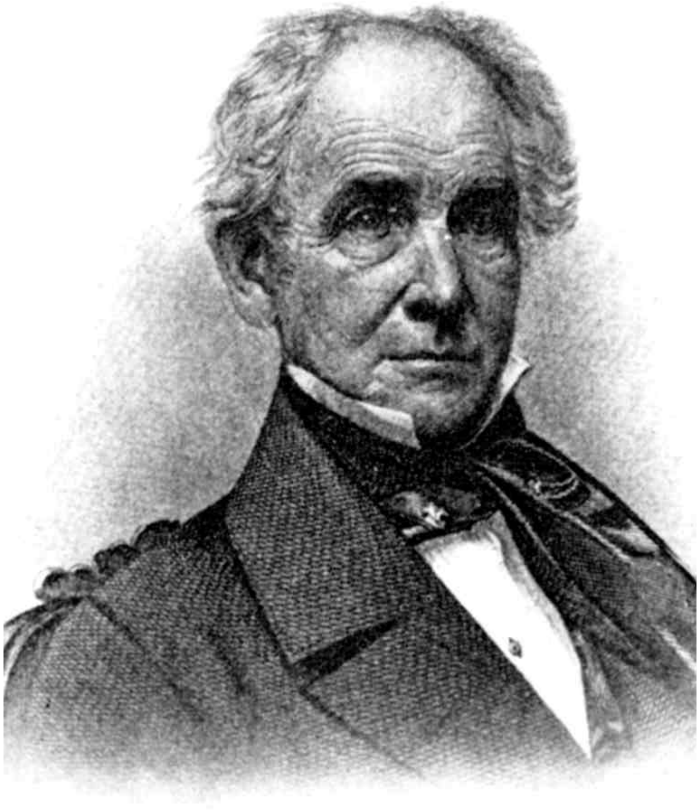


1373. Eddy House

This is the original home of Eddy who had this house moved across the street on the corner of Plympton and Carmel Street to make way for the new Zachariah Eddy house. This house, as so many of Middleborough's historical homes, was torn down in 1996, a long with its carriage sheds to make way for a vacant house lot.

Source: Walter Thompson

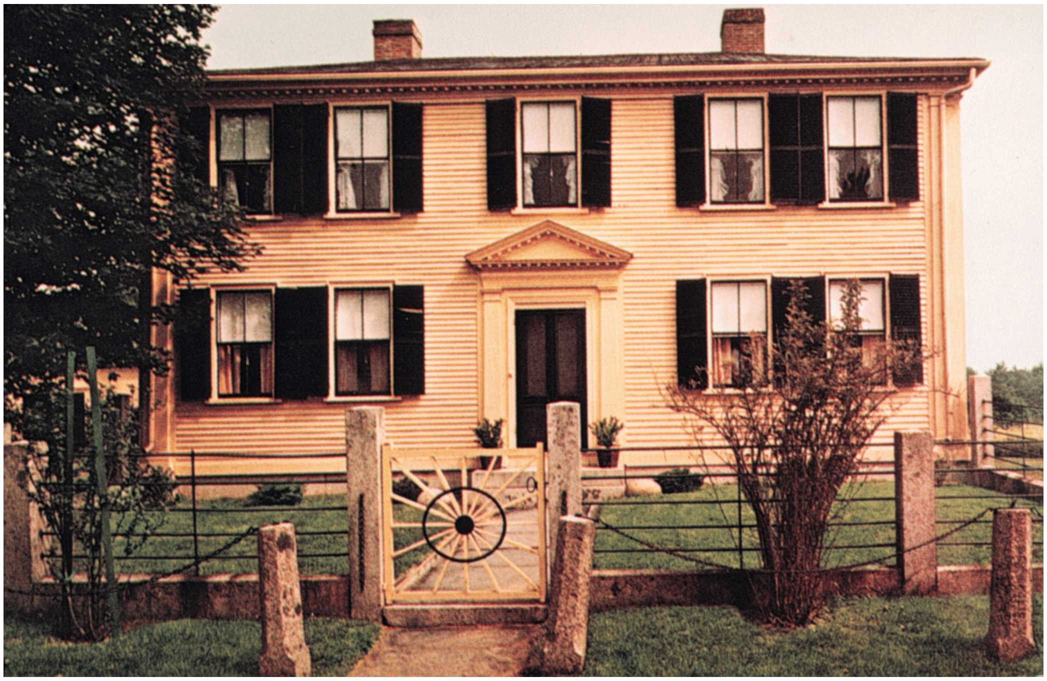
1374. Zachariah Eddy



ZACHARIAH EDDY

Zachariah Eddy, born in 1780, was a noted lawyer who lived on Plympton Street and had a law office in the front of his home. He also built the two large homes next to the old high school lot on South Main Street in the center. In back of the first house he maintained another law office in which some students of Peirce Academy could study law, one of the best-known students being Squire Robinson.

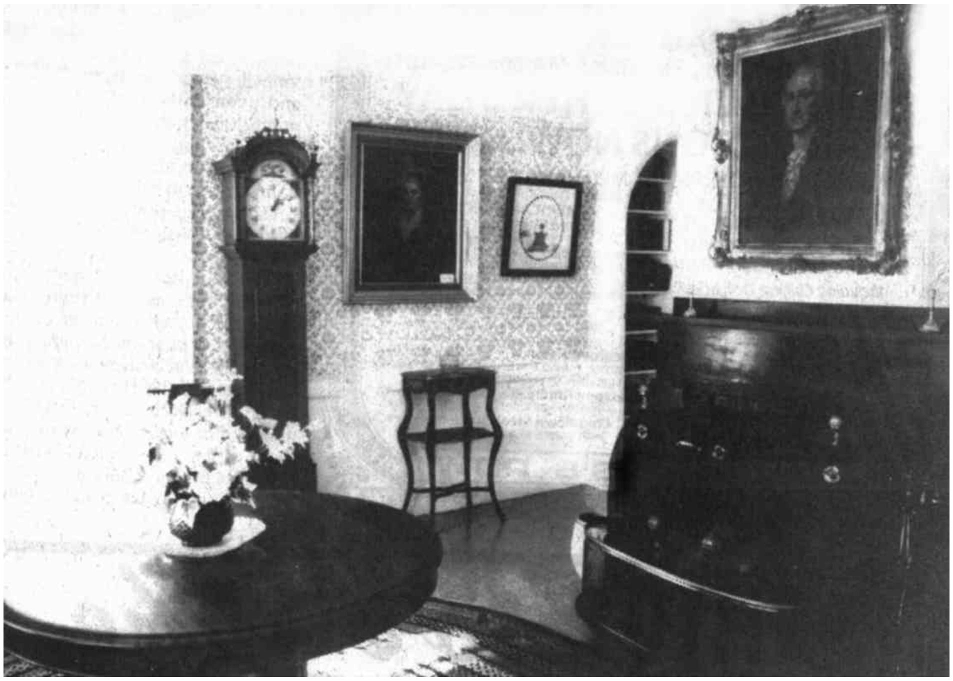
Source: Walter Thompson



1375. The Eddy Homestead

"The Eddy Homestead, built in 1803 for Zachariah Eddy and his bride, is now operated as a museum by the Eddy Homestead Association. The house is furnished in a style typical of the mid 19th century and contains many Eddy family items."

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Jane Lopes Quote
Volume XXVII, September 1989, Number 2, pg. 10



1376. Eddy Homestead Front Parlor

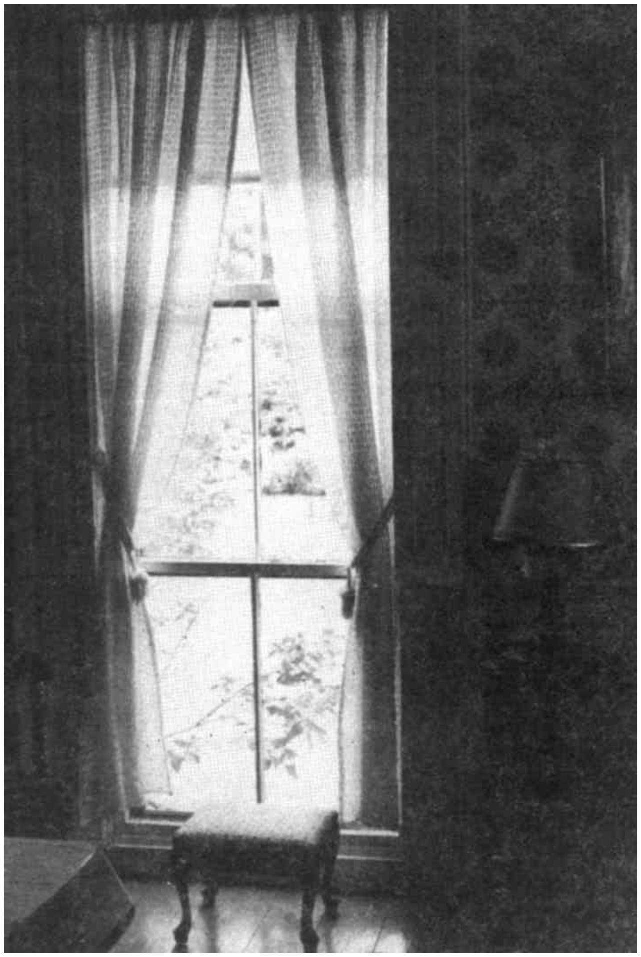
“The Front parlor of the historic Eddy Homestead includes a portrait of Lydia Eddy, a mourning sampler and a tall case clock.”

Source: Middleboro Gazette

1377. Eddy Homestead Window

“Floor to ceiling windows in the Eddy Homestead were built during the ownership of Charlotte Eddy Pratt. They enhance the beauty of the “organ room” and the “portrait room,” the two formal parlors in the house.”

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXVII, September 1989, Number 2, pg. 9
Jane Lopes Quote



1378. Eddy Homestead Bed

“This canopy bed in an upstairs bedroom of the Eddy Homestead is one of several antique beds in the house.”

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian,
Volume XXVII, September 1989, Number 2, pg. II
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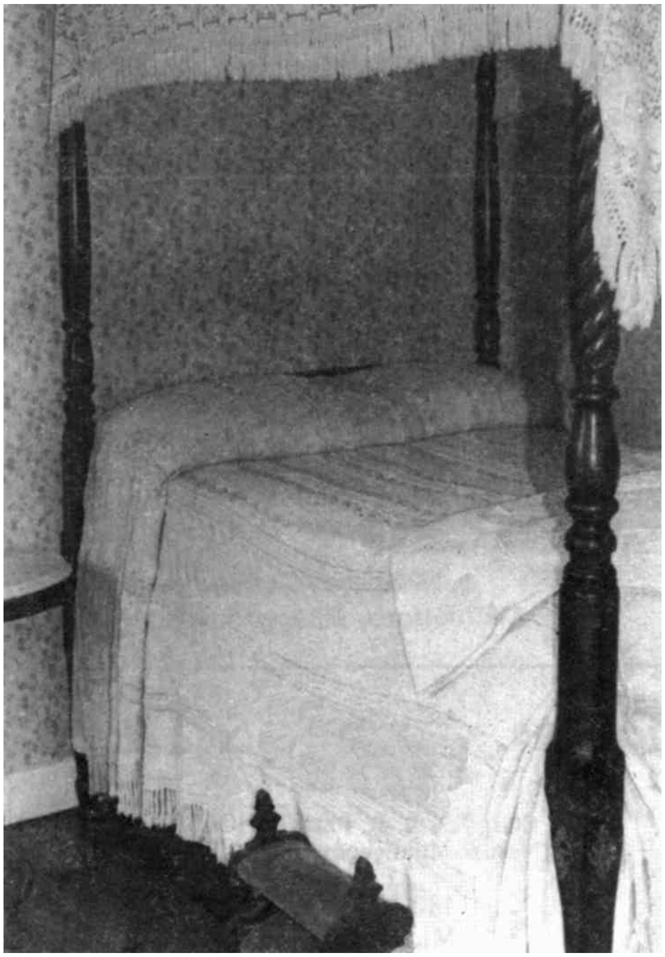
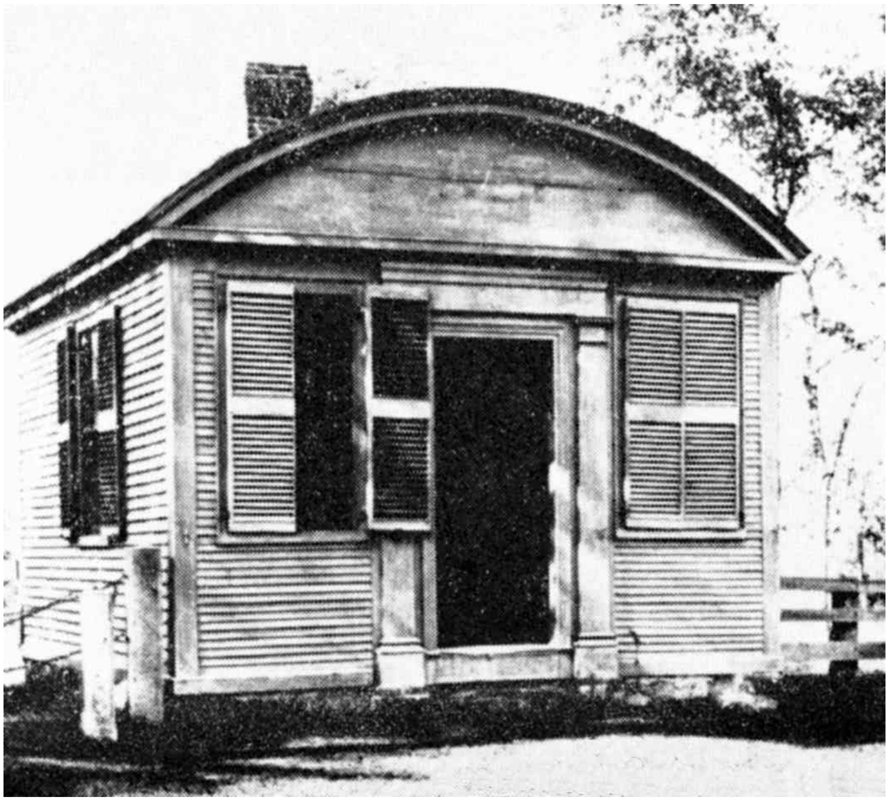
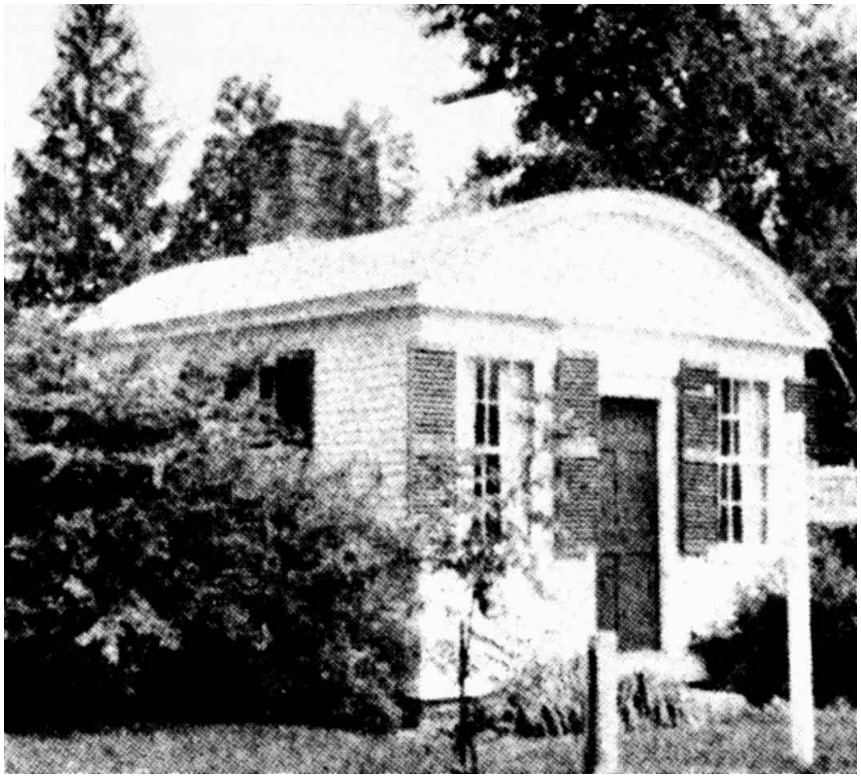




1379. Zachariah Eddy Law Office

The Zachariah Eddy law office did indeed look very sad in 1810. Zachariah's widow was left land poor, lots of property but no money, and was forced to sell off some of her beautiful possessions to make ends meet; one being the law office.

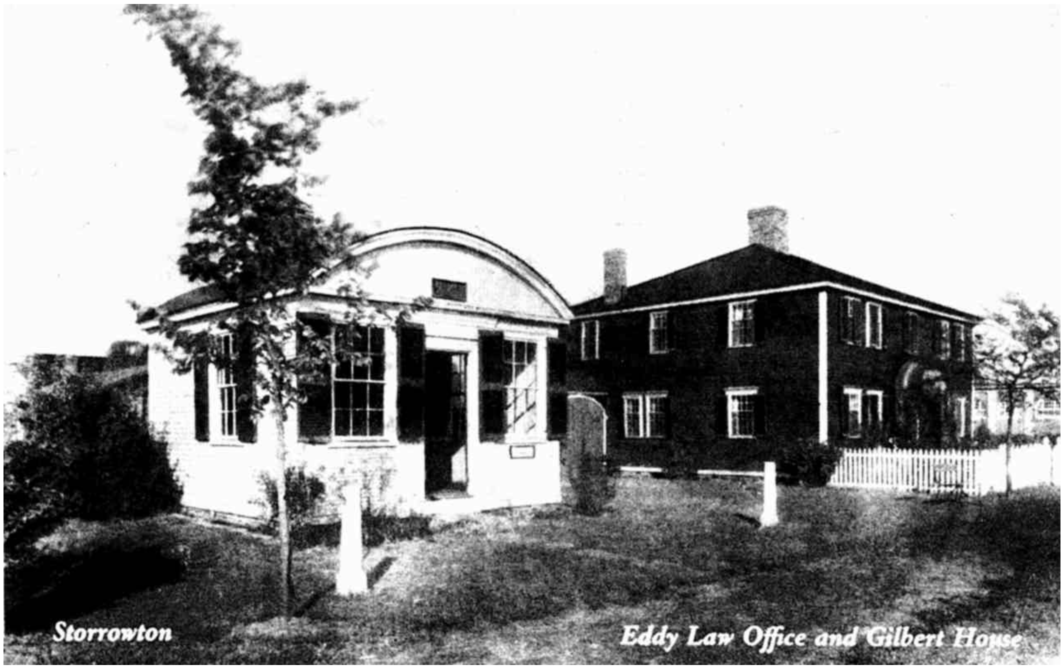
Source: Walter Thompson



1380. Zachariah Eddy Law Office

Middleborough lost one of its many historical buildings in 1920 when Mrs. James J. Storrow bought the law office and it was moved to Storrowtown in 1921.

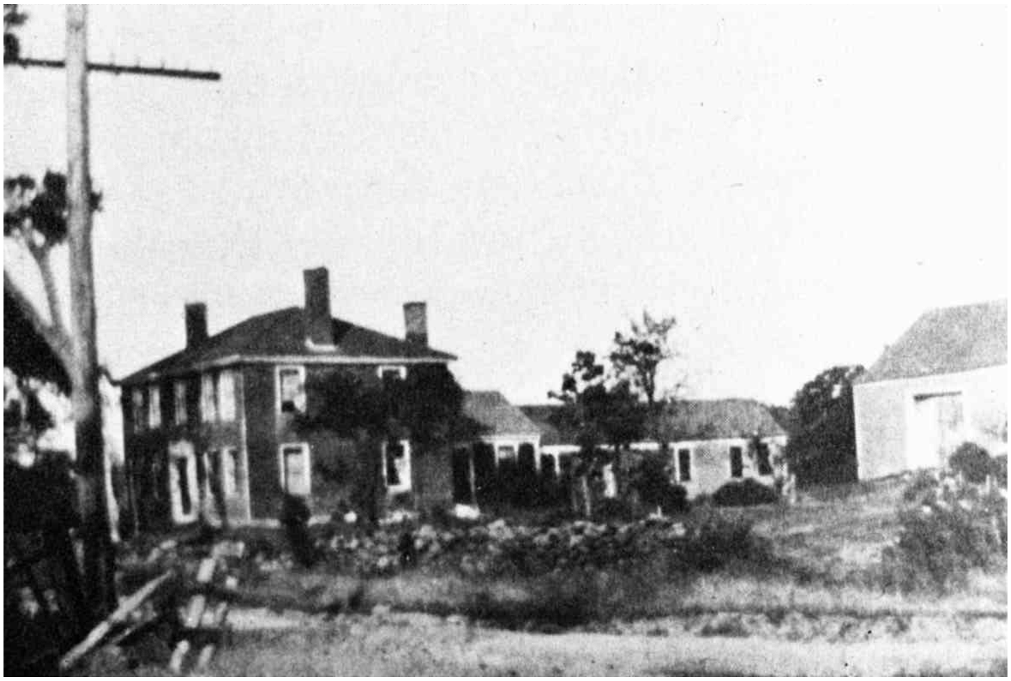
Source: Walter Thompson


Storrowton
Eddy Law Office and Gilbert House

1381. Zachariah Eddy Law Office

The law office has been fully restored and now stands next to the Gilbert House in Storrowtown on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

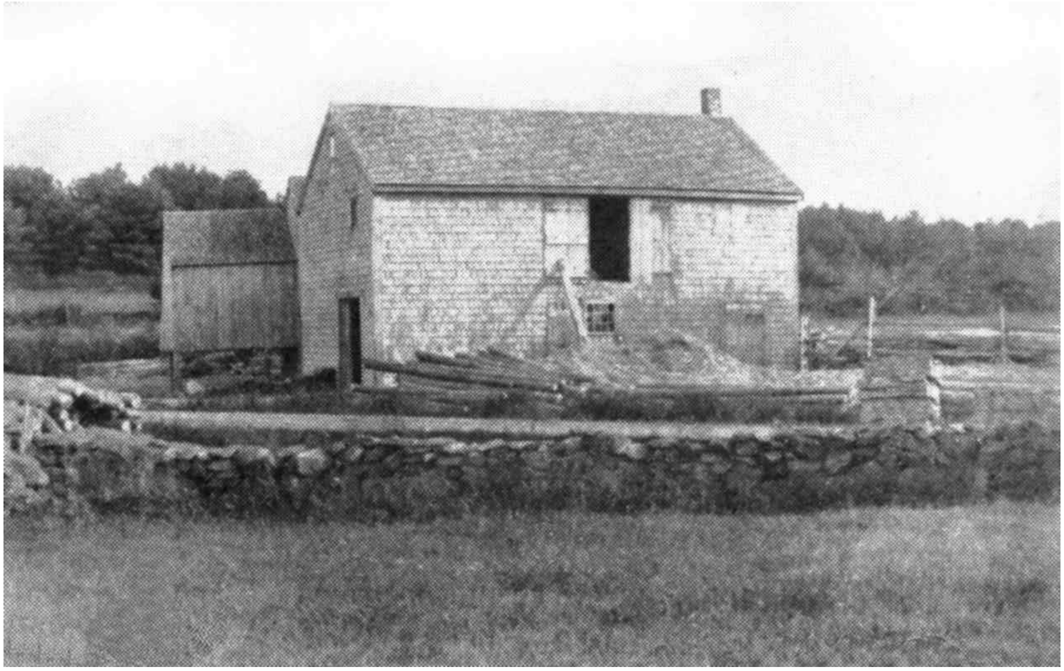
Source: Walter Thompson



1382. Soule Home

“Soule homestead on Cedar Street was built by Jonathan Soule in 1837 from bricks manufactured at his brickyard.”

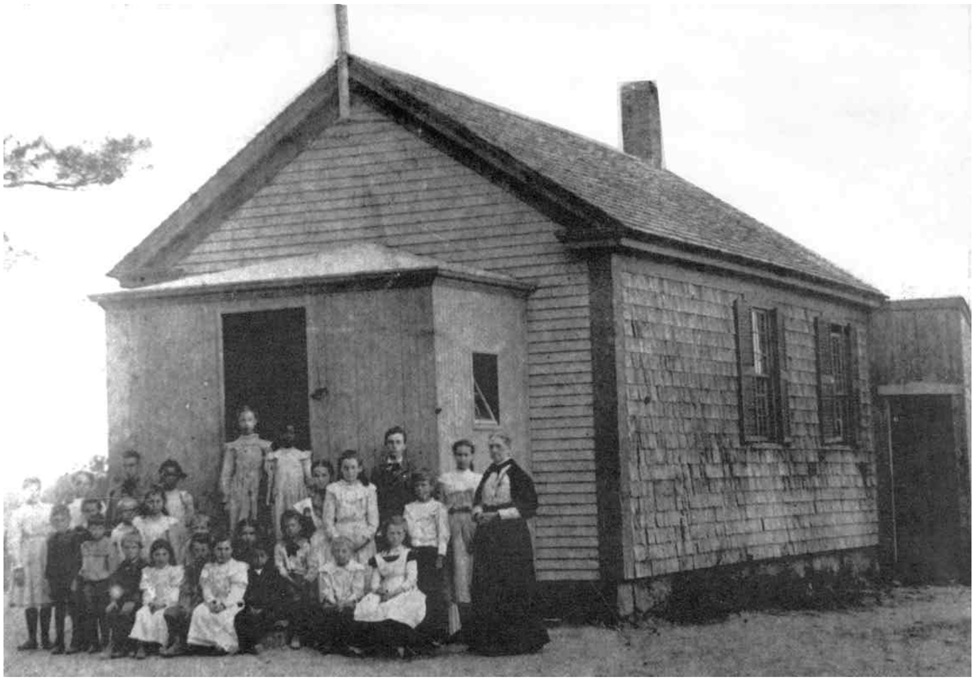
Source: Middleboro Gazette, Reflections, September 26, 1985.



1383. Soule Sawmill

“This mill on Soule Street used water power from a mill pond on Long Pond Brook sometimes called Soule Brook which makes up in the swamp near Mt. Carmel. It was a combination board and shingle mill powered by an internal turbine water wheel, which operated an up and down saw for board sawing and circular saw for shingles. The shingle mill did a very good business as there was plenty of cedar logs for the cutting in the nearby cedar swamp. This mill was like so many other mills on small brooks. They could saw until the water was used up, then had to wait for the pond to refill. The help would work around the farm when not at the mill, as there was always a sizable farm on the property.”

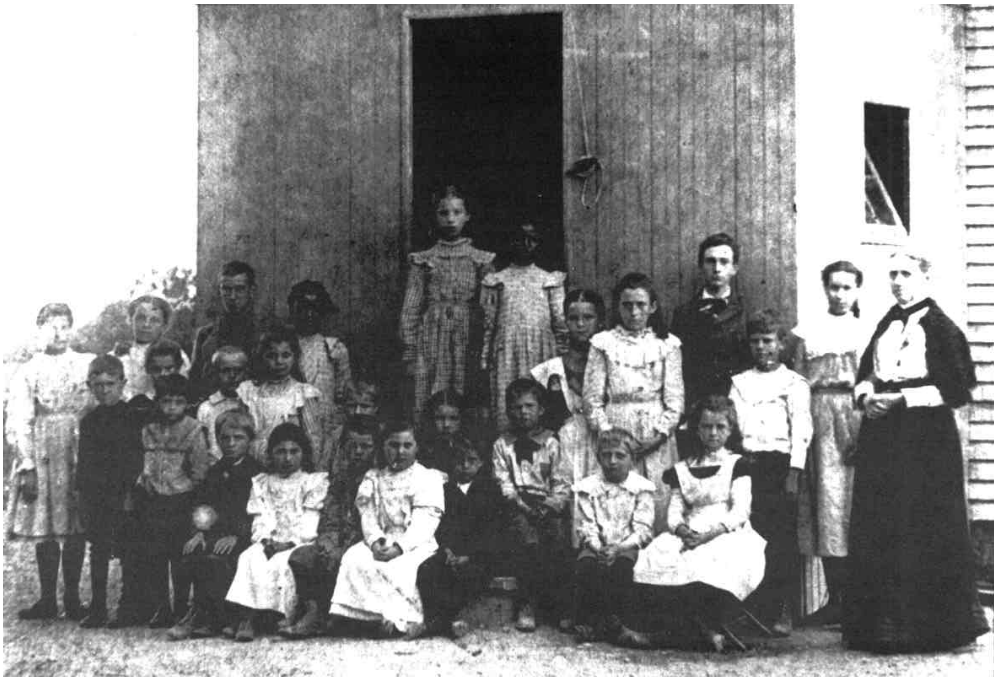
Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian, Lyman Butler Quote.
Volume X, April 1969, Number 4



1384. The Soule School, 1902

“The Soule School was located on Winter Street in the East Middleborough section of town. The name “Soule” school was derived from the fact that this was the Soule neighborhood where many families of that name resided. The building was constructed probably in the early or mid 1800’s and was discontinued as a school in 1902.”

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
Volume XXXII, Winter Spring 1994, Number I, pg. 9.



1385. The Soule School, 1902

“The school teacher, pictured at the right, was the late Miss Carrie Soule. Seated second from right in the front row is the late Albert F. Soule, who became a very popular and well-respected citizen of the town. The Middleborough Historical Association is indebted to his widow, Mrs. Alberta Soule for the use of this information and picture and the cover picture so that they could be included in this issue of the Antiquarian.”

Source: The Middleborough Antiquarian
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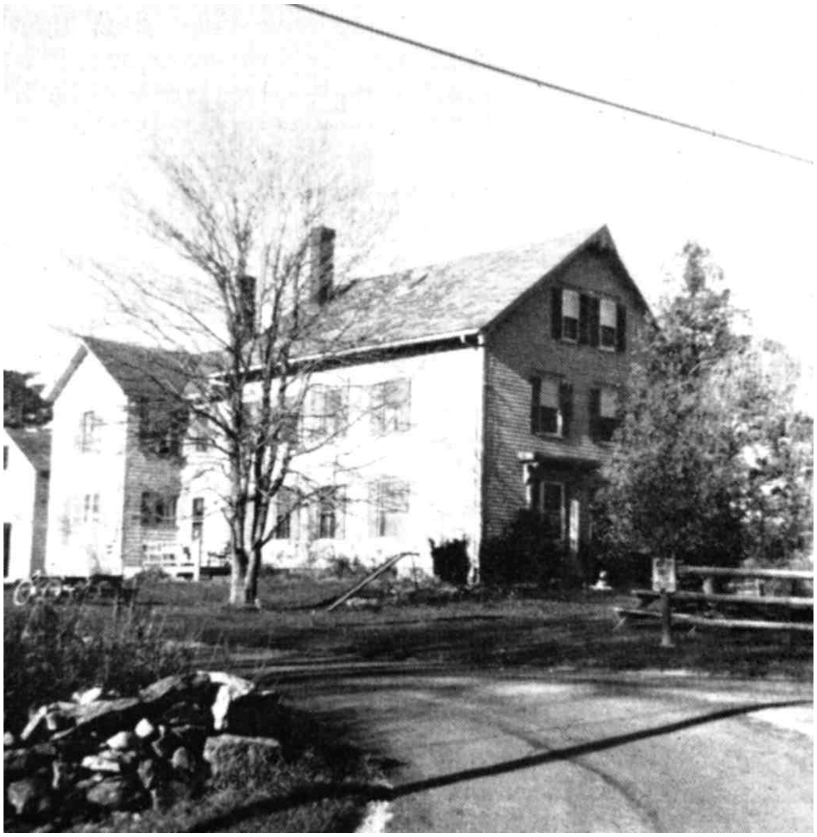
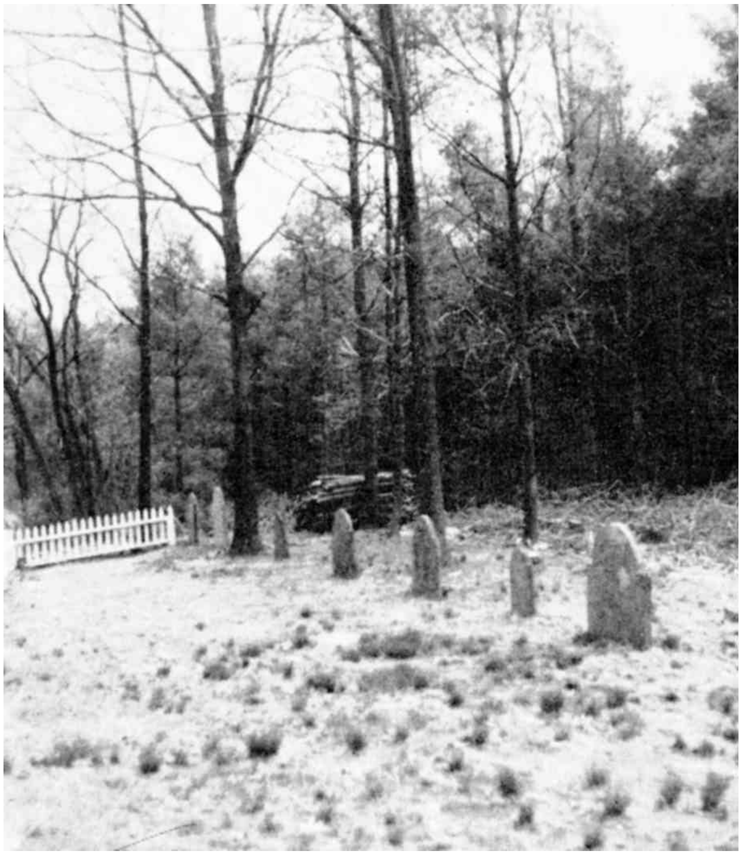


1386. Soule Homestead

The Deane Farm was left to the Guidabonis across the street and in turn the property was sold to the town of Middleborough. The town has leased the farm to a group, which now runs it as an educational facility known as the Soule Homestead.

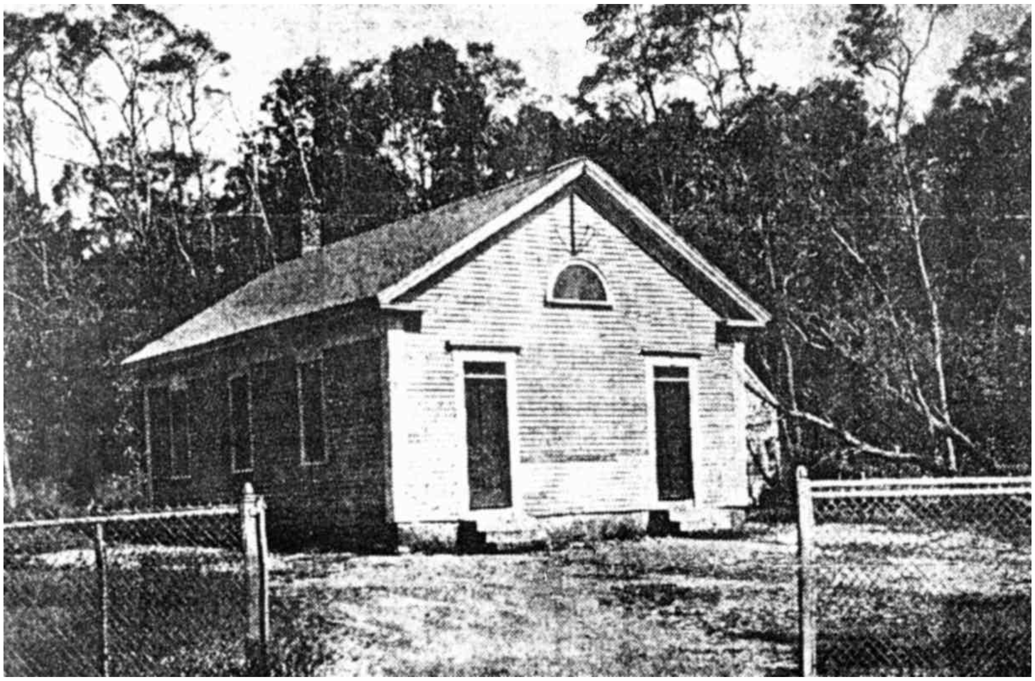
Source: Walter Thompson



1387. Smallpox Cemetery

“This year the smallpox, one of the most dreaded diseases known to the country, is prevalent in Middleborough. A large number of inhabitants between the ages of sixteen and sixty were in the war and it was with difficulty that persons could be found to take proper care of those who were sick. As soon as anyone was known or suspected to have this disease he was at once removed to one of the pest-houses in town. One of them was located in the Soule neighborhood, in the house now standing near Brook Street. At the time, it was owned by Seth Eddy, a brother of Captain Joshua Eddy. Rev. Sylvanus Conant and eight of his parishioners were taken here and died.”

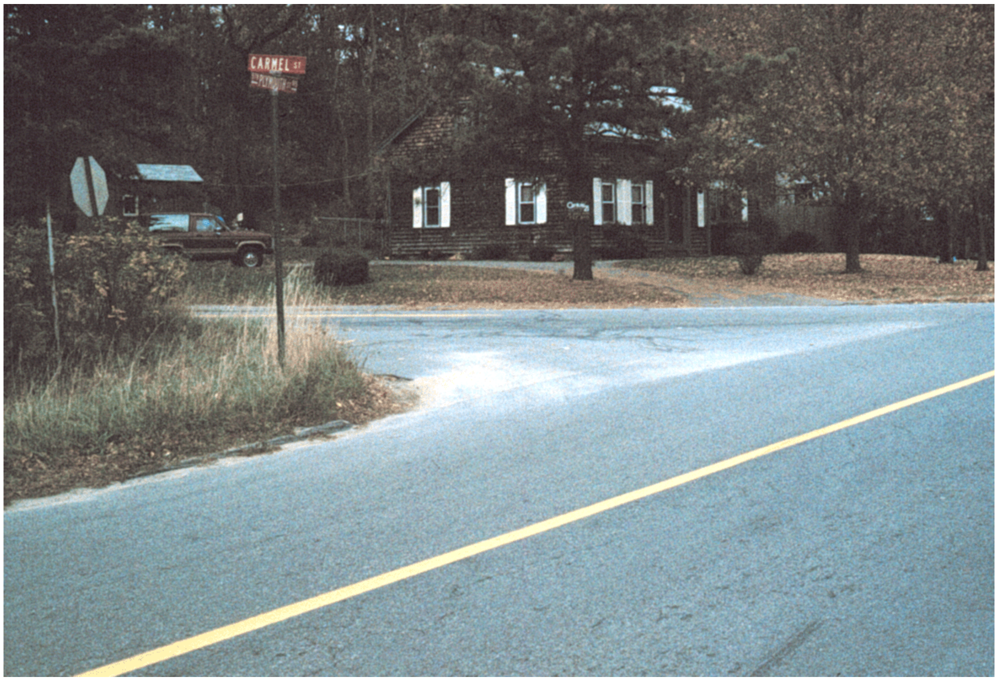
Source: Thomas Weston’s, History of Middleborough, pg. 575.



1388. Waterville School

In pre-1900 Middleborough there was something like thirty schoolhouses and this happens to be the Waterville School, located at the corner of Plymouth and Carmel Streets. “New building to replace old one built in 1877 closed in 1944. The building was sold in 1946 and converted into a dwelling.”

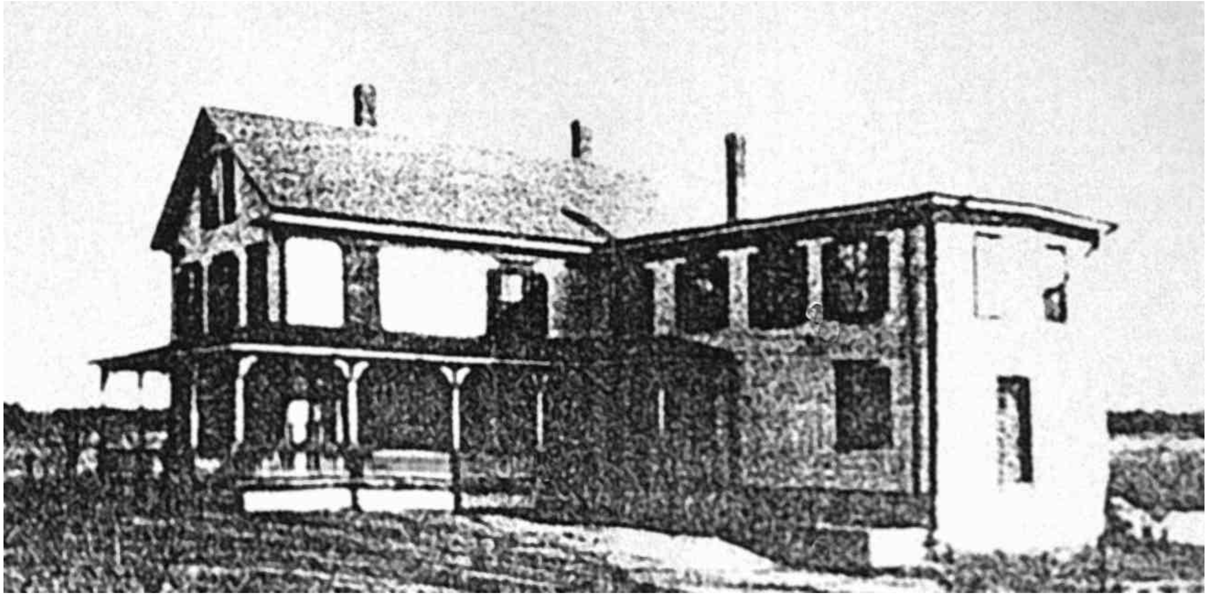
Source: Mertie Romaine’s Middleborough History, pg. 279.



1389. Former Waterville School

In 1946 the Waterville School was sold and used as a private home. In 1954 when I was looking for a home to buy, I was taken through this ex-schoolhouse and was quite amazed because the slate chalkboards were still in place. Today the building has been turned around to face Plymouth Street and is now a charming cottage.

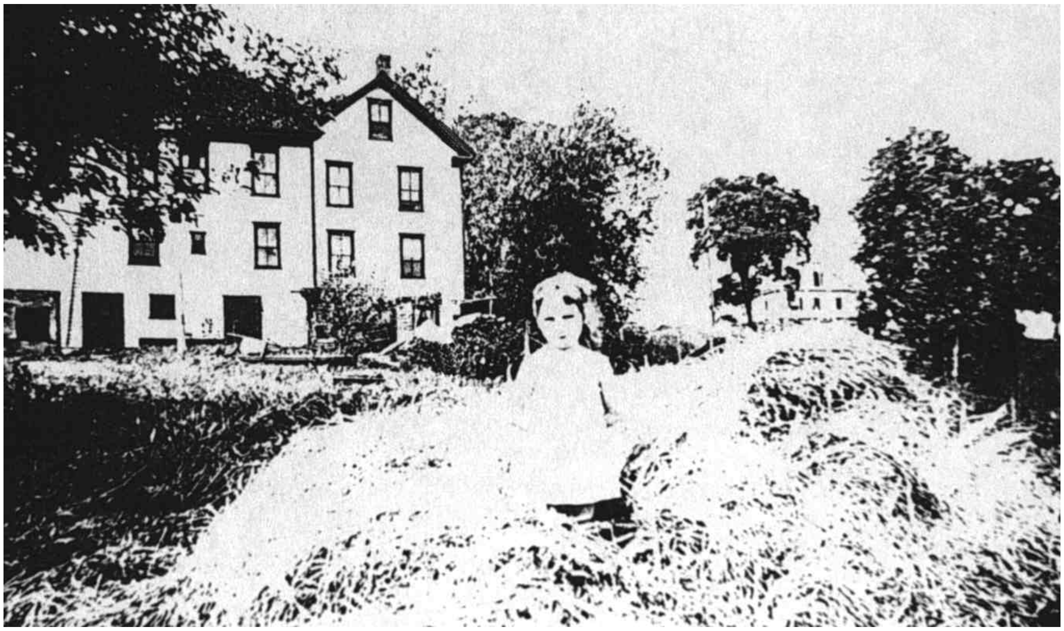
Source: Walter Thompson



1390. Washburn Home

The old Washburn homestead was burned in a disastrous fire on St. Valentines Day, February 14, 1943. It was the original home of Chester Washburn, and his son, Reginald, built his new home on the site. The wing on the right was lived in by Reggie’s family until the new home was finished. The wing was then moved to Plymouth Street in North Carver and used as a dwelling.

Source: Walter Thompson



1391. Chester Washburn Home

The little girl pictured at the rear of the house is Janet Washburn Soule, the daughter of Reginald and Madeline Washburn.

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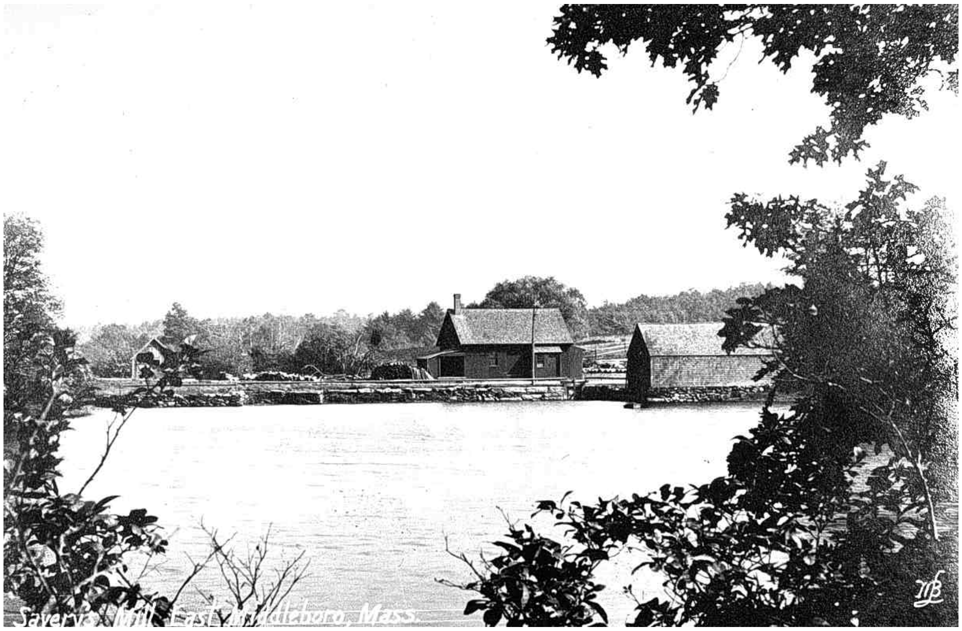
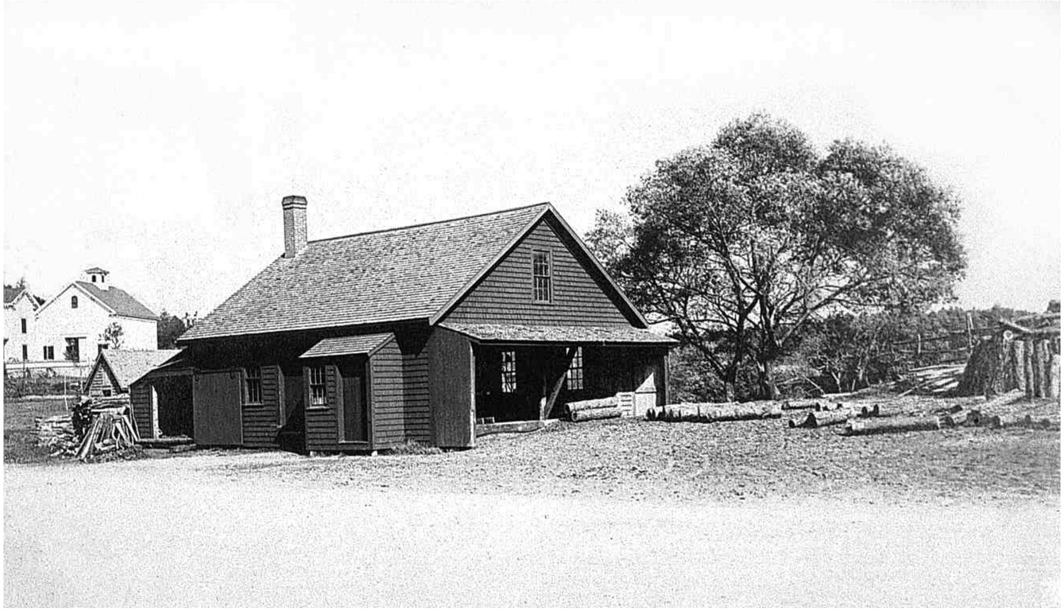

Savery's Mill, East Middleboro, Mass.

1392. Savery's Pond View

This is a view across Savery's Pond to the two mill buildings, which are still in existence today. The one on the left, up until recent years, still had the handmade wooden gears to the mill in place, but since have been removed.

Source: Walter Thompson



1393. Mill Building

This is a closer view of one of the old Savery Mill buildings on the side of the pond.

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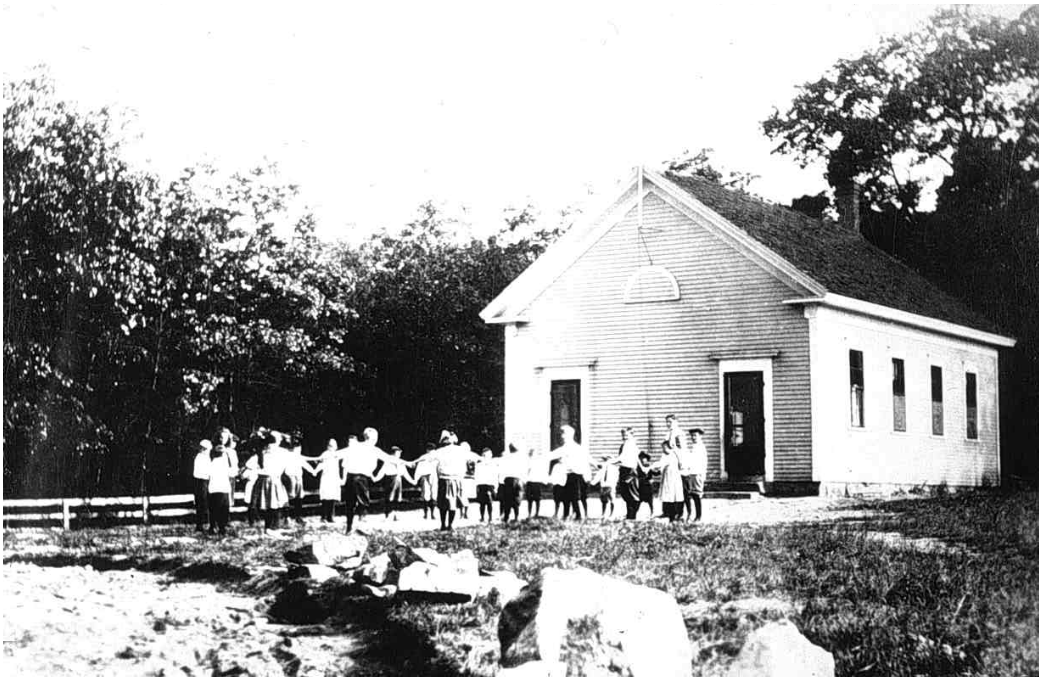
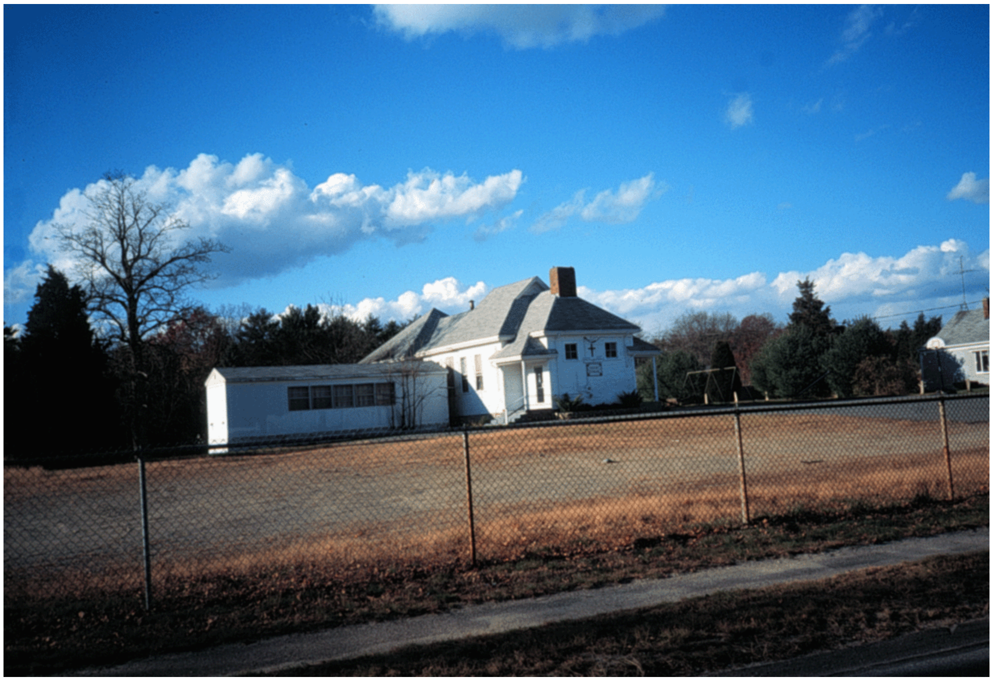


1394. South Middleborough School

In 1921, Henry Bengt Burkland came in a "two year experimental period" for three rural schools, Highland, France, and So. Middleborough. He taught in South Middleborough for four years with an average of 57 pupils a year in nine grades.

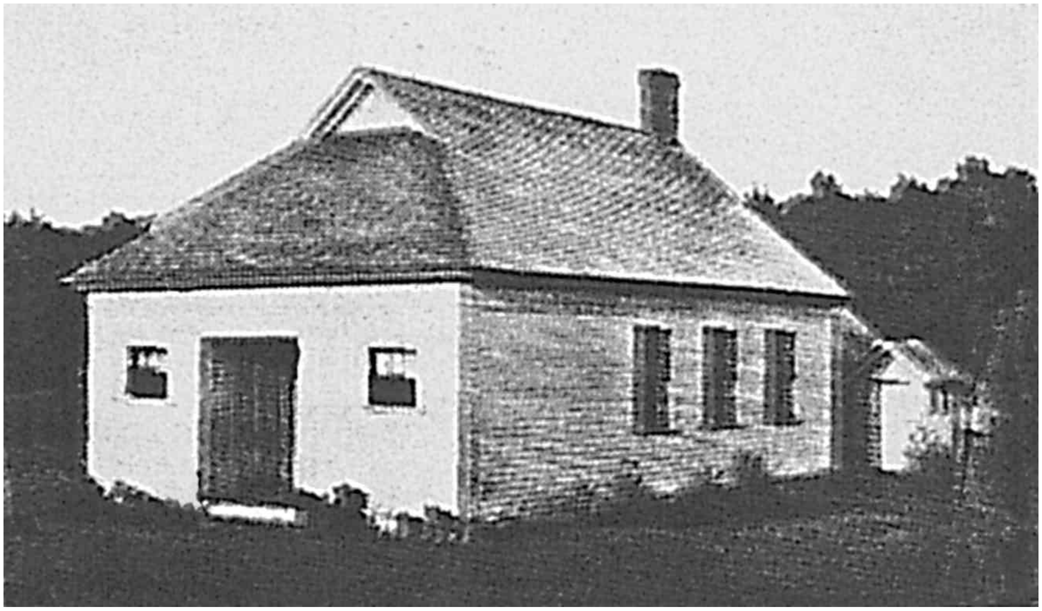
Source: MJHS "Echo" 1962



1395. Rock Village School

The Rock Village School was built in 1897 to replace the original building, which stood in front of it on Miller Street. These old schools originally housed grades from one to nine. The grades would be seated in separate rows and while the one teacher taught one grade the others would work on assignments; contrary to some views, this provided a great learning environment.

Source: Walter Thompson



1396. Highland Street School

The Highland Street School at the Rock was closed in 1919 and was sold in 1928 and was used as a private residence. After a bad fire it was torn down.

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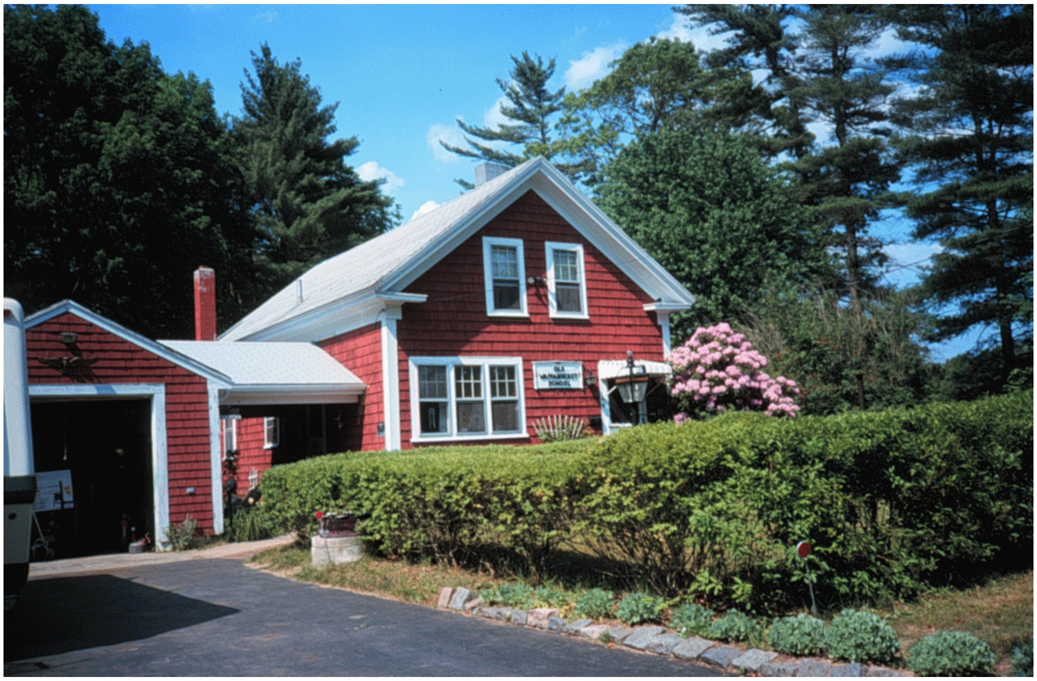
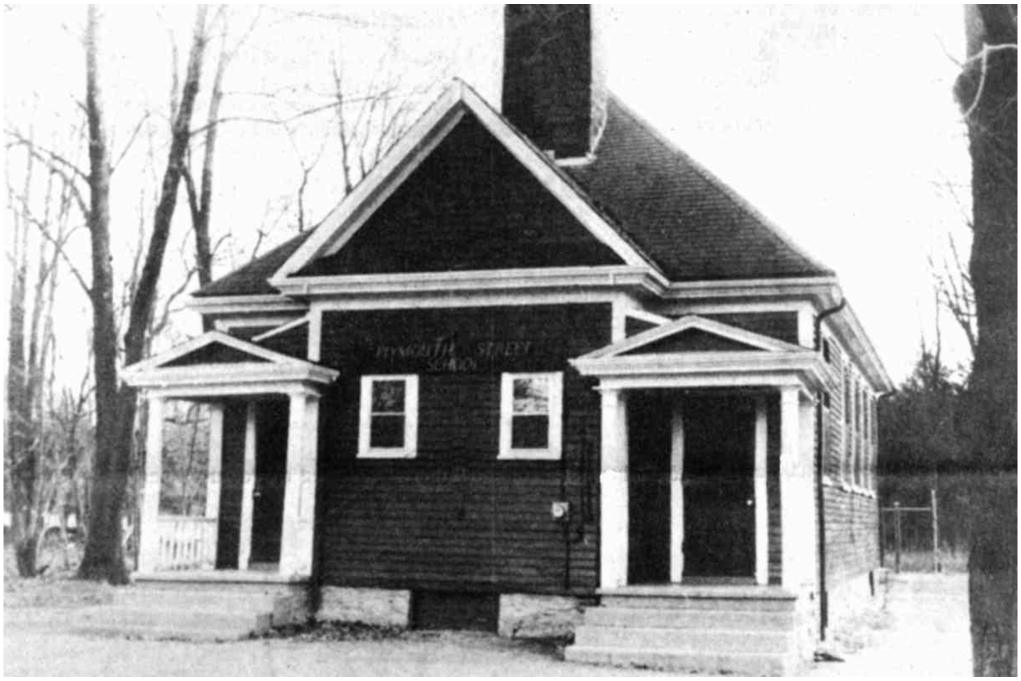

OLD
WAPPANUCKET
SCHOOL

1397. Wappanucket School (Walnut Street)

“Closed in 1932. Building sold in 1945 to Middleborough Fish and Game Association, later sold and made into a dwelling.”

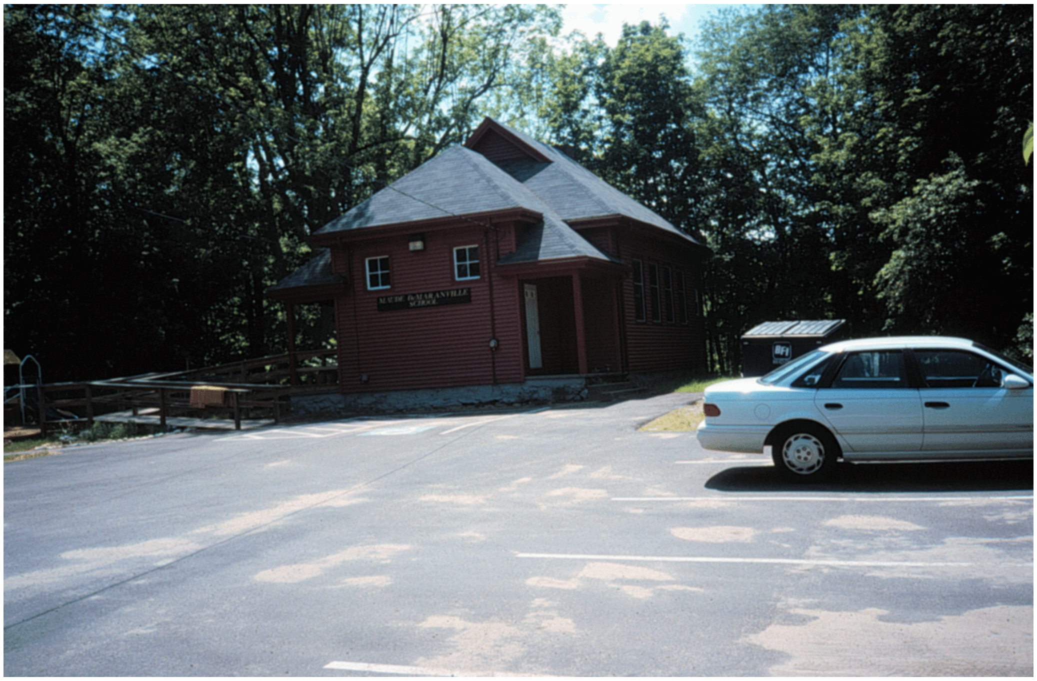
Source: Mertie Romaine’s History of Middleborough, pg. 279.



1398. Plymouth Street School

This school, in recent memory, was used as a kindergarten and was permanently closed before the school consolidation in 1991. The school at that time was in poor shape and the students moved to Maude Demoranville School on Pleasant Street.

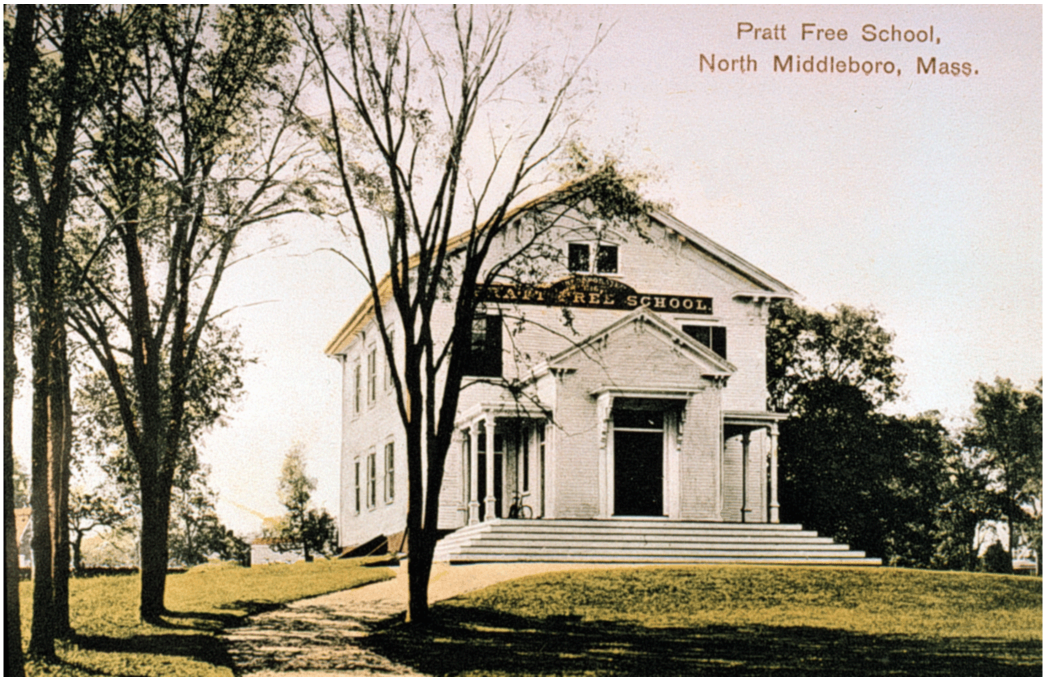
Source: Walter Thompson



1399. Pleasant Street School

The Pleasant Street School was dedicated and named for the memory of Maude Demoranville, a longtime teacher. In 1988, due to heavy vandalism a major restoration took place on this school. They put in a small cellar with a new furnace and oil tank, a new kitchen and two new bathrooms were added. All new windows were installed. The Pratt Trustees gave money for the new wall to wall carpet.

Source: Walter Thompson


Pratt Free School,
North Middleboro, Mass.
PRATT FREE SCHOOL.

1400. Pratt Free School

Originally this building was the Titicut Academy incorporated in 1856 by Zebulon Pratt. Zebulon conveyed the property to his cousin, Enoch Pratt of Baltimore in 1864. It then became the Pratt Free School and funds were left for the maintenance and teachers salaries. The second floor contained an auditorium, which was later converted to two classrooms. As of 1998 it is still utilized as a school by the private Chamberlain School.

Sources: Walter Thompson and Middleborough Histories

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M-0022	A.S. Burbank, Plymouth, MA Postcard		1908	Middleborough Town Hall	1873	Solomon K. Eaton	18	Corner So. Main St. and Nickerson Ave.	All Town Business
M-0023	B/W Postcard		Nov. 11, 1919	Band Stand	1919	Wilson G. Harlow	18	Union Street	Entertainment
M-0024	Postcard		May 5, 1915	School St. School Students			18	So.Main Street	
M-0025	Middleborough Antiquarian		May 5, 1915	Revoluntionary War Memorial	1915		18	Corner So. Main St. and Nickerson Ave.	
M-0026	Photographer	Walter Thompson	May 5, 1915	Daughters of American Revolution	1996		18	South Main St. S.E. Corner Nickerson	Memorial
M-0027	An Anso Photographic Post Card		Nov 11, 1919	Reviewing Stand	1919		18	NW Corner-Nickerson Ave. & Union St.	Armistice Parade
M-0028	Douglas White	Douglas White	July 4, 1919	Bandstand Behind Town Hall		Wilson G. Harlow	18	NW Corner-Nickerson Ave. & Union St.	For Band Concerts
M-0029	Walter Thompson	Thibault Studio	1930	Middleborough Junion High Class of 1930			18	SE Corner So. Main St. & Nickerson Ave.	Graduation Photograph
M-0030	Middleborough Town History Pg. 532		May 30, 1943	Middleborough Honor Roll World War II	1943		Middleborough Center 18	SE Corner So. Main St. & Nickerson Ave.	Memorial
M-0031	Middleboro Gazette Reflections	Artist, Nicholas Panesis	1943	Memorial Services			18	SE Corner So. Main St. & Nickerson Ave.	Memorial
M-0032	Yankee Color Corp. Southboro, Mass.	Roger Maconi	1964	Middleborough Town Hall	1873	Solomon K. Eaton	18	South Main Street	Town Business Etc.
M-0033	Middleborough Antiquarian		1984	Town Hall Auditorium	1873	Solomon K. Eaton	18	Nickerson Ave.	Meetings, Dances
M-0034	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1996	Town Hall Auditorium	1873	Solomon K. Eaton	18	Nickerson Ave.	Meetings, Dances
M-0035	Middleborough Antiquarian			Fletcher Clark, Jr. 1922-1974 Town Moderator			18	Nickerson Ave.	
M-0036	New Bedford Standard times	Liz Willen	1985	Town Hall	1873	Solomon K. Eaton	18	SE Corner So. Main St. & Nickerson Ave.	Town Affairs
M-0037	The Middleborough Antiquarian	Clint Clark	1968	Town Hall	1873	Solomon K. Eaton	18	SE Corner So. Main St. & Nickerson Ave.	Town Business
M-0038	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1983	Corinthian Column on Town Hall Façade	1873	Solomon K. Eaton	18	SE Corner So. Main St. & Nickerson Ave.	Ornamentation
M-0039	Middleborough Historical Commission	Revitaliz. Consultants	1990	Corinthian Column on Town Hall Façade	1873	Solomon K. Eaton	18	SE Corner So. Main St. & Nickerson Ave.	Ornamentation
M-0040	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1984	View towards Town Hall Steeple	1873	Solomon K. Eaton	18	Centre St. looking towards Nickerson	Scenic View
M-0041	Middleborough Historical Commission	Revitaliz. Consultants	1984	Central Baptist Church Clock Tower & Town Hall Steeple			18	Centre St. looking towards Nickerson	
M-0042	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	May 29, 1986	Town Hall	1873	Solomon K. Eaton	18	South Main Street	Town Affairs
M-0043	Middleboro Gazette, 1996		1949	Town Hall - Christmas Décor	1949	Sylvia Matheson	18	SE Corner So. Main St. & Nickerson Ave.	
M-0044	Middleboro Gazette, October 1996		1949	Sylvia Matheson's Art Class of 1949			18	SE Corner So. Main St. & Nickerson Ave.	Christmas Decoration
M-44a	Sylvia Matheson	Williams Studio	1950-1951	Sylvia Matheson's Senior Art Class	1950		18	North Main Street	Christmas Decoration
M-44b	Sylvia Matheson		1951	Nativity Scene		Sylvia Matheson	18	Corner So. Main St. & Nickerson Ave.	Christmas Decoration
M-44c	Sylvia Matheson	Mid-Town Studio	1951	Lit-Up Nativity Scene	1950-1951	Sylvia Matheson	18	Corner So. Main St. & Nickerson Ave.	Christmas Decoration
M-44d	Sylvia Matheson	Mid-Town Studio	1951	Aerial View of Town Hall Christmas Lighting	1949-1951	Sylvia Matheson	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner So. Main St. & Nickerson Ave.	Christmas Decoration
M-44e	Sylvia Matheson		1952	Children's Corner	1952	Sylvia Matheson	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner So. Main St. & Nickerson Ave.	Christmas Decoration
M-0045	Sherwood Burnett	Sherwood Burnett	1989	Sylvia Matheson on School Outing					

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M-0046	Middleboro Gazette, April 16, 1992	Peter Syro		Sylvia Matheson 90th Birthday Celebration					
M-0047	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	Dec. 1996	Nativity Scene				SE Corner of So. Main St. & Nickerson	Christmas Scene
M-0048	Middleboro Gazette		1996				Middleborough Centre 18	Bristol Plymouth Vocational Tech Sch	Nativity Scene Repair
M-0049	Brockton Enterprise		1991	Nativity Scene			Middleborough	SE Corner of So. Main St. & Nickerson	Christmas Scene
M-0050	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Town Hall Tower Debris	1873		Middleborough	SE Corner of So. Main St. & Nickerson	Warning System
M-0051	Middleborough Antiquarian	Robert M. Beals	1941	George Philbrook			Middleborough	Nickerson Ave.	G&E Superintendent
M-0052	Town Meeting Handout	M. Brown	1980's	Town Hall	1873	Solomon K. Eaton	Town Centre 18	Corner So. Main St. and Nickerson Ave.	Municipal Offices
M-0053				Town Seal			Town Centre 18	Town Center 18	Official Town Business
M-0054	Ansco Postcard - Betty Devlin		1910	View from Town Hall Steeple			Town Centre 18		Scenic View
M-0055	Middleboro Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	View from Town Hall Steeple			Town Centre 18		Scenic View
M-0056	Ruth Drake 1933-35 Middleboro Gazette	Ansco Postcard	1985	View from Town Hall Steeple			Town Centre 18		Scenic View
M-0057	Ansco Postcard		1915	View from Town Hall Steeple			Town Centre 18		Scenic View
M-0058	Gardner Sherman	Ansco Postcard	1915	View from Town Hall Steeple			Town Centre 18		Scenic View
M-0059	Robert Gross	Ansco Postcard	1915	View from Town Hall Steeple			Town Centre 18		Scenic View
M-0060	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	View from Town Hall Steeple			Town Centre 18		Scenic View
M-0061	Middleboro Gazette - Helen Harvey 1933		1875	View from Town Hall Steeple			Town Centre 18		Scenic View
M-0062	Ansco Postcard		1910	View from Town Hall Steeple			Town Centre 18		Scenic View
M-0063	Middleboro Gazette 1933-1936		1875	View from Town Hall Steeple			Town Centre 18		Scenic View
M-0064	Ansco Postcard		1900-1910	View from Town Hall Steeple			Town Centre 18		Scenic View
M-0065	Middleboro Gazatte 1933-1935		1875	View from Town Hall Steeple			Town Centre 18		Scenic View
M-0066	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	Steeple of Town Hall			Town Centre 18		Scenic View
M-0067	Middleborough Gazette 1933-1935		1875	View from Town Hall Steeple			Town Centre 18		Scenic View
M-0068	Middleborough Gazette 1933-1935		1875	View from Town Hall Steeple			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Scenic View
M-0069	Glass Plate Negative		1907	View from Town Hall Steeple			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Scenic View
M-0070	Photographic Postcard		1910	View from Town Hall Steeple			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Scenic View
M-0071	Photographic Postcard		1910	Central Congregational Church and Chapel	1848		Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main St. & Webster Street	Religious
M-0072	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	Central Congregational Church	1848		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner So. Main St. and Webster St.	Religious
M-0073	Middleborough Antiquarian	Walter L. Beals	1996	Cntrl. Cong. Church & Philander & Washburn House Church 1848, House 1832			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Webster & Clifford Sts.	Residence
M-0074		Mark Covell	1996	Thomas Covington House			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Webster & Clifford Sts.	Residence
M-0075	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Thomas Covington House			Town Centre 18	Corner of Webster & Clifford Sts.	Residence
M-0076	Color Post Card Danziger & Berrman, New Haven Conn.		1913	High School and Town Hall	1873	Solomon K. Eaton	Middleborough Center 18	South Main Street	Education/Town Bus.
M-0077		Dorothy T. Waldron	Sept 20, 1954	Bates Junior High School	1886		Middleborough Center 18	South Main Street	Education
M-0078	Souther-Mears Co. Boston Mass. A.M.S. 2344 Postcard		1908	High School and Town Hall	1873	Solomon K. Eaton	Middleborough Center 18	South Main Street	Education/Town Bus.
M-0079		Grace (Carey) Wilbur	Sept 21, 1954	Bates Junior High School	1886		Middleborough Center 18	South Main Street	Education
M-0080	F.N. Whitman Middleborough Postcard		1910	High School	1996		Middleborough Center 18	South Main Street	Education
M-0081		Grace (Carey) Wilbur	Sept 21, 1954	Bates Junior High School	1886		Middleborough	South Main Street	Education
M-0082	Photographic Postcard No. 1 Ansco Company, Binghamton, N.Y.		1907	High School	1886		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	High School 1887-1927
M-0083	Middleborough Antiquarian		1900	High School Class of 1900			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Senior Class Picture
M-0084	Middleborough Antiquarian		1904	High School Class of 1904	1904		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Senior Class Picture
M-0085	N.Y.C. Lighton Valentine Co. Postcard		1900-1910	High School	1886		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Education
M-0086	Amaco Co. Postcard No. 39		Early 1900's	High School	1886		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Education
M-0087	John H. Frank Postcard #88279		Nov 14, 1906	High School	1886		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Education
M-0088	Middleborough Antiquarian		1914	Middleborough High School Class of 1914			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Graduation Picture
M-0089	Middleborough Antiquarian			Middleborough High School Class of 1922			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Graduation Picture
M-0090	Ansco Co. Photographer		1915	High School	1886		Middleborough Centre 18	Union Street	Education
M-0091	Middleborough Antiquarian			Charles H. Bates			Middleborough Centre 18		School Supt. 1901-27
M-0092	Middleborough Antiquarian	Born Lakeville 12/13/62		Walter Sampson - High School Principal 1890-1923			Middleborough Centre 18		
M-0093	Middleborough Antiquarian		1938	Leonard O. Tillson			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	Head of Science Dept.
M-0094	Photo from Robert Gross		1930	Bates Junior High School	1886		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Education

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M-0096	Middleboro Gazette March 19, 1987		1929	Bates School Staff			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main St.	Annual Faculty Photo
M-0097	Robert Gross		1948?	Bates School Staff			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main St.	Annual Faculty Photo
M-0098	Gardener Sherman		1950	Bates School Staff			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main St.	Annual Faculty Photo
M-0099	Gardener Sherman		1954	Bates School Staff			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main St.	Annual Faculty Photo
M-0100	Gardner Sherman		1950	Bates Junior High School	1886		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main St.	Education
M-0101	Grace (Carey) Wilbur		Sept. 21, 1954	Bates Junior High School	1886		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main St.	Education
M-0102	Dorothy (Thompson) Waldron		Sept. 21, 1954	Bates Junior High School	1886		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main St.	Education
M-0103	Ansco Company Binghamton, NY Post		Circa 1920	Count Prima Magri & Brother Baron Ernest Magri			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main St.	Afternoon Stroll
M-0104	Ansco Company Binghamton, NY Post		Circa 1920	Count Prima Magri & Brother Baron Ernest Magri			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main St.	Posing for Camera
M-0105	Middleboro Gazette		Circa 1980	The War Memorial			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main St.	Veterans Memorial
M-0106	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	War Memorial	19-		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main St.	Veterans Memorial
M-0107	Ansco Company Postcard		1910	Thomas Leonard Home			Middleborough Centre 18	High St.	Private Residence
M-0108	C.T. American Art Postcard #A58272		July 14, 1921	B.P.O. Elks No. 1274, Middleborough, Mass			Middleborough Centre 18	High St.	Fraternal Hall
M-0109	H.A. Dickerman & Son, Taunton #58272		1921	B.P.O. Elks No. 1274, Middleborough, Mass			Middleborough Centre 18	High St.	Fraternal Hall
M-0110	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1980	B.P.O. Elks No. 1274, Middleborough, Mass			Middleborough Centre 18	High St.	Fraternal Hall Fire
M-0111	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	B.P.O. Elks No. 1274, Middleborough, Mass	1982	Alger & Gunn	Middleborough Centre 18	High St.	Fraternal Hall
M-0112	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	B.P.O. Elks No. 1274, Middleborough, Mass	1982	Alger & Gunn	Middleborough Centre 18	High St.	Fraternal Hall
M-0113	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	B.P.O. Elks No. 1274, Middleborough, Mass	1982	Alger & Gunn	Middleborough Centre 18	High St.	Fraternal Hall
M-0114	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1976	James Glidden Home			Middleborough Centre 18	High St.	Private Home
M-0115	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1976	Glidden Barn			Middleborough Centre 18	High St.	Garage
M-0116	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Glidden Barn			Middleborough Centre 18	High St.	Apartment
M-0117	J.H. Frank Middleborough Postcard		Sept 4, 1909	High Street			Middleborough Centre 18	High St.	Street Scene
M-0118	Middleboro Gazette		1915	Union Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Union Street	Class Photo
M-0119	Photograph		1916-1917	Union Street School Students	1916-1917		Middleborough Centre 18	Union Street	1st grade class picture
M-0120	Dedication Photos		1938	Union Street School	1938	Franklin Irving Corp	Middleborough Centre 18	Union Street	Education
M-0121	Mertie Romaine's History of Middleboro		1954	Union Street School	Aug. 28, 1938		Middleborough Centre 18	Union Street	Education
M-0122	Middleboro Gazette		Early 1980's	Decorative Light On Union Street School	Aug. 28, 1938		Middleborough Centre 18	Union Street	Decorative
M-0123	Arnold McKenzie		mid 1940's	Union Street School Teachers on a Holiday	1940's		South Carver	Edaville Railroad	Holiday Trip
M-0124	School Hazardous Waste Book		1990	Union Street School	1938		Middleborough Centre 18	Union Street	Education
M-0125	Middleborough Antiquarian		Mid 1990's	Lucas Home			Middleborough Centre 18	Union Street	Family residence
M-0126	Mark Covell	Mark Covell	1996	Lucas House			Middleborough Centre 18	Coombs Street	Private Home
M-0127	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Lucas House			Middleborough Centre 18	Coombs Street	Private Home
M-0128	Photographic Postcard		1907	Church of our Savior			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Centre St. and Union St.	Religious Services
M-0129	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Sept. 6, 1984	Church of our Savior	1898		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Centre St. and Union St.	
M-0130	The Churchman Dec. 17, 1898 pg. 898		Dec. 17, 1898	Church of our Savior Choir and chancel Altar	1898		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Centre St. and Union St.	Episcopal Services
M-0131	Leighton & Valentine Co. NYC Postcard		Aug. 28, 1911	Church of our Savior	1898		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Centre St. and Union St.	Episcopal Services
M-0132	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1985	Church of our Savior	1898		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Centre St. and Union St.	Religious Services
M-0133	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Nearly New Shop			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of High St. and Union St.	Consignment Shop
M-0134	The Middleboro Gazette 9/26/85		1910	Union and Center Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Nickerson Ave. to Center Street	Street Scene
M-0135	The Middleboro Antiquarian		1875	Central Baptist Church	1828		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Nickerson Ave. & Union St.	Baptist Services
M-0136	Stereo-Optic Card Mdlbr Historical Com		1875	Central Baptist Church	1828		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Nickerson Ave. & Union St.	Baptist Services
M-0137	Postcard		May 9, 1913	The B.M.C. Brotherhood Men's Club			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Thatcher's Row & Center St.	Class Photo
M-0138	Anso Co. Binghamton NY Postcard		1910	Central Baptist Church	May 6, 1889		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Nickerson Ave. & Union St.	Baptist Services
M-0139	Anso Co. Binghamton NY Postcard		Nov 23, 1910	Central Baptist Church	May 6, 1889		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Nickerson Ave. & Union St.	Baptist Services
M-0140	F.N. Whitman Postcard Midd. MA		Sep 13, 1907	Central Baptist Church	May 6, 1889		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Nickerson Ave. & Union St.	Baptist Services
M-0141	A.S. Burbank Plymouth, MA NO. 55243		Nov 4, 1909	Central Baptist Church	May 6, 1889		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Nickerson Ave. & Union St.	Baptist Services
M-0142	Photograph	Clint Clark	1963	Baptist Church Organ	May 6, 1889		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Nickerson Ave. & Union St.	Church Music
M-0143	The Middleboro Gazette	Charlie Perry	Jul 19, 1979	Baptist Church Steeple	Jun. 14, 1964	Mackay Assoc.	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Nickerson Ave. & Union St.	Town Clock

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M-0145	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Central Baptist Church	Jun. 14, 1964	Mackay Assoc.	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Nickerson Ave. & Union St.	Baptist Services
M-0146	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Central Baptist Church	Jun. 14, 1964	Mackay Assoc.	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Nickerson Ave. & Union St.	Baptist Services
M-0147	Thomas Weston History of Middleboro		early 1800's	Major Levi Peirce			Middleborough Centre 18	Middleboro, MA	
M-0148	Thomas Weston History of Middleboro		Circa 1828	Central Baptist Church and Peirce Academy	1828/1808		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Centre St. and Union St.	Education & Religion
M-0149	Thomas Weston History of Middleboro			Baptist Church and Second Academy	1828		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Centre St. and Union St.	Education & Religion
M-0150	The Middleboro Gazette, 1933		1875	Peirce Academy	1850		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre St.	Education
M-0151	Middleborough Historical Comm	Stereo-optic Card	1985	Peirce Academy	Circa 1850		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre St.	Education
M-0152	Thomas Weston History of Middleboro		Circa 1880	Professor J.W.P. Jenks			Middleborough Centre 18		Head-Master
M-0153	The Middleborough Antiquarian		Circa 1870	Albert G. Pickens			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Music Teacher-Peirce
M-0154	The Middleboro Gazette 1933		1875	Peirce Academy	Circa 1850		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre St.	Education
M-0155	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		Circa 1900	Peirce Academy	Circa 1850		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre St.	Education
M-0156	Rhode Island New Co. No. C4599 Prov		22-Jul-07	Peirce Academy	Circa 1850		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre St.	Education
M-0157			Circa 1900	Peirce Academy	Circa 1850		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre St.	Education
M-0158	Leighton & Valentine Co. NYC Postcard		1918	Y.M.C.A. Building & Central Baptist Church	Circa 1850		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre St.	Y.M.C.A./Police Sta.
M-0159	Henry A. Dickerman & Son No. 1022		1918	Y.M.C.A. and G.A.R. Hall	Circa 1850		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre St.	Y.M.C.A./Police Sta.
M-0160	The Middleborough Antiquarian	Clint Clark	1965	"The Beehive"	Circa 1850		Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Boarding House/Resid.
M-0161	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Early 1950's	Eldridge Funer Home	Circa 1850		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & School St.	Funeral Home
M-0162	U.S. Postcard		June 6, 1896	G.A.R. Reunion Invitation			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre St.	Invitation
M-0163	American Art Postcard No. 206 Boston		Aug. 22, 1940	Federal Post office	Feb 1933		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre St.	Postal Mail
M-0164	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1984	Post Office Lanter	Feb 1933		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre St.	Decoration & Lighting
M-0165	New Bedford News Postcard		7-Jun-46	United States Post Office	Feb 1933		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre St.	Stamps and Mail
M-0166	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffin	1985	Federal Post Office	Feb 1933		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre St.	Stamps and Mail
M-0167	Butman's Studio No. 26 Middleborough		Circa 1900	Thatcher's Row			Middleborough Centre 18	Thatcher's Row	Store & Print Shop
M-0168	Henry Corsini			Milt Sherrard			Middleborough Centre 18	Thatcher's Row	Barber
M-0169	Henry Corsini			Joseph Wright			Middleborough Centre 18	Thatcher's Row	Barber
M-0170	Henry Corsini		Feb. 6, 1907	Registration Card			Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Barbering
M-0171	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Jul. 15, 1981	Wright's Barber Pole	Circa 1907		Middleborough Centre 18	Thatcher's Row	Advertising
M-0172	Henry Corsini		1950's	Joseph Wright and Crawford Wright			Middleborough Centre 18	Thatcher's Row	Barbers
M-0173	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1970's	View of Thatcher's row			Middleborough Centre 18	Thatcher's Row	Street Scene
M-0174	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Jul. 27, 1980	Wright's Barber Shop & H.L. Thatcher Co.			Middleborough Centre 18	Thatcher's Row	Day After Fire
M-0175	The Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	Jul. 24, 1986	View up Thatcher's Row			Middleborough Centre 18	Thatcher's Row	Street View
M-0176	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1985	A.T. Maddigan Law Office	12/19/85		Middleborough Centre 18	Thatcher's Row	Insurance
M-0177	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Jeffrey's Law Office			Middleborough Centre 18	Thatcher's Row	Business Law Office
M-0178	C.T. American Art No. A58275		Jul. 6, 1919	Park Theatre	July 3, 1915		Middleborough Centre 18	Nickerson Ave.	Motion Pictures
M-0179	C.T. American Art Colored No. 6033-29		Aug 1, 1930	Park Theatre	July 3, 1915		Middleborough Centre 18	Nickerson Ave.	Motion Pictures
M-0180	Photographic Postcard		1940's	Park Theatre	July 3, 1915		Middleborough Centre 18	Nickerson Ave.	Motion Pictures
M-0181	United States Penny Postcard		Dec 28, 1946	Middleborough Theatre Ad			Middleborough Centre 18	Nickerson Ave.	Advertising Card
M-0182	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1983	Christian Life Center	1983-84		Middleborough Centre 18	Nickerson Ave	All-Purpose
M-0183	The Middleboro Gazette	Charlie Perry	Apr. 26, 1984	Christian Life Center	1983-84		Middleborough Centre 18	Nickerson Ave.	All-Purpose
M-0184	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Christian Life Center	1983-84		Middleborough Centre 18	Nickerson Ave.	All-Purpose
M-0185	The Middleborough Antiquarian	Cephas Thompson-Artist	Oct. 1971	Dr. Arad Thompson	Born 1786		Middleborough Centre 18		Doctor
M-0186	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Tombstone Dr. Arad Thompson			The Green 3	East Main St. Green Cemetery	Memorial
M-0187	The Middleborough Antiquarian	Cephas Thompson-Artist		Mercy Bourne Thompson			Middleborough Centre 18		
M-0188	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Tombstone Mercy Bourne Thompson			The Green 3	East Main St. Green Cemetery	Memorial
M-0189	Mertie Romaine's History Pg. 158		1907	Old Parker Place	1834		Titicut 20	So. Main Street & Town House Ave.	Dwelling
M-0190	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Ted Eayres Home	Circa 1834		Titicut 20	Plymouth St. No. Middleborough	Dwelling
M-0191	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Ted Eyres Home	Circa 1834		Titicut 20	Plymouth St. No. Middleborough	Dwelling
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M-0194			Circa 1910	Unitarian Church			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Unitarian Services
M-0195	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		Circa 1907	First Unitarian Church			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Unitarian Services
M-0196	Thomas Weston History of Middleboro			Cephas Thompson	July 1, 1775		Middleborough Centre 18		Artist
M-0197	The Middleborough Antiquarian			Cephas Thompson Art Studio			Middleborough Centre 18	River St.	Art Studio
M-0198	J.H. Frank Postcard No. D3718		Circa 1900	Rock Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Rock Street	Street Scene
M-0199	Photographic Postcard from Sam Peirce		Jul. 2, 1907	Rock Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Rock Street	
M-0200	Underwood & Underwood Postcard		Circa 1910	South Main Street			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Street View
M-0201	Postcard		Early 1950's	Middleborough Center			Middleborough Centre 18	Middleborough Center	Aerial View
M-0202	Cover of Middleborough Town Report		1976?	Middleborough Center			Middleborough Centre 18	Middleborough Center	Aerial View
M-0203	Thomas Weston History of Middleboro		Died 1883	Horatio Barrows			Middleborough Centre 18		
M-0204	The Middleboro Gazette		Jan. 1978	Barrow's Estate	1832		Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Mason's Hall
M-0205	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		1910	Peirce Block	1900		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Centre St. & Main St.	Interior Mason's Hall
M-0206	The Middleboro Gazette		Jan. 1978	Cupola & Weathervane on the Barrow's Estate	1832		Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Ornamental
M-0207	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Barrow's Estate Side Porch	1832		Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	
M-0208	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Barrow's Estate Window	1832		Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	
M-0209	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Barrow's Estate Side Door	1832		Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	
M-0210	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY	Walter Beals	Oct. 4, 1906	South Main Street			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Thoroughfare
M-0211	Postcard		Nov. 24, 1908	South Main Street			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Street View
M-0212	Postcard		1900	South Main Street			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Street View
M-0213	Thomas Weston History of Middleboro		June 17, 1843	General Abiel Washburn House	Circa 1797		Nemasket (Muttock) 4	Plymouth Street	Dwelling
M-0214	The Middleborough Antiquarian		Burnt 2/13/63	Washburn Store	1815		Nemasket (Muttock) 4	Plymouth Street	Store & Apt. House
M-0215	The Middleborough Antiquarian		Burnt 2/13/63	Washburn Store	1815		Nemasket (Muttock) 4	Plymouth Street	Store & Apt. House
M-0216	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	General Abiel Wasburn Slate Marker	June 17, 1843		Nemasket (Muttock) 4	Plymouth St. & Nemasket Hill Cemetary	Monument
M-0217	The Middleboro Gazette		Dec. 20, 1984	Contract Signing	Circa 1832		Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Contract Signing
M-0218	Department Invitation		1985	Philander Washburn House	Circa 1832		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of So. Main St & Webster St.	Gas & Electric Offices
M-0219	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark		Rotary Snow Plow in Front of Washburn House	4-Apr-15		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of So. Main St & Webster St.	Blizzard Aftermath
M-0220	The Middleboro Gazette		Early 1980's	Philander Washburn House	Circa 1832		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of So. Main St & Webster St.	Advertisement
M-0221	The Middleborough Antiquarian	Clint Clark	Mar. 1985	Philander Washburn House	Circa 1832		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of So. Main St & Webster St.	Gas & Electric Offices
M-0222	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	Philander Washburn House Front Fireplace	1832		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of So. Main St & Webster St.	Home Heating
M-0223	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	Philander Washburn House Front Fireplace	1832		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of So. Main St & Webster St.	
M-0224	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	Philander Washburn House Rear Office Fireplace	1832		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of So. Main St & Webster St.	
M-0225	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	Philander Washburn Stairwell and Wall Niche	1832		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of So. Main St & Webster St.	Gas & Electric Offices
M-0226	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Mid 1800's	Philander Washburn House	1832		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of So. Main St & Webster St.	Gas & Electric Offices
M-0227	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Philander Washburn House	1832		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of So. Main St & Webster St.	Gas & Electric Offices
M-0228	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Philander Washburn Monument	Nov. 6, 1882		Nemasket (Muttock) 4	Plymouth St. Nemasket Hill Cemetery	Memorial
M-0229	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Philander Washburn Monument	Nov. 6, 1882		Nemasket (Muttock) 4	Plymouth St. Nemasket Hill Cemetery	Memorial
M-0230	J.H. Frank Postcard No. D3720		Dec. 17, 1909	Webster Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Webster Street	Street view
M-0231	Sam Pierce Photographic Postcard		Feb. 15, 1906	Webster Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Webster Street	Street View
M-0232	H.A. Dickerman & Son No. 56907		1910	Webster Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Webster Street	Street View
M-0233	The Middleboro Gazette			Hinckley Parade Float			Middleborough Centre 18	Benton Street	Parade Float
M-0234	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		Circa 1900	Central Congregational Chapel	1843		Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Chapel 1st/Multi-Purpo
M-0235	The Middleboro Gazette 1933	S.H. Sylvester	1875	View from the Steeple			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street in the Foreground	East from Town Tower
M-0236	Middleborough Savings Bank Calendar	S.H. Sylvester	1875	Central Congregational Church	1843/1848		Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street in the Foreground	
M-0237	Middleborough Historical Commission		Circa 1890	Central Congregational Church	Nov. 25, 1848		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner So. Main Street & Webster St.	Congregational Service
M-0238	Congregational Annual Meeting Card		Mar. 15, 1905	Central Congregational Church	Nov. 25, 1848		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner So. Main Street & Webster St.	Congregational Service
M-0239	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY Postcard #8		Mid 1930's	Central Congregational Church	Nov. 25, 1848		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner So. Main Street & Webster St.	
M-0240	Ansco Co., Binghamton, NY Postcard	William J. Thibault	Mid 1940's	Central Congregational Church Built 11/25/48 Rebuilt 1891			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner So. Main Street & Webster St.	Church
M-0241	Church Christmas Card		1978	Central Congregational Church	Nov. 25, 1848		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner So. Main Street & Webster St.	Congregational Service

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M-0243	The Middleboro Gazette 1/22/87	Jane Lopes	Jan. 22, 1987	Central Congregational Church Steeple	Nov. 25, 1848		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner So. Main Street & Webster St.	
M-0244	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Central Congregational Church	Nov. 25, 1848		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner So. Main Street & Webster St.	Column Base
M-0245	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	Central Congregational Church	Nov. 25, 1848		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner So. Main Street & Webster St.	Church
M-0246	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Central Congregational Church	Nov. 25, 1848		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner So. Main Street & Webster St.	Handi-Cap Entr. Ramp
M-0247	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	Central Congregational Chapel	1843		Middleborough Centre 18	Webster St.	Multi-Purpose
M-0248	A.S. Burbank, Plymouth, MA No. 55238		Sept. 25, 1908	South Main Street			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Street View
M-0249	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1899	South Main Street			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Street View
M-0250	H.A. Dickerman & Son No. 56909		Jun. 13, 1910	South Main Street			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Street View
M-0251	The Leighton & Valentine Co. NYC		Jul. 7, 1914	South Main Street Looking North			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Street View
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M-0254	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1980's	South Main Street Looking North			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Street View
M-0255	The Middleborough Antiquarian		July 15, 1863	Furniture Ware Rooms Eustace Field			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Advertisement
M-0256	The Middleborough Antiquarian			George Soule Undertaker & Furniture Dealer			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Advertisement
M-0257	John D. Rockwell, Jr.	John D. Rockwell Jr.	1943	George Soule Hearse			Middleborough Centre 18		Funerals
M-0258	John D. Rockwell, Jr.	John D. Rockwell Jr.	1943	George Soule Hearse			Middleborough Centre 18		Funerals
M-0259	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		Dec. 28, 1905	American Hall			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Multi-Purpose
M-0260	The Middleboro Gazette 1931		1875	Barden's Market			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner So. Main St. & Water St.	Market
M-0261	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	Alger & American Blocks			South Main Street	Corner So. Main St. & Wareham St.	
M-0262	Velox Postcard Clint Clark		1905	So. Main St. Looking Toward Four Corners			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	
M-0263	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		1912	Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Parade
M-0264	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		4-Jul-06	Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Parade
M-0265	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY			Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Parade
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M-0267	The Middleborough Antiquarian			Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Parade
M-0268	The Middleboro Gazette June 6, 1985		Jul. 4, 1912	Doane Block 1912 Fourth of July Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Parade Watchers
M-0269	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		1910	Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Parade
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M-0274	Mertie E. Romaine History Pg. 316	Charles N. Warren	1912	Trolley Car			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Trolley on South Main
M-0275	The Middleborough Antiquarian		Circa 1912	Trolley at Four Corners			Middleborough Centre 18	Four Corners	Trolley at Four Corners
M-0276	Postcard C1001	Walter L. Beals	Aug. 26, 1907	South Main Street looking South			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Street View
M-0277	Leighton & Valentine Co. No. 215450		Jan. 23, 1914	South Main Street looking South			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Street View
M-0278	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1975	South Main Street looking South			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Street View
M-0279	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	South Main Street looking South			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Street View
M-0280	Middleboro Gazette Mrs. Bernard Owens		1901	Olde Middleborough View to Four Corners			Middleborough Centre 18	Four Corners	Street View
M-0281	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1860	Thatcher Homestead			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	
M-0282	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1882	Four Generations of Thatchers			Middleborough Centre 18		Family Gathering
M-0283	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1910	Thatcher Block	1831		Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Mercantile
M-0284	The Middleborough Antiquarian		Apr. 26, 1909	Fourth of July Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Parade
M-0285	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Thatcher Block	1831		Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	
M-0286	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1980	Homestead Block window	1855		Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	
M-0287	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Homestead Block (Legion Block)	1855		Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	
M-0288	Mark Covell	Mark Covell	1996	Homestead Block (Legion Block)	1855		Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	
M-0289	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1875	The Corner Lot			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street & Centre Street	
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M-0294			1910	Bank Block	1895		Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street & Centre Street	
M-0295	Postcard		Jul. 6, 1909	Bank Block	1895		Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street & Centre Street	
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M-0297			1910	Middleborough National Bank Interior	1895		Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street & Centre Street	
M-0298	Standard Times Spyglass May 6, 1979		1949	Bank Block	1895		Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street & Centre Street	
M-0299	The Middleboro Gazette		1995	Bank Block Entrance	1895		Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street & Centre Street	
M-0300	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1996	Bank Building Ceiling	1895		Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street & Centre Street	
M-0301	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	Bank Block	1895		Middleborough Centre 18	re	
M-0302	H.A. Dickerman & Son Postcard		Circa 1900	Wareham Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham Street	
M-0303	The Middleboro Gazette	Charles H. Warren	Jul. 4, 1912	Circus Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham Street	Parade
M-0304	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		1919	The Armistice Day Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham Street	Parade
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M-0309	Butman Studio Advertisement	Butman's Studio	Circa 1896	Jenk's Machine Shop			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Wareham St. & Clifford St.	
M-0310	Photograph		Mid 1950's	Lloyds Perkins & Sons			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Wareham St. & Clifford St.	
M-0311	Middleborough Tercentenary Book		1969	Lloyds Perkins & Son Staff			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Wareham St. & Clifford St.	
M-0312	Middleborough Tercentenary Book		Died 1938	Lloyd Perkins			Middleborough Centre 18		
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M-0314	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith		Lloyd Perkins & Son			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Wareham St. & Clifford St.	
M-0315	The Middleboro Gazette		Oct. 10, 1985	Mello Block Building		Mello Construction	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Wareham St. & Clifford St.	
M-0316	The Middleboro Gazette 1933		1875	Needle works	1875		Middleborough Centre 18	Clifford Street	
M-0317	Lakeville Historical Museum	Butman's Studio	1898	Schlueter Brothers			Middleborough Centre 18	Clifford Street	
M-0318	The Middleborough Antiquarian			George E. Benson			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham Street	
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M-0321	The Middleboro Gazette		Circa 1915	Heavy Equipment			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham Street	
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M-0323	The Middleboro Gazette			Cement Water Tower			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham Street	
M-0324			1850	View of Old Middleborough			Middleborough Centre 18	Water (Wareham) Street	Panoramic View
M-0325	Historic American Buildings Survey	Arthur C. Haskell	Oct. 1937	Deborah Sampson House	1886		Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham Street	Architecture
M-0326	Historic American Buildings Survey		Oct. 1937	Deborah Sampson House	1886		Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham Street	Architecture
M-0327	Historic American Buildings Survey		Feb. 18, 1995	Deborah Sampson House	1886		Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham Street	Data Assessor
M-0328	Historic American Buildings Survey		Feb. 18, 1995	Deborah Sampson House	1886		Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham Street	Architecture
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M-0331	H.A. Dickerman & Son Postcard		Sept. 2, 1909	Old Shovel Shop Ruins			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham Street	Formerly Made Shovels
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M-0337	J.H. Frank, Middleboro, MA D3714		Jul. 23, 1909	Electric Light Plant & Nemasket River			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham Street	Electric Power Manuf.
M-0338	H.A. Dickerman & Son Postcard		Sept. 10, 1911	Electric Light Station & Mill Pond			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham Street	Electric Power Manuf.
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M-0343	John D. Rockwell		Circa 1900	Taunton & Pawtucket St. Railway at Car Barn			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham St.	
M-0344	John D. Rockwell		Circa 1900	Bay State St. Railway No. 1711 So. Main St.			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	
M-0345	John D. Rockwell		Circa 1900	At Car Barn Taunton/Pawtucket St. No. 19			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham St.	
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M-0347	Mertie Romaine History of Middleborough		1906	Middleborough Auto Exchange			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham St.	
M-0348	Robert Gross	Gross	Circa 1920	Maxim Motor Company			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham St.	
M-0349	Middleborough Tercentenary Book 1969		1888	Middleborough Fire Department Engine			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham St.	
M-0350	Middleborough Tercentenary Book 1969		1969	Maxim Motor Division			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham St.	Company Logo
M-0351	The Middleboro Gazette Aug. 15, 1985		Aug. 15, 1985	Maxim Motor Division			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham St.	Manuf. Fire Enginers
M-0352	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Circa 1980	Maxim Flag Pole Eagle			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham St.	
M-0353	Trolley Museum Fire Dept. No. 471072	L.F. Roberts	Mid 1970's	1926 Maxim Ladder Truck			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham St.	
M-0354	Trolley Museum Fire Dept. No. 139223	L.F. Roberts		1930 Maxim Pumper & Hose Wagon			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham St.	
M-0355	Roberts Co. Inc. Wayland No. JHG-177	L. Murray Young		1969 Maxim Pumper			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham St.	
M-0356	Colorpicture Publishers, Inc. P44948			Maxim Model 5-2627-C Pumper			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham St.	
M-0357	Colorpicture Publishers, Inc. P30113			Maxim Model F-2617-C Pumper			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham St.	
M-0358	Photograph Irene Frietas		1950's	Manny & Francis Frietas Candidate for Govenor			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham St.	
M-0359	The Sunday Enterprise	The Associated Press	Dec. 10, 1989	Maxim's Inc.			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham St.	Last Fire Engine
M-0360	The Middleborough Antiquarian		June 20, 1899	Rodney E. Southworth Carriage & Sign Painting			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham St.	
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M-0362	Middleborough Tercentenary Book		1969	Fraternal Order of Eagles			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Wareham St. & Lincoln St.	
M-0363	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		Apr. 28, 1909	Professor Jenk's Schoolhouse			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham St.	
M-0364	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	James Butler Home			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham St.	
M-0365	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark		Conversation outside of the "Windtunnel"			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham St.	
M-0366	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	House Doorway			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham St.	
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M-0368	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Circa 1975	"Windtunnel"			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham St.	
M-0369	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Jan. 27, 1977	Bryant & Soule Grainmill & Closed Windtunnel			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham St.	
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M-0376	The Middleboro Gazette Ruth Drake		Circa 1875	Local Scene During Horse and Buggy Era			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	Street View
M-0377	1976 Calendar Pub. Lorenzo C. Judge		Circa 1919	Peirce Building			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner No. Main St. & Wareham St.	
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M-0380	The Middleboro Gazette	Peter Sgro	3	Church of our Saviour	1898	Cram, Goodhue …	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Union Street & Centre Street	
M-0381	The Middleborough Antiquarian		Circa 1900	Richard G. Woodbridge		.. & Ferguson.	Middleborough Centre 18		
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M-0383	The Middleboro Gazette	Charlie Perry	Jul. 31, 1980	H.L. Thatcher Co.	Circa 1877		Middleborough Centre 18	Thatcher's Row	Print shop
M-0384	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Aug. 7, 1980	H.L. Thatcher Co.	Circa 1877		Middleborough Centre 18	Thatcher's Row	Print shop
M-0385	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Aug. 29, 1985	A.T. Maddigan Law Office & T.M. Ryder Ins. Co.	1985	Ted Eayres Jr.	Middleborough Centre 18	Thatcher's Row	Building Construction
M-0386	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1980	Middleboro Theatre (Formerly Park Theatre)	1915		Middleborough Centre 18	Nickerson Ave.	Entertainment
M-0387	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Jul. 21, 1983	Middleboro Theatre (Formerly Park Theatre)	1915		Middleborough Centre 18	Nickerson Ave.	Entertainment
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M-0389	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Sept. 1976	Glidden Home			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner High Street & Oak St.	Residence/Demolition
M-0390	New Bedford Standard Time	Robert Whitaker	1980	Elks Lodge			Middleborough Centre 18	High Street	Fraternal Lodge
M-0391	New Bedford Standard Time	Robert Whitaker	1980	Elks Lodge			Middleborough Centre 18	High Street	Fraternal Lodge
M-0392	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Nov. 27, 1980	Former Elks Lodge			Middleborough Centre 18	High Street	Clean up After Fire
M-0393	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		May 9 1907	A Corner View			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner North Main St. & Wareham St.	Street View
M-0394	F.N. Whitman Postcard		Circa 1906	Four Corner's Scene			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner North Main St. & Wareham St.	Tolley at Four Corners
M-0395	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	A Corner Scene			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner North Main St. & Wareham St.	Street View
M-0396	The Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1979	Telephone Building	Circa 1904		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner North Main St. & Wareham St.	Protect Electric Cables
M-0397	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	A Building View			Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main St. Toward Wareham St.	Business District
M-0398			1895	Jones Block			Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main St.	Mercantile
M-0399	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1895	Jones Block Group Photo	1850	Dr. William Wells	Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	Furniture Business
M-0400	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		1915	Former Jones Block	1850		Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	Fire Scene
M-0401	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		Feb. 8, 1915	Former Jones Block	1850		Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	After Fire Scene
M-0402	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		Feb. 8, 1915	Former Jones Block	1850		Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	After Fire Scene
M-0403	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		Feb. 8, 1915	Former Jones Block	1850		Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	After Fire Scene
M-0404	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		Feb 8, 1915	Former Jones Block	1850		Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	Day After Fire Scene
M-0405	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		Feb 8, 1915	Former Jones Block	1850		Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	Day After Fire Scene
M-0406	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		Feb 8, 1915	Former Jones Block	1850		Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	Day After Fire Scene
M-0407	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		Feb. 8, 1915	Former Jones Block	1850		Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	Day After Fire Scene
M-0408	Postcard		1920	New Jones Block	1915		Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	Mercantile
M-0409	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	ca. 1980's	New Jones Block	1915		Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	Siness-Mix
M-0410	Middleboro Gazette			Game Room			Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	
M-0411	Middleboro Gazette			Billiard Room			Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	
M-0412	Middleboro Gazette			The Parlor			Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	
M-0413	1976 Calendar	Lorenzo Judge/Clint Clark	July 4, 1919	Parade on North Main Street			Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	July 4th Parade
M-0414	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		Dec. 1911	Groundbreaking for YMCA Building			Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	Groundbreaking
M-0415	Photograph		May 28, 1912	Dedication of YMCA			Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	Laying Cornerstone
M-0416	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY	Alden	1913	YMCA	1913		Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	Youth Activity
M-0417	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1979	YMCA Decorative Spindle			Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	Decoration
M-0418	Postcard		1924	YMCA	1913		Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	Youth Activity
M-0419	Thomas Weston, History Middleborough			Everett Robinson			Middleborough Centre 18		Lawyer
M-0420	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		July 4, 1919	Robinson Home			Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	4th of July
M-0421	Ernest M. Wright	Ernest M. Wright	1966	Former Robinson Home	c. 1828		Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	Dwelling
M-0422	Ernest M. Wright	Ernest M. Wright	1966	Former Robinson Home	c. 1828		Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	Dwelling
M-0423	Ernest M. Wright	Ernest M. Wright	1966	Former Robinson Home	c. 1828		Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	Dwelling
M-0424	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1979	Robinson Fence			Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	Ornamental
M-0425	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Business Block	1967		Middleborough Centre 18	No. Main Street	Multi-Purpose
M-0426	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1980	Everett Robinson Law Office	c. 1830	Reland Tinkham	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner No. Main St. & Jackson St.	Business
M-0427	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1966	Everett Robinson Law Office	c. 1830	Reland Tinkham	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner No. Main St. & Jackson St.	Business
M-0428	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	Everett Robinson Law Office	c. 1830	Reland Tinkham	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner No. Main St. & Jackson St.	Business
M-0429	Postcard			Aerial View to Jackson Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	See Jackson St. Houses
M-0430	Postcard			Aerial View to Jackson Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	See Jackson St. Houses
M-0431	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1920	Fifty Years Ago….1920			Middleborough Centre 18	So. Main Street	Parade
M-0432	The Middleborough Antiquarian		June 1973	Officers of Middleborough Historical Assoc. 1973			Middleborough Centre 18		Assoc. Office Picture
M-0433	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1988	Lawrence B. Romaine			Middleborough Centre 18		
M-0434	Museum Postcard		July 20, 1962	Middleborough Historical Museum	c. 1820		Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	Museums
M-0435	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Middleborough Historical Museum	c. 1820		Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	Museums
M-0436	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1982	Museum House Number One	c. 1820		Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	Museums
M-0437	Middleborough Historical Museum		1970	Building Number One Front room	c. 1820		Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	Museums
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M-0440	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Building Number Two Historical Museum	c. 1820		Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	Museums
M-0441	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Building Number Two	c. 1820		Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	Museums
M-0442	Middleborough Historical Museum	Keller Color, Clifton NJ	1970	Building Number Two Peirce Store	c. 1820		Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	Museums
M-0443	The Middleborough Antiquarian	Lyman Butler	1935	Old Country Store					General Store
M-0444	The Middleborough Antiquarian	Clint Clark	1974	Civil War Room Museum Building #2	c. 1820		Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	
M-0445	Middleborough Historical Museum	Keller Color, Clifton NJ	1970	Building Number One Basement Kitchen	c. 1820		Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	Museums
M-0446	The Middleborough Antiquarian	Clint Clark	1982	Sproat Tavern Outhouse	c. 1700		Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	Toilet
M-0447	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1965	Judge Wood's Law Office	c. 1796		Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	Law Office
M-0448	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1982	Judge Wilkes Wood Law Office	c. 1796		Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	
M-0449	The Middleborough Antiquarian	Robert M. Beals	1986	1854 "Young Mechanic" No. 6	1854		Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	
M-0450	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1982	The Carriage Shed			Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	
M-0451	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1982	The Blacksmith Shop			Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	
M-0452	The Middleborough Antiquarian	Clint Clark	1982	The Whistle House			Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	
M-0453	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	July 10, 1997	Gladys Beals and Parasol			Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	Museums
M-0454	Ernest M. Wright	Ernest M. Wright	1959	One of the Peirce Barns			Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	Storage
M-0455	Ernest M. Wright	Ernest M. Wright	1959	Peirce Barns			Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	Storage, Etc.
M-0456	Ernest M. Wright	Ernest M. Wright	1959	Peirce Barns			Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	Storage, Etc.
M-0457	Ernest M. Wright	Ernest M. Wright	1959	Peirce Barns			Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	Storage, Etc.
M-0458	Ernest M. Wright	Ernest M. Wright	1959	Peirce Barns			Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	Storage, Etc.
M-0459	Ernest M. Wright	Ernest M. Wright	1959	Peirce Barns			Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	Storage, Etc.
M-0460	The Middleborough Antiquarian			Moody's Shoe Repair			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Jackson St. & North Main St.	
M-0461	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark		"Day Camp"	c. 1819		Middleborough Centre 18	Jackson Street	Children
M-0462	Thomas Weston, History Middleborough			Colonel Peter H. Peirce			Middleborough Centre 18		
M-0463	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark		Major Peter Hoar House			Lakeville	Main Street	
M-0464	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1989	Major Peter Hoar Tree			Lakeville	Main Street	Tree Dismemberment
M-0465	Middleboro Gazette 1933	Judith Peirce Sketch	1840	Old P.H. Peirce Company Grocery			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0466	The Middleborough Antiquarian	Harry LeBaron Sampson		P.H. Peirce Store			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	Grocery
M-0467				P.H. Peirce Store			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	Grocery
M-0468				P.H. Peirce Store			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	Grocery
M-0469	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1900	Peirce Store Doorway			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	Grocery
M-0470	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1965	Police Station			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0471	The Middleborough Antiquarian		ca. 1920	North Main Street in the 1920's			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	A Street Scene
M-0472	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1969	Court Room			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	Trials
M-0473				Police Station			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0474	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	Police Station			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0475	The Middleborough Antiquarian			Captain Drew House			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	Dwelling
M-0476	Mark Covell	Mark Covell	1996	Captain Drew House			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Frank St. & Shaw Street	Dwelling
M-0477	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY	William J. Thibault	Oct. 3, 1927	Middleborough New Fire Station	Dec. 30, 1926		Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	Fire Station
M-0478	Postcard			Middleborough Fire Station	1927		Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0479	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Fire Station Rear			Middleborough Centre 18		Rear of Fire Station
M-0480	H.A. Dickerman & Son Postcard		Nov. 4, 1911	North Main Street			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	A Street Scene
M-0481	Middleborough Historical Association	Janet Griffith	1985	An Old Home			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0482	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY	William J. Thibault	Oct. 3, 1927	Memorial High School	Sept. 16, 1927		Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0483	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	c. 1979	Memorail High School Cupola			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0484	C.T. American Art..Colored		Mar. 15, 1933	Memorial High School	Sept. 16, 1929		Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0485	Yankee Colour Corp. Framingham, MA			Middleborough High School	Sept. 16, 1930		Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0486	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Middleborough Jr. High School	Sept. 16, 1931		Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0487	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Front Entrance Memorial Jr. High School	Sept. 16, 1932		Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	Education
M-0488	Middleboro Gazette	Unknown	c. 1945	Talking Sachem Strategy			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	Football

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M-0489	Middleboro Gazette		1916	1916 Town Baseball Team			Middleborough Centre 18		Baseball
M-0490	Brockton Enterprise c. 1990		1946	Girl Scout Formal Dance			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of So. Main and Nickerson Ave.	Dance
M-0491	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1979	Old Fort Marker			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0492	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Old Fort Plaque			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0493	Middleboro Gazette, 1933		1875	"Hand Rock"			Middleborough Centre 18	Indian Hill	
M-0494	Middleboro Gazette Reflections 9/20/84		1935	Erection of Town Playground			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0495	Middleboro Gazette Reflections 9/20/84			Erection of Town Pool			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0496	Mark Covell	Mark Covell	1996	Bandstand			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0497	American Art Postcard, Boston, Mass.		Sept. 8, 1944	Playground Offices & Bath Houses			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0498	New Bedford News Co.		Sept. 9, 1940	Municipal Swimming Pool			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0499	Mark Covell	Mark Covell	1996	Municipal Bath Houses	1960's		Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0500	Middleborough Historical Association	Janet Griffith	1985	Tripp House			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner North Main St. & East Main St.	
M-0501	Mark Covell	Mark Covell	1996	Former No. Main St. House			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main St.	
M-0502	Mark Covel	Mark Covell	1996	Ernest Pratt Home			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main St.	Dwelling
M-0503	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		1900	Bryant Home			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main St.	Dwelling
M-0504	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1900	Bryant Home			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main St.	Dwelling
M-0505	The Middleborough Antiquarian			Mrs. Abby T. Evans' Home	1884		Middleborough Centre 18	East Main St.	Dwelling
M-0506	Thomas Weston's History pg. 277		c. 1920	The Old Barrows House	c.1700		Middleborough Centre 18	North Main St.	Dwelling
M-0507	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Grange Hall	1928-29	Calvin R. Hosford	Middleborough Centre 18	North Main St.	Multi-Purpose
M-0508	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Grange Hall	1928-29	Calvin R. Hosford	Middleborough Centre 18	North Main St.	Multi-Purpose
M-0509	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		c. 1900	Col. Peter H. Peirce Residence	c. 1816		Middleborough Centre 18	North Main St.	Dwelling
M-0510	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		c. 1900	Col. Peter H. Peirce Residence	c. 1816		Middleborough Centre 18	North Main St.	Dwelling
M-0511	Middleboro Gazette		c. 1900	Col. Peter H. Peirce Residence	c. 1816		Middleborough Centre 18	North Main St.	Multi-Purpose
M-0512	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	c. 1985	Col. Peter H. Peirce Residence	c. 1816		Middleborough Centre 18	North Main St.	Multi-Purpose
M-0513	The Middleborough Antiquarian			Thomas S. Peirce			Middleborough Centre 18		
M-0514			1902	Library Foundations	1902-1903	H.H. Wardwell	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0515			1903	Library Erection	1902-1903	F.N. Reed, N.Y.	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0516	Postcard		1903	Nearly Complete Library	1903	F.N. Reed, N.Y.	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0517	Tanner Souvenir Co. NY Postcard		1904	Public Library	1903	F.N. Reed, N.Y.	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0518	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1904	Staff, Middleborough Public Library			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0519	Tichnor Quality Views No. 107745		Oct. 20, 1926	Public Library	1903	F.N. Reed, N.Y.	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0520	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		Mar. 19, 1910	Public Library	1903	F.N. Reed, N.Y.	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0521	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	July 5, 1979	Library Cornice	1903	F.N. Reed, N.Y.	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	Ornamentation
M-0522	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1979	Library Cornice	1903	F.N. Reed, N.Y.	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	Ornamentation
M-0523	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1996	Library Pediment	1903	F.N. Reed, N.Y.	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	Ornamentation
M-0524	Underwood & Underwood NY & London		1910	Public Library	1903	F.N. Reed, N.Y.	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0525	Postcard			Public Library	1903	F.N. Reed, N.Y.	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0526	Fred N. Whitman Postcard	Walter Beals	1904	Lobby Public Library	1903	F.N. Reed, N.Y.	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0527	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY	Walter Beals	1904	Children's Room Public Library	1903	F.N. Reed, N.Y.	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0528	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		1904	"Women's Corner" Stair Landing Public Library	1903	F.N. Reed, N.Y.	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0529	Middleboro Gazette	Mary Jo Curtis	May 30, 1991	Public Library Renovation			Middleborough Centre 18	Peirce Street	
M-0530	The Brockton Gazette	Dick Arikian	July 18, 1991	Public Library Addition			Middleborough Centre 18	Peirce Street	
M-0531	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	Middleborough Public Library	1903		Middleborough Centre 18	North Main St.	Library
M-0532	Mark Covell	Mark Covell	1996	Public Library			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0533	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Public Library			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0534	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	New Addition Doors			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0535	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1993	Middleborough Public Library			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	Light
M-0536	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Public Library Main Doors			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0537	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Public Library Looking to Addition			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0538	Middleboro Gazette	Charlie Perry	May 1, 1986	Middleborough Library	1903		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	Library

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M-0540			c. 1914	Martinique	1828		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0541	Noko Postcard			Martinique	1828		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0542	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY			Martinique's Staircase			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0543	The Middleborough Antiquarian	Clint Clark	1957	Martinique	1828		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	The Last Day
M-0544	Ernest M. Wright	Ernest M. Wright	1957	Martinique	1828		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0545	Ernest M. Wright	Ernest M. Wright		Martinique	1828		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0546	Ernest M. Wright	Ernest M. Wright		Martinique	1828		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0547	Ernest M. Wright	Ernest M. Wright		Martinque	1828		Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0548	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Robin's Nest Restaurant	1957		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce St. & North Main St.	
M-0549	Middleboro Gazette Reflections pg. 33		1940	Garnier's Market	1922		Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0550	Middleboro Gazette Reflections pg. 33		1940	Interior Garnier's Market	1922		Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0551	Middleboro Gazette Reflections			Howard Garnier			Middleborough Centre 18		
M-0552	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		Oct. 12, 1914	Red Men's Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0553	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		Oct. 12, 1914	Red Men's Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0554	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		Oct 12, 1914	Red Men's Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	Parade
M-0555	Photograph	Unknown		Nemasket House	c. 1835		Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0556	A.S. Burbank, Plymouth, MA #55239		April 27, 1909	Nemasket House	c. 1835		Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0557	Postcard			Nemasket House	c. 1835		Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0558	Mertie Romaine's History, pg. 185		1897	Nemasket House Stables	c. 1835		Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0559	Mark Covell	Mark Covell	1996	Middleborough Glass			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	Business
M-0560	Tichnor Quality Views No. 120543		c. 1915	Business Section Looking South			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	
M-0561	Mark Covell	Mark Covell	1996	Superior Cab Company			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	Taxi Service
M-0562	Kenneth Keedwell		1969	Tercentenary Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Four Corners	Parade
M-0563	Postcard		c. 1910	North Main Street View			Middleborough Centre 18	North Main Street	Streetscape
M-0564	Middleborough Tercentenary Book		1969	Electric Division Garage			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham Street	
M-0565	Middleborough Tercentenary Book		Sept. 1, 1996	Turning the Valve			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham Street	Turning the Valve
M-0566	Middleborough Tercentenary Book		1969	Don Cannon Buick Pontiac			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham Street	
M-0567	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	Aug 31, 1997	Trolley Track Removal			Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham Street	Trolley Tracks
M-0568	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1831	Major Ethan Earle's Dry Goods Shop	1831		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and North Main St.	Business
M-0569	Middleboro Gazette		c. 1874	An Old Business Corner	1831		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre Street & North Main St.	Business
M-0570	The Middleborough Antiquarian		c. 1875	An Old Business Corner	1831		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre Street & North Main St.	Business
M-0571	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1895	Matthew H. Cushing Graint & Grocery Store	1831		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Center Street & North Main St.	Business
M-0572	Middleboro Gazette Reflections pg. 4	Charles Perry	Mar 29, 1984	Reverend Stillman Pratt			Middleborough Centre 18		
M-0573	Middleboro Gazette 1933		c. 1875	Four Corners View			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre Street & North Main St.	
M-0574	Old Calendar		1874	Looking Up Centre Street	1874		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0575	Middleboro Gazette		1874	Old View of Centre Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0576	The Middleborough Antiquarian		c. 1875	Center Street Business's			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Business
M-0577			1900	Peirce Block	1900		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and North Main St.	
M-0578	Souther Mears Co. Boston, MA		c. 1900	Post Office Block	1900		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and North Main St.	
M-0579	H.A. Dickerman & Son, Taunton, MA		Nov. 22, 1916	Post Office and Centre Street	1900		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and North Main St.	
M-0580	H.A. Dickerman & Son, Taunton, MA		July 20, 1911	Post Office	1900		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and North Main St.	
M-0581	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		c. 1900	Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Parade
M-0582	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		April 28, 1909	Old Drake House			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Odd- Fellow's Parade
M-0583	The Middleborough Antiquarian	Fred F. Churbuck	April 28, 1909	South Main Street View			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Odd-Fellow's Parade
M-0584	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		April 28, 1909	Bank Block	1896		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner South Main St. & Centre Street	Odd-Fellow's Parade
M-0585	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		April 28, 1909	Odd-Fellows Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Odd-Fellow's Parade
M-0586	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		April 28, 1909	Odd-Fellows Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Four Corners	Odd-Fellow's Parade
M-0587	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		April 28, 1909	Odd-Fellows Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Odd-Fellow's Parade
M-0588	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		April 28, 1909	Odd-Fellows Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Odd-Fellow's Parade

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M-0590	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		April 28, 1909	Odd-Fellows Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Odd-Fellow's Parade
M-0591	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		April 28, 1909	Odd-Fellows Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Odd-Fellow's Parade
M-0592	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		April 28, 1909	Odd-Fellows Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Odd-Fellow's Parade
M-0593	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		April 28, 1909	Odd-Fellows Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Odd-Fellow's Parade
M-0594	Middleboro History, Mertie Romaine		April 26, 1909	Middleborough Clothing Store	1875		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Odd-Fellow's Parade
M-0595	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		April 28, 1909	Peirce and Glidden Blocks			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre St. & School Street	Odd-Fellow's Parade
M-0596	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		April 28, 1909	Glidden Building			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre St. & School Street	Odd-Fellow's Parade
M-0597	Middleboro Gazette, Jan 24, 1985	Clint Clark		A Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Four Corners	Parade
M-0598	Fred N. Whitman Postcard	Walter Beals	About 1901	Looking up Centre Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Streetscape
M-0599	Postcard		1910	Looking up Centre Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0600	Postcard		1915	Looking up Centre Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0601	Tichnor Quality Views No. 107746		1920	Looking up Centre Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Streetscape
M-0602	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	July 13, 1995	Bank Building	1885		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Multi-purpose
M-0603	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1970	The Bank Block	1885		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre St. & So. Main St.	Multi-purpose
M-0604	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	The Bank Block	1885		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Multi-purpose
M-0605	Middleborough Historical Commission	Revitalization Comm	1985	The Bank Block	1885		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre St. & So. Main St.	Multi-purpose
M-0606	Middleboro Gazette		Jan 30, 1997	Financial Office Building 1st Floor Plan	1885		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre St. & So. Main St.	Multi-purpose
M-0607	Middleboro Gazette		Jan 30, 1997	Financial Office Building 2nd Floor Plan	1885		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre St. & So. Main St.	Multi-purpose
M-0608	Middleborough Historical Commission	Revitalization Comm	1985				Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Street Scene
M-0609	Middleboro Gazette Mar. 28, 1985		1941	Four Corners			Middleborough Centre 18	Four Corners	
M-0610	Middleboro Gazette Mar. 28, 1985		1941	Centre Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0611	Middleboro Gazette Mar. 28, 1985		1941	Nick Panesis			Middleborough Centre 18		
M-0612	Photograph		1919	Fourth of July Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Parade
M-0613	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		1919	Fourth of July Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	
M-0614	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		1919	Fourth of July Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Parade
M-0615	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1941	Looking up Centre Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0616	John David Rockwell		late 1920's	Looking up Centre Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Street Scene
M-0617	John David Rockwell		late 1920's	Looking up Centre Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0618	Middleboro Gazette		1985	Proud Clydesdales			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0619	The Middleborough Antiquarian		c. 1900	A Summer Trolley on Centre Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0620	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		c 1919	4th of July Victory Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	4th of July Parade
M-0621	The Standard Times, Spyglass 8/13/94		1935	Business District Center			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Streetscape
M-0622	Postcard		1970	Business District Center			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0623	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1965	Tripp's Panesis			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Local Business
M-0624	Middleboro Gazette, Mar. 12, 1981	Clint Clark	1957	Tipp's Candy and Lunch Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Local Business
M-0625	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1957	Sullivan's Newstand			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Local Business
M-0626	Mertie Romaine's History of Middleboro		July 4, 1906	Panesis Delicatessen			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0627	The Middleborough Antiquarian		July 4, 1907	Panesis Delicatessen			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0628	Middleboro Gazette		c. 1910	Panesis Store Interior			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Grocery Store
M-0629	Middleboro Gazette		Jan. 31, 1980	Panesis Fruit Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0630	Middleboro Gazette		1994	John & Irene Turner Panesis Fruite Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0631	Brockton Enterprise	Dick Arikian	1988	Panesis Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Grocery Store
M-0632	Middleboro Gazette	Dennis Eve		Country Travel			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Travel Agency
M-0633	Middleboro Gazette			Country Travel			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Travel Agency
M-0634	Middleboro Gazette c. 1933		1875	Erection of Middleborough Clothing Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0635	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Nov. 26, 1976	Middleborough Clothing Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0636	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Nov. 26, 1976	Middleborough Clothing Store Roof Line	1875		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0637	Middleborough Tercentenary Book		1909	Middleborough Clothing Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Men's Clothing Store
M-0638	Middleborough Tercentenary Book		1969	Middleborough Clothing Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Men's Clothing Store

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M-0640	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1885	Thatcher Block	c. 1880		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0641	Middleborough Tercentenary Book		1969	Stiles Shoe Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0642	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1970's	Thatcher's Block	c. 1880		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0643	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Aug 9, 1979	Thatcher's Block	c. 1880		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Removing Loose Bricks
M-0644	Middleboro Gazette	Charlie Perry	1980's	Thatcher's Block	c. 1880		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0645	Ansco Company, Binghamton, NY		1920	Parade on Centre Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Parade
M-0646	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1920	E. Oneto's Fruit Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0647	Mertie Romaine's History of Middleboro		1900	D.B. Monroe Shoe Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0648	Middleboro Gazette		1969	F.W. Woolworth's 5 & 10			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0649	Merimack Post Card Haverhill MA		1969	Centre Street Business Section			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0650	Middleborough Historical Commission	Revitalization Cons.	1985	Sears			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0651	Middleboro Gazette		Sept. 1946	Hinckley Jewelers	1915		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Jewelery Shop
M-0652	Middleboro Gazette	Mary Jo Curtis		Hinckley Jewelers	1915		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Jewelery Shop
M-0653	Middleborough Tercentenary Book		1969	Craigs Pharmacy			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0654	Middleborough Historical Commission	Revitalization Cons.	1985	Colonial Office Supply			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0655	Natt Williams		c. 1933	Ryder Block Former First National Store	c. 1923		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0656	Middleborough Tercentenary Book		1969	The Boston Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0657	Middleboro Gazette	Cynthia Bliss		Alton and Eunice Kramer			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Boston Store Owner
M-0658	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Feb. 1945	Business Center Snow Bound			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Aftermath of Snow
M-0659	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1910	F.N. Whitman Department Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0660	The Middleborough Antiquarian			F.N. Whitman Department Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0661	George and Priscilla Cunningham		1918	Alonzo & Emma Ryder			Middleborough Centre 18		
M-0662	George and Priscilla Cunningham		1920	Ryder House			Middleborough Centre 18	North Street	Dwelling
M-0663	Fred N. Whitman Middleborough, MA		1900	Whitman-Sparrow Department Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0664			1910	Whitman-Sparrow Department Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0665	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1964	Stile's Shoe Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0666	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Fleet Bank			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0667		Charles Warren	c. 1915	Thomas Peirce Hardware & Whitman Sparrow			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre St. & School St.	Streetscape
M-0668	Middleboro Gazette	Charles Warren	c. 1910	William Thibault Photography Studio Window			Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	
M-0669	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1952	First National Stores	c. 1933		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0670	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1952	Grocery Manager, Charles Devlin			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0671	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	Corner Cornice on First National Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre St. & School St.	Ornamentation
M-0672	Ansco Company, Binghamton, NY		1919	Parade on Centre Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Redmen's Parade
M-0673	Middleborough Historical Commission	Stereoptic View	1875	Looking Down Centre Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0674	John David Rockwell		late 1920's	Centre Street Business Section			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0675	The Middleborough Antiquarian	Charles Warren	1914-1915	A Chilly Business District			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0676	Standard Times Library		1939	Centre Street Business Section			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Street Scene
M-0677			1951	Centre Street Business Section			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0678	Middleboro Gazette		1940's	Centre Street Business Section			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0679	Middleboro Gazette	Cynthia Ballou	Oct 29, 1987	Centre Street Business Section			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Business Street View
M-0680	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	c. 1956	Centre Street Business Section			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0681	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes		Water Tower			Middleborough Centre 18	Off Wareham Street, Barden Hill	Water Supply
M-0682	Sunday Enterprise, April 12, 1998	Courtesy Photo	1998	A Bit of History Disappears	1915		Middleborough Centre 18	Off Wareham Street, Barden Hill	Tower Razing
M-0683	Ansco Company, Binghamton, NY		c. 1910	Memorial Day Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Memorial Day Parade
M-0684	Middleborough Town Report 1930	Frederick Weston	1930	Parking Space Map			Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	
M-0685	The Middleborough Antiquarian			Central Fire Station	1855		Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	
M-0686	Middleboro Gazette	Mike Maddigan	1916	School Street Engine House	1855		Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Fire Station
M-0687	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1915	Combination No. 1 1912 Knox			Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	
M-0688	Photograph	Clint Clark	1957	The Old Central Fire Station	1855		Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	

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M-0690	J.H. Frank Middleborough, Mass.		Oct. 1, 1909	School Street View			Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Streetscape
M-0691	The Middleborough Antiquarian			The Butter and Egg Man, Levi B. Tinkham			Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	
M-0692	The Middleborough Antiquarian			A Family Shoe Shop			Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	
M-0693	Thomson & Thomson Boston, MA		April 5, 1914	Leonard, Shaw & Deane Shoe Factory	c. 1899		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Rice and School Sts.	Shoe Manufacture
M-0694	Leighton & Valentine Co. NY City			Leonard, Shaw & Deane Shoe Factory	c. 1899		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Rice and School Sts.	Shoe Manufacture
M-0695	Velox Postcard			Leonard, Shaw & Deane Shoe Factory	1899		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Peirce and Rice Sts.	Shoe Manufacture
M-0696	Middleborough Lakeville Magazine		Winter 1987	Winthrop-Atkins Building			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Peirce and Rice Sts.	Business Block
M-0697	Irene Freitas		1956	Irene Freitas			Middleborough Centre 18	Peirce St.	Photo Processing
M-0698	Irene Freitas		1956	Irene Freitas			Middleborough Centre 18	Peirce St.	Photo Processing
M-0699	Leighton & Valentine Co. NY City		Sept. 8, 1914	School Street Looking North			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of Peirce & School Sts.	Streetscape
M-0700				Central Methodist Church			Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Methodist Parsonage
M-0701	Middleborough Historical Commission	Stereoptic Card	1869	Central Methodist Church	1869		Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Religion
M-0702	Postcard			Central Methodist Church	1869		Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Religion
M-0703	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		Feb. 13, 1911	Central Methodist Church	1869		Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Religion
M-0704	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		1907	Wedding Party Central Methodist Church			Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Wedding
M-0705	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		Jan.9, 1907	Central Methodist Church Sanctuary	1869		Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Sanctuary Decoration
M-0706	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		Jan. 9, 1909	Central Methodist Downstairs Wedding			Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Wedding
M-0707				Central Methodist Church	1869		Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Religion
M-0708	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY			Central Methodist Church	1869		Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Religion
M-0709	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		Oct. 13, 1908	Central Methodist Rev. Warren Luce Pastor			Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	
M-0710			1943	Central Methodist Church Canteen			Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Group Photo
M-0711	F.N. Whitman Postcard No. 223		Jan. 4, 1906	Central Methodist Church	Feb. 9, 1869		Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Religion
M-0712	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	May 16, 1985	Central Methodist Church	1869		Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Light & Design
M-0713	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1979	Central Methodist Church	1869		Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Religion
M-0714	Middleboro Gazette	Peter Sgro	1987	Central Methodist Church	1869		Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Religion
M-0715	Middleboro Gazette		1875	School Street School	1850		Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Education
M-0716	The Middleborough Antiquarian		c. 1895	Ralph Cushing and His Fire Company			Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	
M-0717	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		1905	School Street School	1850		Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Education
M-0718	Middleborough Historical Commission	Revitalization Comm	late 1970's	Old School Street School	1850		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Business
M-0719	Middleborough Historical Commission	Revitalization Comm	late 1970's	Old School St. Front Pediment & Window	1850		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Business
M-0720	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		1907	School Street School	1907	Cooper & Bailey	Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Education
M-0721	Souther-Mears Co. Boston MA		Aug. 3, 1908	School Street School	1907	Cooper & Bailey	Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Education
M-0722	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		c. 1908	School Street School Class	1907		Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Class Photo
M-0723			c. 1910	School Street School Class	1907		Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Class Photo
M-0724	J.H. Frank Middleborough, Mass.		Oct. 24, 1910	School Street School	1907		Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Education
M-0725			c. 1910	School Street School	1907		Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Education
M-0726	H.A. Dickerman & Son, Taunton Mass		July 13, 1912	School Street Grammar School	1907	Cooper & Bailey	Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	Education
M-0727	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	Aug. 25, 1994	School Street School			Middleborough Centre 18	School St.	School Re-Opening
M-0728	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1887	Copeland Block	1887		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner School and Centre Sts.	Business
M-0729			1887	Copeland Block	1887		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner School and Centre Sts.	Business Block
M-0730	Middleboro Gazette		1887	Copeland Block	1887		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner School and Centre Sts.	Business Block
M-0731	John David Rockwell		c. 1895	Looking Down Centre St.			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Streetscape
M-0732	Postcard		1909	Sullivan Block	1887		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Business
M-0733	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		1910	The Frank Stores	1887		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner School and Centre Sts.	
M-0734	The Middleborough Antiquarian		c. 1900	Trolley Car on Centre Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Streetscape
M-0735			1910	Sullivan Block	1887		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Business
M-0736	Middleborough Tercentenary Book			Amasa R. Glidden			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
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M-0738	Middleborough Tercentenary Book			Benjamin K. Glidden			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	

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M-0740	Underwood & Underwood London		Jul 27, 1914	Centre Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Streetscape
M-0741	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1934	Glidden Building	1887		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner School and Centre Sts.	Business
M-0742	Middleboro Gazette		early 1920's	High School on Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Parade
M-0743	New Bedford Standard Times	Clint Clark	1973	Glidden's	1887		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner School and Centre Sts.	100th Anniversary
M-0744	Middleborough Tercentenary Book		1969	T.M. Ryder & Company	est. 1877		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner School and Centre Sts.	Insurance Business
M-0745	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Dec. 5, 1985	Glidden's	1887		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner School and Centre Sts.	Sign Removal
M-0746	Ansco Company, Binghamton NY		1920	Looking Up Centre Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0747	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Looking Down Centre Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Streetscape
M-0748	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	1972	Kindergarten Students			Middleborough Centre 18	Union Street	School Class
M-0749	Middleboro Gazette		mid 1940's	Shaw's Furniture Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Furniture Business
M-0750	Middleborough Tercentenary Book		1969	Shaw's Furniture Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Furniture Business
M-0751	Middleboro Gazette	Michael Mello	Dec. 29, 1988	Shaw's Furniture Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Store Closing
M-0752	Middleboro Gazette		1956	Earlier Smith's Sunoco			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Service Station
M-0753	Middleboro Gazette		1957	Smith's Sunoco	1957		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Garage Opening
M-0754	Albert Smith		1957	"Smitty's" Pumping Station	1957		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Pumping Station
M-0755	Albert Smith		1957	Smith's Sunoco	1957		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Service Station
M-0756	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark		Former Rainbow Garage			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Wrecking of Building
M-0757	Middleborough Historical Commission	Stereoptic Card	1875	Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory	1874		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Pearl and Centre Sts.	Shoe Factory
M-0758	Butman's Studio	Will C. Butman	1896	Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Pearl and Centre Sts.	Shoe Factory
M-0759	A.S. Burbank, Plymouth MA Postcard		1910	Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory	c. 1888		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Pearl and Centre Sts.	Shoe Factory
M-0760	A.S. Burbank, Plymouth MA Postcard		Oct 1, 1908	Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory	c. 1888		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Pearl and Centre Sts.	Shoe Factory
M-0761			c. 1908	Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory	c. 1888		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Pearl and Centre Sts.	Shoe Factory
M-0762	R.I. News Co. Providence Postcard		Nov. 5, 1907	Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory	c. 1888		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Pearl and Centre Sts.	Shoe Factory
M-0763	Souther Mears Co. Boston MA		Aug 16, 1909	Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory	c. 1888		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Pearl and Centre Sts.	Shoe Factory
M-0764	Leighton & Valentine Co. NY City		Aug. 27, 1911	Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory	c. 1888		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Pearl and Centre Sts.	Shoe Factory
M-0765				Leonard and Barrows Shoe Factory	c. 1888		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Pearl and Centre Sts.	Shoe Factory
M-0766	Middleborough Tercentenary Book		1969	Plymouth Shoe Company	c. 1888		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Pearl and Centre Sts.	Shoe Factory
M-0767	Middleboro Gazette			Former Earth Shoe Building			Middleborough Centre 18	Pearl St.	Night Watch
M-0768	Middleboro Gazette		June 26, 1986	Former Leonard and Barrows Site	c. 1888		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Pearl and Centre Sts.	Factory Remains
M-0769	Mark Covell	Mark Covell	1996	Egger's Furniture	1987		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Pearl and Centre Sts.	Furniture Store
M-0770	The Middleborough Antiquarian		c. 1900	Dr. Silliker House			Middleborough Centre 18	Oak St.	Dwelling
M-0771	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Pearl St. House			Middleborough Centre 18	Pearl St.	Dwelling
M-0772	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Descoulias House			Middleborough Centre 18	Pearl St.	Dwelling
M-0773	The Middleborough Antiquarian			Richmond's Grocery			Middleborough Centre 18	Pearl St.	Business
M-0774	Postcard		mid 1920's	Sherman's Bicycle Shop			Middleborough Centre 18	Pearl St.	Business
M-0775	The Middleborough Antiquarian		c. 1900	Aragon Hotel	c. 1884		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Pearl and Centre Sts.	Business
M-0776	Advertising Card		c.1910	Aragon Hotel Card			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Pearl and Centre Sts.	Advertising
M-0777	Middleboro Gazette Realty Ad			Aragon Hotel			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Pearl and Centre Sts.	Business
M-0778	Middleboro Gazette	Cynthia Ballou	Aug 27, 1987	Centre Street Stores			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Multi-Purpose
M-0779	Middleboro Gazette		1942	Shaw's Furniture Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Business
M-0780				Washing Machine			Middleborough Centre 18		Washing Clothes
M-0781	The Middleborough Antiquarian		c. 1890	A Centre Street View			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Streetscape
M-0782	The Middleborough Antiquarian		c. 1910	Kingman Shoe Factory			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Factory
M-0783	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Central Café			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Business
M-0784	The Middleborough Antiquarian			"The Maples"			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Oak and Centre Streets	Dwelling
M-0785	The Middleborough Antiquarian			"The Maples"			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Oak and Centre Streets	Dwelling
M-0786	Mark Covell	Mark Covell	1996	Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Oak and Centre Streets	Business
M-0787	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Oak and Centre Streets	Business
M-0788	Middleboro Gazette pg. 19 Oct. 31, 1991		1930's	Centre Street View			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Streetscape

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M-0789	Postcard		1906	Oak Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Oak St.	Streetscape
M-0790	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		1910	William M. Haskins Home			Middleborough Centre 18	Oak St.	Dwelling
M-0791	Sacred Heart Church 1985 Centennial		1985	Sacred Heart Convent			Middleborough Centre 18	Oak St.	Religious Dwelling
M-0792	Sacred Heart Church 1985 Centennial		Oct. 1964	First Sisters Arrive			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Welcome Tea
M-0793	Postcard		1910	Centre Street Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Parade
M-0794	The Middleborough Antiquarian		c. 1910	Washburn Bassett Home			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Oak and Centre Streets	Dwelling
M-0795	Sacred Heart Church 1985 Centennial		1985	Father Joseph Shea Center	1965		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Oak and Centre Streets	Religious Education
M-0796	Sacred Heart Church 1985 Centennial		1985	Sacred Heart Parish Hall	1985		Middleborough Centre 18	Oak St.	Muli-Use
M-0797	Mark Covell	Mark Covell	1996	Father Joseph Shea Center	1965		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Oak and Centre Streets	School
M-0798	Postcard		1908	Oak Street			Middleborough Centre 18	Oak St.	Streetscape
M-0799	Alberta Soule	Unknown	Nov 1966	North Street	1872		Middleborough Centre 18	North Street	Dwelling
M-0800	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1995	Albert Soule Home			Middleborough Centre 18	Oak St.	Dwelling
M-0801	Hilton & Hilton Postcard Lakeville MA	Hilton & Hilton	1980	Oak Hill Nursing Home	1960		Middleborough Centre 18	North Street	Nursing Home Business
M-0802	Hilton & Hilton Postcard Lakeville MA	Hilton & Hilton	1980	Oak Hill Nursing Home	1960		Middleborough Centre 18	North Street	Nursing Home
M-0803	Middleborough Antiquarian		1968	Watering Trough			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Oak and North Streets	
M-0804	J.H. Frank Postcard No. B11103		Sept 29, 1911	Isaac Thompson Homestead	1804		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Oak and North Streets	Dwelling
M-0805	Middleborough Antiquarian		1980	Isaac Thompson Homestead	1804		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Oak and North Streets	Dwelling
M-0806	Middleborough Antiquarian		1980	Isaac thompson Barn	c. 1781		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Oak and North Streets	
M-0807	Middleborough Antiquarian		1910	Civil War Soldiers			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Parade
M-0808	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		1906	C.D. Kingman Residence			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Dwelling
M-0809	Postcard No. 1543 9851		1911	C.D. Kingman Residence			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Dwelling
M-0810	Tichnor Quality View No. 120455		1920	St. Luke's Hospital	1920		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Hospital
M-0811	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		May 25, 1921	St. Luke's Hospital	1920		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Hospital
M-0812	American Art Postcard Boston #205		1956	St. Luke's Hospital	1920		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Hospital
M-0813	Middleboro Gazette 1981	Clint Clark	1981	St. Luke's Hospital			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Hospital
M-0814	New Bedford News Postcard #45119			St. Luke's Hospital			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Hospital
M-0815	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1960	Original St. Luke's Hospital			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Nurse's Building
M-0816	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1971	St. Luke's Club Service Awards			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	"Mother of the Year"
M-0817	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	April 8, 1971	St. Luke's Hospital Club			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Check Presentation
M-0818	Mark Covell	Mark Covell	1996	Cranberry Specialty Hospital			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Hospital
M-0819	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Cranberry Specialty Hospital			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Hospital
M-0820	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		1930	Old George Leonard House			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Dwelling
M-0821	Middleborough Antiquarian	Clint Clark	1972	The "Dr. Ellis" House			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Dwelling
M-0822	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Dec. 26, 1974	Former Sheriff Wheeler Home			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	House Raising
M-0823	Mark Covell	Mark Covell	1996	Medical Building			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Forest and Centre Streets	Doctors' Offices
M-0824	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Medical Building			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Forest and Centre Streets	Doctors' Offices
M-0825	Butman's Studio, Middleborough, MA	Butman	1897	Forest Street Standpipe	1885		Middleborough Centre 18	Forest Street	Water Fire District
M-0826	F.N. Whitman Postcard No. 219		Dec. 19, 1905	Forest Street View			Middleborough Centre 18	Forest Street	Streetscape
M-0827	F.N. Whitman Postcard No. 123693		Sept. 2, 1907	Forest Street View			Middleborough Centre 18	Forest Street	Streetscape
M-0828	Middleborough Antiquarian		1910	View from Standpipe	c. 1895		Middleborough Centre 18		Panormic View
M-0829	Middleboro Gazette		1970	Thompson Home	c. 1920's		Middleborough Centre 18	Forest Street	Dwelling
M-0830	Postcard		1901	Flora M. Clark School	1900		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Forest and Frank Streets	Education
M-0831	Middleboro Gazette Reflections		1900	F.A. Nichols Store	mid 1800		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Store
M-0832	Middleboro Gazette Reflections Sept. 26, 1985		1910	Nichols Store Clerks	mid 1800		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Store
M-0833	1895 Middleborough Directory pg. 52		1895	Church of Sacred Heart	1880		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Religious
M-0834	Butman's Studio, Middleborough, MA	Butman	1897	Sacred Heart Church	July 1881		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Religion
M-0835	Postcard		1900	Sacred Heart Church	1880		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Religion
M-0836	Danziger & Berrman Postcard Conn.		1913	Sacred Heart Church	1890		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Religion
M-0837	Postcard		1912	Sacred Heart Church	1880		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Religion
M-0838	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		1912	Sacred Heart Church	1880		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Religion
M-0839	John H. Frank Postcard A/10866		Sept 13, 1907	Sacred Heart Church	1880		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Religion

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M-0840	Sacred Heart Church 1985 Centennial		June 9, 1918	Sacred Heart Church	1918		v	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Religious Dedication
M-0841	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		1920	Sacred Heart Church	June 9, 1918	Charles Greco	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Religion
M-0842	Sacred Heart Church 1985 Centennial		1985	Sacred Heart Rectory	1933		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Religious Dwelling
M-0843	American Art Postcard Boston #202		1943	Sacred Heart Church	1917	Charles Greco	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Religion
M-0844	American Art Postcard Co., Brookline, MA No. 202		1943	Sacred Heart Church	1917	Charles Greco	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Religion
M-0845	Robert Gross	Robert Gross	1943	Sacred Heart Church Interior	1917	Charles Greco	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Religion
M-0846	Middleborough Antiquarian		1969	Sacred Heart Church	1917	Charles Greco	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Religion
M-0847	C.T. American Art Postcard No. A-77321		1920	Sacred Heart Church	1917	Charles Greco	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Religion
M-0848	Marsha Detsikas		June 16, 1973	Sacred Heart Church Interior	1917		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Religious Wedding
M-0849	Middleboro Gazette		1985	Sacred Heart Church	1917		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Religion
M-0850	Middleboro Gazette		1985	Sacred Heart Church	1917		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Religion
M-0851	Marsha Detsikas		June 16, 1973	Sacred Heart Church	1917		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Church
M-0852	Middleboro Gazette		Mar 15, 1990	Sacred Heart Church	1917	Charles Greco	Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and Oak Streets	Bell Tower Renovation
M-0853	Middleboro Gazette	Michael Mello	1987	Marra's Barber Shop	1987		Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Barber Shop
M-0854	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		1905	July 4th, 1905 Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Parade
M-0855	Middleborough Antiquarian		1905	July 4th, 1905 Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Parade
M-0856	Snapshot Douglas White	Douglas White	1917	1917 Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Parade
M-0857	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		1900	Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Parade
M-0858	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Oct 29, 1987	Jewel of Architecture			Middleborough Centre 18	Everett Square	Architecture
M-0859	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		pre 1900	Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Everett Square	Parade
M-0860	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		pre 1900	Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Everett Square	Parade
M-0861	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		pre 1900	Everett Square			Middleborough Centre 18	Everett Square	Parade
M-0862	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		1910	Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Everett Square	Parade
M-0863	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		1909	Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Everett Square	Parade
M-0864	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		1910	Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Everett Square	Parade
M-0865	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		1909	Parade			Middleborough Centre 18	Everett Square	Parade
M-0866	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		1900	Everett Square Business			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	
M-0867	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1970's	Centre Street View			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Streetscape
M-0868	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		1900	Middleborough Pharmacy			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and High Streets	
M-0869	Middleboro Gazette		Mar 17, 1984	Marzelli Block			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Centre and High Streets	Street scene
M-0870	Middleboro Gazette	Charlie Perry	Jan 17, 1985	Middleborough Trust Company			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Bank Reconstruction
M-0871	Middleboro Gazette	Charlie Perry	Jan 17, 1985	Middleborough Trust Company			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Bank Reconstruction
M-0872	Middleboro Gazette	Special Photo	1985	Middleborough Trust Company			Middleborough Centre 18	Award Winner Bank	
M-0873	Middleboro Gazette		mid 1980's	Babaian's Market Grand Opening			Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Market Grand Opening
M-0874	H.R. Dickerman & Son Taunton #56903		1900's	Everett Square			Middleborough Centre 18	Everett Square	
M-0875	1895 Middleborough Directory		1895	Thomas Spooner Jr. Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Everett and Arch Streets	
M-0876	Middleboro Gazette		1895	Thomas Spooner Jr. Store			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Everett and Arch Streets	Grocery and Bakery
M-0877	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		1900	Thomas Spooner Jr. Delivery Wagon			Middleborough Centre 18	Arch Street	Grocery Delivery
M-0878	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		1910	Sampson House			Middleborough Centre 18	Everett Street	Dwelling
M-0879	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Old State Police Building			Middleborough Centre 18	Everett Street	Dwelling
M-0880	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Old State Police Building			Middleborough Centre 18	Everett Street	Dwelling
M-0881	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Purchade School			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Plymouth and Everett Streets	Garage
M-0882	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Purchade School			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Plymouth and Everett Streets	Garage
M-0883	C.T. American Art Postcard No. A-58270		June 18, 1919	Everett Square			Middleborough Centre 18	Everett Square	Panoramic View
M-0884	Miss Abigail Warren		1895	Clark and Lovell Grocery			Middleborough Centre 18	Center Avenue	Grocery Business
M-0885	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Royal Café			Middleborough Centre 18	Center Avenue	
M-0886	John David Rockwell		1911	Bay State St. Railway Freight House Everett Sq.			Middleborough Centre 18	Center Avenue	Warehouse
M-0887	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1979	Former Casket Works			Middleborough Centre 18	Cambridge Street	
M-0888	Middleborough Antiquarian	Clint Clark	1989	C.P. Washburn Warehouse			Middleborough Centre 18	Cambridge Street	Multi-Purpose
M-0889	The Brockton Enterprise	Dick Arikian	Aug 15, 1996	Washburn Storage Building			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Cambridge Street and Center Ave.	Warehouse Fire
M-0890	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	Aug 22, 1996	Washburn Storage Building			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Cambridge Street and Center Ave.	Warehouse Fire Aftermath

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M-0891	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	mid 1970's	C.P. Washburn Grain Mill			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Cambridge Street and Center Ave.	Business
M-0892	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	C.P. Washburn Grain Mill			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Cambridge Street and Center Ave.	Business
M-0893	Mertie Romaine's History pg. 60		1895	C.W. Thomas Livery Stable			Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Business
M-0894	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1970's	Litho Polish American Club			Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Private Club
M-0895	John David Rockwell Jr.	John David Rockwell Jr	c 1846	Map Showing New Haven's First R.R. Station			Middleborough Centre 18	Diorama	Map
M-0896	Postcard		1850	Old Colony Railroad Engine #8			Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Early Steam Engine
M-0897	Lakeville Historical Museum	Butman's Studio	1895	Freight House			Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Freight House
M-0898	Middleborough Antiquarian		1913	Cavalry Arriving for War Maneuvres			Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Cavalry Arrival
M-0899	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		1916	Cavalry Ready to Move Out-Camp Joe Hooker			Middleborough Centre 18	Vine Street	Cavalry Arrival
M-0900	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	mid 1980's	Looking Past Freight House			Middleborough Centre 18	Off Station Street	Streetscape
M-0901	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1960's	Looking Past Old Freight House to Grain Mill			Middleborough Centre 18	Railroad Tracks	Panoramic View
M-0902	John David Rockwell Jr.		c. 1923	Rail Switch House			Middleborough Centre 18	Behind Freight House	Move Rail Tracks
M-0903	History of Middleborough, Mertie Romaine		1918	Welcome Home Sign			Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	End of World War I
M-0904	Walter Wiksten		1943	Wiksten Milk Wagon			Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Parade Unit
M-0905	Walter Wiksten		1943	Horse Driven and Motorized Vehicles			Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Parade Unit
M-0906	Walter Wiksten		1943	Wiksten Milk Delivery Wagon			Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Parade Unit
M-0907	Walter Wiksten		1943	Wiksten Freight Wagon			Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Parade Unit
M-0908	Walter Wiksten		1943	Line-up Horse and Motorized Vehicles			Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Parade Unit
M-0909	Walter Wiksten		1943	Wiksten Freight Wagon			Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Parade Unit
M-0910	Walter Wiksten		1943	Wiksten Freight Wagon			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Parade Unit
M-0911	Walter Wiksten		1943	Wiksten Parade Float			Middleborough Centre 18	Cedar Street	Parade Float Preparation
M-0912	Walter Wiksten		1943	Wiksten Freight Wagon			Middleborough Centre 18	Cedar Street	Wiksten Freight Wagon
M-0913	Walter Wiksten		1943	Wiksten Dairy			Middleborough Centre 18	Cedar Street	Milk Bottling
M-0914	Walter Wiksten		1943	Wiksten Dairy Fleet			Middleborough Centre 18	Cedar Street	Dairy Fleet
M-0915	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Nov 26, 1987	Frank Wiksten			Middleborough Centre 18	Unknown	Milk Home Delivery
M-0916	John David Rockwell		1890	Railroad Station Floor Plan	1890		Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Show Station Layout
M-0917	John David Rockwell Jr.		c. 1900	Drawing Old Colony Railroad Station Interior	1890		Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Show Station Interior
M-0918	John David Rockwell Jr.		1890	Old Colony Railroad Station	1890		Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Show Station Interior
M-0919	Rhode Island News Company		1906	Railroad Station	1890		Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Rail Transport
M-0920	Middleboro Gazette 1931		1895	Old Hose No. 3 at Depot			Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Firefighters Muster Greeting
M-0921	Cover of Middleborough Antiquarian		c. 1903-1912	Middleborough Fire Department			Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Fire Department at Depot
M-0922	H.A. Dickerman & Son Taunton Mass.	Postcard 56908-4092	1910	Railroad Station	1890		Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Rail Transport
M-0923	Danziger & Berman New Haven Conn		Jun 10, 1910	Railroad Station	1890		Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Rail Transport
M-0924	Leighton & Valentine Co. NY City		Jul 29, 1910	Railroad Station	1890		Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Rail Transport
M-0925	F.N. Whitman, Middleborough Mass	Post Card No. 227	1910	Railroad Station	1890		Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Rail Transport
M-0926	Walter L. Beals Post Card	Walter L. Beals	Apr 23, 1909	Railroad Station	1890		Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Rail Transport
M-0927	F.N. Whitman, Middleborough Mass	Post Card No. 123696	1910	Railroad Station	1890		Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Rail Transport
M-0928	John David Rockwell Jr.	John David Rockwell Jr	Jun 30, 1959	Railroad Station	1890		Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Rail Transport Last Train
M-0929	John David Rockwell Jr.	John David Rockwell Jr	1961	Unplowed New Haven Rail Yard	1890		Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Unplowed Rail Yard
M-0930	John David Rockwell Jr.	John David Rockwell Jr	Dec 20, 1976	New Haven Rail Yard Looking South			Middleborough Centre 18	Off Station Street	Rail Transport
M-0931	John David Rockwell Jr.	John David Rockwell Jr	Oct 15, 1979	Budd-Line at Depot			Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Special Rail Tour
M-0932	John David Rockwell Jr.	John David Rockwell Jr	1979	New Haven's "Flying Dude"			Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Train (Steam) at Station
M-0933	John David Rockwell Jr.	John David Rockwell Jr	1979	New Haven Railroad Yard			Middleborough Centre 18	Off Station Street	Rail Yards
M-0934	John David Rockwell Jr.	John David Rockwell Jr	Feb 9, 1978	Russell Snow Plow			Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Plowing Rails
M-0935	John David Rockwell Jr.	John David Rockwell Jr	Feb 9, 1978	New Haven's Russell Plow			Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Clearing the Rails
M-0936	John David Rockwell Jr.	John David Rockwell Jr	Dec. 22, 1986	Railroad Yard Looking North			Middleborough Centre 18	Off Station Street	Railscape
M-0937	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		c 1930	Train Wreck			Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Railroad Accident
M-0938	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		c. 1930	Clearing Train Wreckage			Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Clearing Wreckage
M-0939	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1995	Railroad Station	1890		Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Before Cleanup
M-0940	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1995	Railroad Station Ruins	1890		Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Before Cleanup
M-0941	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1993	Railroad Station	1890		Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Station Remains

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M-0942	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Apr 1, 1993	Railroad Station	1890		Middleborough Centre 18	Station Street	Burnt Out Shell of Station
M-0943	Middleborough Antiquarian		mid 1800's	Bay State Straw Works	1855		Middleborough Centre 18	Courtland Street	Manufacture of Straw Hats
M-0944	Middleborough Historical Commission	Stereopic Card	1875	Bay State Straw Works	1855		Middleborough Centre 18	Courtland Street	Making Straw Hats
M-0945	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		1855	Bay State Straw Works	1850		Middleborough Centre 18	Courtland Street	Making Straw Hats
M-0946	Middleboro Gazette 1931		c. 1850	Bay State Straw Works	1846		Middleborough Centre 18	Courtland Street	Making Straw Hats
M-0947	Middleborough Antiquarian		mid 1850's	Bay State Straw Works Workers			Middleborough Centre 18	Courtland Street	Group Photo
M-0948	J.H. Frank Postcard No. B3780		Jul 24, 1914	Alger Box Factory			Middleborough Centre 18	Alden Street	Making Cardboard Boxes
M-0949	Middleborough Antiquarian		1910	Alger Paper Box Factory			Middleborough Centre 18	Alden Street	Make Cardboard Boxes
M-0950	Middleborough Antiquarian		1910	Alger Paper Box Factory			Middleborough Centre 18	Alden Street	Group Photo
M-0951	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Jun 2, 1983	Everett Square			Middleborough Centre 18	Everett Square	Panoramic View
M-0952	Middleboro Gazette	Charlie Perry	1980's	Everett Square			Middleborough Centre 18	Everett Square	Panoramic View
M-0953	Middleboro Gazette	Cynthia Ballou	Nov 27, 1986	Farrar's Clerk with Store Owners			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street & Center Ave. Everett Square	Group Photo
M-0954	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	Jan 2, 1997	Jane and Harry Reed			Middleborough Centre 18	Everett Square	Retirement Photograph
M-0955	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1997	Farrar's	pre 1900		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner Center Avenue and Centre Street	End of an Era Business
M-0956	Middleboro Gazette		1987	The Timothy Leary Home			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Dwelling
M-0957	Ansco Company Binghamton NY	William J. Thibault		Church of Christian Scientist			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Religious
M-0958	Lakeville Historical Museum	Butman's Studio	1875	J.K. & B. Sears & Company			Middleborough Centre 18	Vine Street	Lumber Yard
M-0959	Sears Billhead			J.K. & B. Sears & Company	1888		Middleborough Centre 18	Vine Street	Lumber Sales
M-0960	Museum Post Card		1920	J.K. & B. Sears & Company	1888		Middleborough Centre 18	Vine Street	Lumber Yard
M-0961	Lakeville Historical Museum		1875	Murdock Parlor Grate Co.			Middleborough Centre 18	Cambridge Street	Foundry
M-0962	Postcard #7	Butman's Studio	1889	Hathaway Soule & Harrington	c. 1887		Middleborough Centre 18	Cambridge Street	Shoe Factory
M-0963	Rhode Island News Company		Oct 4, 1913	Maxim Planing Mill			Middleborough Centre 18	Cambridge Street	Manufacturing
M-0964	Postcard #24	Butman's Studio	1895	Clark & Cole			Middleborough Centre 18	Cambridge Street	Manufacture of Wood Prods
M-0965	Middleborough Antiquarian		1900	Clark & Cole			Middleborough Centre 18	Cambridge Street	Manufacture of Wood Boxes
M-0966	Photograph		1900	Clark & Cole			Middleborough Centre 18	Cambridge Street	Manufacture of Wood Boxes
M-0967	Postcard	Butman's Studio	Jul 9, 1919	Lobl Company			Middleborough Centre 18	Cambridge Street	Manufacture of Surgical Supp
M-0968	A.M. Foster, Middleborough, Mass.	Postcard	1910	George E. Keith	1905		Middleborough Centre 18	Lane Street	Manufacture of Shoes
M-0969	Rhode Island News Company	Postcard #4600	1907	George E. Keith	1905		Middleborough Centre 18	Lane Street	Shoe Manufacture
M-0970	Ansco Company Binghamton NY	Postcard #42		George E. Keith	1905		Middleborough Centre 18	Lane Street	Shoe Manufacture
M-0971	Souther Mears Post Card Boston		Apr 25, 1910	George E. Keith	1905		Middleborough Centre 18	Lane Street	Shoe Manufacture
M-0972	Leighton & Valentine Co.	Postcard No. 215436	Aug 2, 1911	George E. Keith	1905		Middleborough Centre 18	Lane Street	Shoe Manufacture
M-0973	F.N. Whitman, Middleborough Mass	Postcard No. 354	1906	George E. Keith Engine Room	1905		Middleborough Centre 18	Lane Street	Shoe Manufacture
M-0974	F.N. Whitman, Middleborough Mass	Postcard No. 356	1909	George E. Keith Stiching Room	1905		Middleborough Centre 18	Lane Street	Shoe Manufacture
M-0975	Old Middleborough 1976 Calendar		1912	George E. Keith Company	1905		Middleborough Centre 18	Lane Street	Shoe Manufacture
M-0976	F.N. Whitman, Middleborough Mass	Postcard No. 353	c. 1909	George E. Keith	1905		Middleborough Centre 18	Lane Street	Shoe Manufacture
M-0977	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		c. 1909	George E. Keith	1905		Middleborough Centre 18	Lane Street	Shoe Manufacture
M-0978	Dan Casieri, Staff Reporter		Sept 24, 1985	Middleboro Home Center			Middleborough Centre 18		Lumber Yard
M-0979	Mertie Romaine's History pg. 47		1909	Ernest Pratt Ice Wagon			Middleborough Centre 18	East Main Street	Ice Delivery
M-0980	Middleboro Gazette Apr 4, 1996	Clint Clark	mid 1940's	Joseph Jacintho, Iceman			Middleborough Centre 18	Centre Street	Ice Delivery Man
M-0981	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		c. 1895	West Side School	1893		Middleborough Centre 18	West End Avenue	Eduation
M-0982	School Department		c. 1970's	West Side School	1893		Middleborough Centre 18	West End Avenue	Eduation
M-0983	Middleboro Gazette Reflections		1907	1907 West Side Class	1893		Middleborough Centre 18	West End Avenue	Class Photo
M-0984	Middleboro Gazette	Beth Brooks	1991	West Side School	1893		Middleborough Centre 18	West End Avenue	Last Day
M-0985	Post Card		c. 20's-40's	Russell's Grove Cabins			Middleborough Centre 18	Route 28	Traveler's Lodging
M-0986	Post Card		c. 20's-40's	Russell's Grove Cabins			Middleborough Centre 18	Route 28	Traveler's Lodging
M-0987	Post Card		c. 20's-40's	Russell's Grove Cabins			Middleborough Centre 18	Route 28	Traveler's Lodging
M-0988	Middleborough Tercentenary Book 1969		1969	Rae's Colonial Gift Shoppe			Middleborough Centre 18	Route 28	Home Furnishing
M-0989	Middleborough Antiquarian	H.M. Wood	1935	Middleborough Rotary	1932		Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Crossroads	Aerial View Traffic
M-0990	Postcard	H.M. Wood	1935	Howard Johnson's			Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Middleborough Rotary	Restaurant
M-0991	Postcard		1950	Red Coach Grille			Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Middleborough Rotary	Restaurant
M-0992	Middleboro Gazette		Jan 9, 1986	Bridgewater Savings Bank			Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Middleborough Rotary	Bank Grand Opening

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M-994	Middleboro Gazette Reflections pg. 30	Nick Roberts Courtesy	1950's	Dunbar's Socony			Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Route 18	Service Station
M-995	Middleboro Gazette Reflections pg. 30	Nick Roberts Courtesy	1950's	Dunbar's Mobile Station			Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Route 18	Service Station
M-996	Middleboro Gazette	Cynthia Ballou	Jul 9, 1987	The Perez Leonard House	Early 1800's		Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Bedford Street Route 18	Ex Dwelling - Moving Day
M-997	Middleboro Gazette	Cynthia Ballou	Jul 9, 1987	The Perez Leonard House	Early 1800's		Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Bedford Street Route 18	Move Preparation
M-998	Middleboro Gazette		1987	The Perez Leonard House	Early 1800's		Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Bedford Street Route 18	Destruction Bee Hive Oven
M-999	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	Aug 20, 1987	The Perez Leonard House	Early 1800's		Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Bedford Street Route 18	Moving
M-1000	Brockton Enterprise	Craig Murray	Aug 12, 1987	The Perez Leonard House	Early 1800's		The Green 3, Rotary B1	Plympton Street	On the road
M-1001	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	Apr 18, 1991	The Perez Leonard House	Early 1800's		The Green 3, Rotary B1	Eat Main Street Pratt Farm	Last Move
M-1002	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	1992-93	The Perez Leonard House	Early 1800's		The Green 3, Rotary B1	East Main Street Pratt Farm	Stripping of Old Wood
M-1003	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	1992-93	The Perez Leonard House	Early 1800's		The Green 3, Rotary B1	East Main Street Pratt Farm	Roof and Wall Framing
M-1004	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	1992-93	The Perez Leonard House	Early 1800's		The Green 3, Rotary B1	East Main Street Pratt Farm	Roof Tar Papering
M-1005	Brockton Enterprise	Bert Lane	1996	Christmas Tree Shops	1996		Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Bedford Street Route 18	Distribution Ctr. Open House
M-1006	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	Sept 5, 1996	Christmas Tree Shop Distribution Center	1996		Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Bedford Street Route 18	Distribution Ctr. Open House
M-1007	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	Sept 5, 1996	Christmas Tree Shop Distribution Center	1996		Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Bedford Street Route 18	Distribution Ctr. Open House
M-1008	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	Sept 5, 1996	Christmas Tree Shop Distribution Center	1996		Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Bedford Street Route 18	Distribution Ctr Loading Dock
M-1009	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	Sept 25, 1986	"Weathercock Farm"	c. 1750		Purchade 22	Bedford Street Route 18	Dwelling
M-1010	Envelope		1940s	Middleborough Comm'l Club Town Promotion			Middleborough Centre 18		Advertising Middleborough
M-1011	F.W. Arnold Post Card	Robert Arnold	1960	Mello's Package Store			Rte. 44	Rte. 44	Liquor Sales
M-1012	Middleborough Antiquarian		1970's	Middleborough Rotary			Purchade 22, Rotary B1		Aerial View
M-1013	Post Card		1970's	New Red Coach Grille	c. 1966		Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Bedford Street	Restaurant
M-1014	Middleboro Gazette	Ocean Spray Courtesy	Jan 5, 1989	Ocean Spray Corporate Headquarters	1988		Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Bedford Street Route 18	Corporate Headquarters
M-1015	The Brockton Enterprise	Dick Arikian	Jan 1, 1989	Ocean Spray Corporate Headquarters	1988		Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Bedford Street Route 18	Corporate Headquarters
M-1016	Middleboro Gazette		1970's	Former Brown's Gas Station			Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Rotary Circle	Former Gas Station
M-1017	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	April 25, 1985	Farmstand	1985		Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Route 28	Farmstand Business
M-1018	Robert Hudson Associates Brockton		1970's	Lorenzo's Italian Drive In			Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Route 28, Cranberry Highway	Restaurant Grand Opening
M-1019	Roy Zalen Company Post Card	Roy Zalen	1980's	Lorenzo's Italian Drive In			Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Route 28	Restaurant
M-1020	Lorenzo's Restaurant	Dick Arikian	1984	Lorenzo's Italian Restaurant			Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Route 28	Restaurant
M-1021	Middleborough Tercentenary Book 1969		1969	S. Barnicoat Monument Co.			Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Route 28	Monument Sales
M-1022	Middleboro Gazette	Charlie Perry	Sept 25, 1986	Branch Office Middleborough Trust Company	1986	Ted Eayres Jr.	Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Route 28	Bank Grand Opening
M-1023	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Former Cyr's Restaurant			Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Route 28	Week Before Demolition
M-1024	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	Dec 4, 1997	Dave's Diner	1997		Purchade 22, Rotary B1	West Grove Street Route 28	Building Assembly
M-1025	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	Dec 4, 1997	Dave's Diner	1997		Purchade 22, Rotary B1	West Grove Street Route 28	Diner Finishing Touches
M-1026	Willens & Company Post Card		1950's	China Villa Restaurant			Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Corner Taunton Street and Route 28	Restaurant
M-1027	Middleborough Tercentenary Book 1969		1969	Hughs Ford Inc.			Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Corner Taunton Street and Route 28	Auto Sales and Service
M-1028	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Mobile Service Station			Purchade 22, Rotary B1	Corner Taunton Street and Route 28	Service Station Remodeling
M-1029	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Aug 15, 1974	Pioneer Restaurant			Middleborough Centre 18	Route 28	Restaurant & Bar
M-1030	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	State Police Barracks			Middleborough Centre 18	Route 28	Offices & Garage
M-1031	Post Card		1960's	Middleborough Steak House			Middleborough Centre 18	Route 28	Restaurant
M-1032	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Connolly Office Building			Middleborough Centre 18	Route 28	Office Space
M-1033	Middleboro Gazette	Charlie Perry	Aug 22, 1985	West Grove Street Office Building	1985		West Grove St. West Side A4	West Grove Street Route 28	
M-1034	Middleboro Gazette		Oct 16,1986	Office Building			West Grove St. West Side A4	West Grove Street Route 28	New Office Building
M-1035	Middleboro Gazette	Edward Philips	1950's	New Grove Street Overpass	1950's		Middleborough Centre 18	West Grove Street	Street Raising
M-1036	Middleboro Gazette	Edward Philips	1950's	House in the Air	1950's		Middleborough Centre 18	West Grove Street	House Raising
M-1037	Middleboro Gazette	Williams Studio	April 1, 1949	Sunken American Motor Co. Garage			Middleborough Centre 18	West Grove Street	Street Raising
M-1038	Post Card		1950	"Billy" Rose Auto Sales			Middleborough Centre 18	West Grove Street	Auto Sales
M-1039	Middleborough Tercentenary Book 1969		1969	A & W Root Beer Stand			Middleborough Centre 18	West Grove Street	Beverages
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M-1045	Grace Carey Wilbur		1960's	O'Hara House	mid 1800's		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of West Grove and So. Main Streets	
M-1046	Grace Carey Wilbur		1960's	The Fish House	mid 1800's		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of West Grove and So. Main Streets	
M-1047	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Shell Station Garage			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of West Grove and So. Main Streets	Gas Station
M-1048	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Shell Station			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of West Grove and So. Main Streets	Gas Station
M-1049	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1965	Judge Wilkes Wood House	early 1700's		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Dwelling
M-1050	The Middleborough Antiquarian	Clint Clark	1965	Judge Wilkes Wood House	early 1700's		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Dwelling
M-1051	Middleboro Gazette c. 1933		c. 1875	Judge Wood Law Office			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Law Office
M-1052	Middleboro Gazette	Janet Lopes	Mar 9, 1995	Former Super Place	1966		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Business
M-1053	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Oct 7, 1996	Former Super Place	1966		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Business Demolition
M-1054	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1910	Briggs House	Early 1800's		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Dwelling
M-1055	Middleborough Tercentenary Book 1969		1969	Middleborough Trust Company	1967		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Bank
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M-1057	Postcard		1875	Lovell House	1700's		Wappanucket 16	Vaughn Street	Dwelling
M-1058	Postcard		Oct 8, 1907	Vaughn Street Bridge			Wappanucket 16	Vaughn Street	Water Crossing
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M-1060	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	c. 1970	Steam Engine at Tri-level			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Train at Tri Level
M-1061	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Charles W. Clark House	1914		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Dwelling
M-1062	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Mendes Casoni House	c. 1940		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Dwelling
M-1063	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1970	"Sign of the Times"			Middleborough Centre 18	Route 105	Aerial View
M-1064	Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough	Walter Thompson		George Stetson House	1855		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Dwelling
M-1065	Finest Magazine		1956	First National	1956		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of East Grove and South Main Sts	Grocery Grand Opening
M-1066	Finest Magazine		1970	First National	1956		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of East Grove and South Main Sts	Grocery
M-1067	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	c. 1988	Old First National Grocery Store	1956		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner of East Grove and South Main Sts	Advertising Tower Removal
M-1068	Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough		1900	John M. Soule House	pre 1855		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Dwelling
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M-1070	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Stegmaier House			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Dwelling
M-1071	Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough		1900	William Bourne Wood	1860		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Dwelling
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M-1076	Ansco Company Post Card NY	Postcard	1910	Andrew Pickens	mid 1800's		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Dwelling
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M-1080	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Mayflower School	1957		Middleborough Centre 18	Mayflower Ave.	School
M-1081	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Mayflower School	1957		Middleborough Centre 18	Mayflower Ave.	School
M-1082	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Burkland School	1956		Middleborough Centre 18	Mayflower Ave.	School
M-1083	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Aug 8, 1988	Burkland School	1956		Middleborough Centre 18	Mayflower Ave.	School Fire
M-1084	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1988	Henry B. Burkland School	1956		Middleborough Centre 18	Mayflower Ave.	School Fire Aftermath
M-1085	The Brockton Enterprise	Dick Arikian	Aug 20, 1988	Henry B. Burkland School	1956		Middleborough Centre 18	Mayflower Ave.	School Fire Aftermath
M-1086	Middleboro Gazette		1965	Orrin Smith House	1902		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main & Mayfower Ave.	Dwelling
M-1087	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	"Vickery Manse"	1881		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Dwelling
M-1088	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Vickery Manse	1881		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Dwelling
M-1089	Mrs. Helen Harvey	FF Dunshee & AE Hill	1900	Hannah Bartlett Griffith Shaw	1933		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Benefactor
M-1090	Middleboro Gazette	Charlie Perry	1970's	Montgomery Home for Aged People	c. 1865		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Home for the Aged
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M-1094	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Montgomery Home Barn	1888		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Barn
M-1095	Sunday Enterprise		Feb 28, 1988	Hannah Bartlett Griffith Shaw	mid 1920's		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	
M-1096	Postcard	Postcard	1940	Hannah B. G. Shaw Home for the Aged	c. 1900		Middleborough Centre 18	Wareham Street	Home for the Aged
M-1097	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1950's	Seventh Day Adventists			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Religious
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M-1100	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	1996	Barrows House			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Dwelling
M-1101	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark		Barrows Mansion			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Masonic Temple
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M-1103	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	1995	Philander Washburn House			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner South Main and Webster Sts.	Ramp Erection
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M-1108	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Mar 15, 1979	Elderly Housing Development Kitchen	1978		Middleborough Centre 18	off Benton Street	Elderly Housing
M-1109	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	Mar 15, 1979	Elderly Housing Project	1978		Middleborough Centre 18	off Benton Street	Elderly Housing
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M-1121	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Zachariah Eddy House	1834		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	
M-1122	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	The Gertrude Kenyon House	1803-1860		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Stret	
M-1123	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Tucker Homestead	1700-1800		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Dwelling
M-1124	Middleboro Gazette	Michael Mello	1990	Tucker Homestead	1700-1800		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Dwelling
M-1125	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Medeiros House	1700-1800		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Dwelling
M-1126	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	Sept 29, 1988	Andrew's Home	1855		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Dwelling
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M-1128	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Andrew's Homestead	1855		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Dwelling
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M-1137	Ansco Company Post Card NY	Postcard	1910	Silas Wood			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	
M-1138	Middleboro Gazette		c. 1875	The Silas Wood House	1771		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Dwelling
M-1139	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	William S. Andrews Home			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Dwelling
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M-1143	H.A. Dickerman & Son	Postcard	1920	South Main Street Intersection			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Streetscape
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M-1145	John Rockwell		1910	Brockton/ Middleborough Trolley			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Transportation
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M-1147	Ansco Company Post Card NY		1940	Henry Sears Home	1900		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner South Main Street & Courtland St.	Dwelling
M-1148	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Mental Health Center	1900		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner South Main Street & Courtland St.	Dwelling
M-1149	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1992	Pickens House	1813-1815		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner South Main Street & Courtland St.	Dwelling
M-1150	H.A. Dickerman & Son	Postcard	1920	South Main Street View			Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	Streetscape
M-1151	Middleboro Gazette		1960	Fred N. Whitman Home	1899		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner South Main Street & Courtland St.	Dwelling
M-1152	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Fred N. Whitman Home	1899		Middleborough Centre 18	Corner South Main Street & Courtland St.	Dwelling
M-1153	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	The James H. Kennedy Home	1899		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street	
M-1154	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	"Lynde House"	1916		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street and Bourne Street	Dwelling
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M-1156	Ansco Company Post Card NY	Postcard	1915	J. Augustine Sparrow House	1910		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street and Bourne Street	Dwelling
M-1157	Middleboro Gazette		1960	J. Augustine Sparrow House	1910		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street and Bourne Street	Dwelling
M-1158	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	J. Augustine Sparrow House	1910		Middleborough Centre 18	South Main Street and Bourne Street	Dwelling
M-1159	Photo		1915	Trolley Plow conference			Middleborough Centre 18	Corner South Main and East Grove Streets	Transportation
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M-1164	Brockton Enterprise	Gil Bliss	May 20, 1986	Albert Thomas House			Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Dwelling
M-1165	The Middleborough Antiquarian	Walter Beals	1911	Walter Beals Home			Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Dwelling
M-1166	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	Feb 6, 1997	Former Greenlawn Nursing Home			Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Homeless Shelter
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M-1172	Burdett	Burdett	1977	Japan Works	1856		Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Manufacturing
M-1173	Burdett	Burdett	1997	Japan Works	1886		Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Manufacturing
M-1174	Burdett	Burdett	1997	Japan Works	1886		Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Manufacturing
M-1175	Brockton Enterprise	Dick Arkian	1980	McMenamy's Seafood	1980		Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Restaurant
M-1176	Yankee Colour Corp.	Postcard		Eugene's Restaurant			Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Restaurant
M-1177	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Riverside Restaurant			Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Restaurant
M-1178	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	YMCA	1979		Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Youth Activities
M-1179	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	YMCA	1979		Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Youth Activities
M-1180	Ansco Company Post Card NY	Postcard	1900	East Grove Street Bridge			Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	
M-1181	The Middleborough Antiquarian		early 1900's	Nemasket River at the East Grove St. Bridge			Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Recreation
M-1182	Ansco Company Post Card NY	Postcard	1910	Pumping Station	1885		Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Municipal Water Supply
M-1183	Ansco Company Post Card NY	Postcard	1910	Pumping Station	1885		Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Municipal Water Supply
M-1184	J.H. Frank No. D3715	Postcard	1910	Pumping Station and Japan works	1885		Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Municipal Water Supply
M-1185	Ansco Company Post Card NY	Postcard	1910	Water Filter Tank	1885		Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Aeration
M-1186	Leighton & Valentine Co.	Postcard	1910	Pumping Station showing Boat Dock	1890		Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Municipal Water Recreation
M-1187	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	Sept 25, 1986	Middleborough Pumping Station	1885		Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Pump Town Water
M-1188	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	Sept 25, 1986	Pumping Station Water Aeration			Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Water Aeration
M-1189	Middleboro Gazette			Pumping Station Filter Beds			Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Water Filtration
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M-1191	Photo		1910	Assawampsett			Middleborough Centre 18		Recreation
M-1192	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	M. High School	c. 1970		Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	
M-1193	Kaeser & Blair, Inc.	Postcard	1920	Ballou Woods Cabins			Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Tourist Trade
M-1194	National Press Inc. North Chicago	Postcard	1940's	Allan's Cabins			Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Traveler's Accomodations
M-1195	Middleboro Gazette		1980	Hillcrest Mobile Home Park			Middleborough Centre 18	East Grove Street	Housing
M-1196	Ansco Company Post Card NY	Postcard	1930	Poor Farm	1906		Wappanucket 16	Bridge Street	Home for Needy
M-1197	Ansco Company Post Card NY	Postcard	1930	Poor Farm	1906		Wappanucket 16	Bridge Street	
M-1198	The Middleborough Antiquarian		c. 1930	Andrew Eaton House	early 1800's		Fall Brook 14	Corner of Cherry and East Grove Streets	Dwelling
M-1199	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1971	Andrew Eaton House	early 1800's		Fall Brook 14	Corner of Cherry and East Grove Streets	Dwelling
M-1200	Middleboro Gazette		1930	Fairview Driving Park	c. 1905		Fall Brook 14	Corner of Cherry and East Grove Streets	Race Track
M-1201	Weston's History, pg. 303			Old Methodist Church			Fall Brook 14	Cherry Street	House of Worship
M-1202	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1998	Old Methodist Church Rectory			Fall Brook 14	Corner of Cherry and East Grove Streets	Rectory
M-1203	Thomas Weston's Middleborough History		1905	Old Fall Brook Furnace	c. 1735		Fall Brook 14	East Grove Street	Blast Furnace
M-1204	Middleboro Gazette 1931		1875	Miller Homestead	c. mid 1800's		Fall Brook 14	East Grove Street	Dwelling
M-1205	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1970	Miller House Front Door			Fall Brook 14	East Grove Street	Entrance
M-1206	Middleboro Gazette 1931			Miller House			Fall Brook 14	Wareham Street	Dwelling
M-1207	Middleboro Gazette 1931		1875	The Fall Brook Mill			Fall Brook 14	off Wareham Street	Sawmill
M-1208	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark		Reynolds Sawmill			Fall Brook 14	off Wareham Street	Sawmill
M-1209	Ed Shaw	Stereoptic Card	closed 1923	Fall Brook School			Fall Brook 14	Sachem Street	Education
M-1210	Middleboro Gazette 1931		1875	Jerimiah Thomas House	c. 1715		Thomastown 8	Sachem Street	Dwelling
M-1211	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	Jerimiah Thomas House	c. 1715		Thomastown 8	Sachem Street	Dwelling
M-1212	Middleboro Gazette	Architects Drawing	Sept 25, 1997	John T. Nichols Jr. Middle School	1998	Drummey, Rosane	Middleborough Centre 18	Tiger Drive	Education
M-1213	Middleboro Gazette	Architects Drawing	Sept 25, 1997	John T. Nichols Jr. Middle School	1998	Drummey, Rosane	Middleborough Centre 18	Tiger Drive	Education
M-1214	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	Feb. 12, 1998	Middle School	1998	Drummey, Rosane	Middleborough Centre 18	Tiger Drive	Education
M-1215	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	June 4, 1998	Middle School	1998	Drummey, Rosane	Middleborough Centre 18	Tiger Drive	Education
M-1216	Middleborough Antiquarian	Lyman Butler	1969	Joshua Wood Place	late 1600's		Fall Brook 14	Corner Wood and Sachem Streets	Dwelling
M-1217	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	Joshua Wood Place	late 1600's		Fall Brook 14	Corner Wood and Sachem Streets	Dwelling
M-1218	RI New Company Providence No. D4317		1910	East Main Street Scene			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Day's Work is Over
M-1219	H.A. Dickerman & Son Taunton #56904	Postcard	July 17, 1921	Nemasket Woolen Mills	1863		Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Manufacturing
M-1220	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Winthrop Atkins			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Manufacturing
M-1221	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Little Walker House			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Dwelling
M-1222	Ansco Company Post Card NY		Dec 6, 1906	Farwell Mill	1863		Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Cloth Weaving
M-1223	H.A. Dickerman & Son Taunton #56029		1911	Nemasket Mill			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Cloth Weaving
M-1224	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1954	Star Mill Millpond			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Fertilizer and Cat Food
M-1225	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1954	Star Mill Millpond Dam			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	
M-1226	Clint Clark			Star Mill Millpond Dam			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	
M-1227	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1954	Star Mill Millpond			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Fertilizer and Cat Food
M-1228	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1954	Star Mill Millpond			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Fertilizer and Cat Food
M-1229	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1954	Star Mill Millpond			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Fertilizer and Cat Food
M-1230	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1954	Star Mill Millpond			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Fertilizer and Cat Food
M-1231	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1954	Star Mill Millpond			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Fertilizer and Cat Food
M-1232	Albert Croutworst Photo		May 7, 1943	Commercial Fishing			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Herring Fishing
M-1233	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1954	Star Mill Millpond			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Fertilizer and Cat Food
M-1234	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1954	Star Mill Millpond			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Fertilizer and Cat Food
M-1235	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1954	Millpond at Star Mill			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Fertilizer and Cat Food
M-1236	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1954	Star Mill Millpond			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Fertilizer and Cat Food
M-1237	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1954	Star Mill Millpond			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Fertilizer and Cat Food
M-1238	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1954	Star Mill Millpond			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Fertilizer and Cat Food
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M-1241	Albert Croutworst Photo		May 1943	Star Mill Millpond			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Fertilizer and Cat Food
M-1242	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1954	Star Mill Millpond			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Fertilizer and Cat Food
M-1243	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1954	Star Mill Millpond			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Fertilizer and Cat Food
M-1244	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1954	Star Mill Millpond			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Fertilizer and Cat Food
M-1245	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1954	Star Mill Millpond			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Fertilizer and Cat Food
M-1246	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1954	Star Mill Millpond			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Fertilizer and Cat Food
M-1247	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1954	Star Mill Millpond			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Fertilizer and Cat Food
M-1248	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1965	Millpond Fill-In			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Millpond Fill-In
M-1249	Clint Clark	Clint Clark		Millpond Fill-In			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Millpond Fill-In
M-1250	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1960	Altering the Course of the River			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	
M-1251	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1960	Star Mill Millpond			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Commercial Fishing
M-1252	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1960	New Riverbed, New Bridge			Middleborough Centre 18-A6		Changing the River
M-1253	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1960	New Riverbed			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	
M-1254	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1960	New Bridge View			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	
M-1255	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1960	New Bridge View			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	
M-1256	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1960	Millstones			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	
M-1257	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1960	Millstones			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	
M-1258	Irene Freitas		1956	Walker Company			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Manufacture
M-1259	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Whitney House			Middleborough Centre 18	Mayflower Ave.	Dwelling
M-1260	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Whitney House			Middleborough Centre 18	Mayflower Ave.	Dwelling
M-1261	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Whitney House			Middleborough Centre 18	Mayflower Ave.	Dwelling
M-1262	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Mansfield Whitney House	1951		Middleborough Centre 18		
M-1263	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Winthrop Atkins	early 1960		Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Office & Warehouse
M-1264	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Winthrop Atkins	early 1960		Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Office & Warehouse
M-1265	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1970	The Wading Pool			Middleborough Centre 18-A6	East Main Street	Historic Designation
M-1266	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	The Judge House			The Green 3	East Main Street	Dwelling
M-1267	Middleborough Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	A Pratt House			The Green 3	Sachem Street	Dwelling
M-1268	Middleboro Gazette		1970	George Place Home			The Green 3	East Main Street	Dwelling
M-1269	Middleboro Gazette		1970	George Place Home			The Green 3	East Main Street	Dwelling
M-1270	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1971	Pratt Homestead	c. 1777		The Green 3	East Main Street	Dwelling
M-1271	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1905	Louise Pratt			The Green 3	East Main Street	
M-1272	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1940	Pratt's Ice pond			The Green 3	East Main Street	Skating
M-1273	Ruth Gates	Ruth Gates	1996	First Congregation Church	1828		The Green 3	6 Plympton Street	Church
M-1274	History of Middleborough Thomas Weston	Old Pencil Drawing		Second Meeting House	1700		The Green 3	Corner Wood and Plymouth Streets	Church
M-1275	Thomson & Thomson Boston MA	Postcard	1910	First Congregation Church	1828	James Sproat	The Green 3	Plympton Street	Church
M-1276	First Congregational Church	Postcard	1910	First Congregation Church	1828	James Sproat	The Green 3	Plympton Street	Church
M-1277	Leighton & Valentine co.	Postcard	1910	First Congregation Church	1828	James Sproat	The Green 3	Plympton Street	Church
M-1278	History of Middleborough Thomas Weston		1829	Pulpit of First Church	1828	James Sproat	The Green 3	Plympton Street	Preaching
M-1279	Middleboro Gazette			Pulpit of First Church	1828	James Sproat	The Green 3	Plympton Street	Preaching
M-1280	Middleboro Gazette		1970	First Church Interior	1828	James Sproat	The Green 3	Plympton Street	Church
M-1281	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1969	First Church Steeple	1828	James Sproat	The Green 3	Plympton Street	Bell Tower
M-1282	Ruth Gates	Ruth Gates	1969	First Congregation Church	1828	James Sproat	The Green 3	Plympton Street	Church
M-1283	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	The Green Cemetery	1717		The Green 3	Plympton Street	Burial
M-1284	Middleborough Savings Bank Calendar		1898	The Sproat Tavern	1700	James Soule, Bldr.	The Green 3	Plymouth Street	Tavern
M-1285	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Sproat Tavern Site	1700		The Green 3	Plymouth Street	
M-1286	History of Middleborough Thomas Weston			Colonel Ebenezer Sproat			The Green 3		
M-1287	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Sproat Tavern Barn	1700		The Green 3	Plymouth Street	Tavern Barn
M-1288	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Sproat Tavern Barn	1700		The Green 3	Plymouth Street	Tavern Barn
M-1289	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1970	Sproat Tavern Outhouse	1700		The Green 3	Cambridge Street	Toilet

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M-1290	Middleboro Gazette		c. 1875	Home of Rev. Sylvanus Conant	1752		The Green 3	Plympton Street	Dwelling
M-1291	Middleboro Gazette		c. 1875	Sturtevant House	late 1700		The Green 3	Plymouth Street	Dwelling & Doctor's Office
M-1292	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1905	The Green School			The Green 3	Corner East Main and Wood Streets	Education
M-1293	The Middleborough Gazette		1925	The Green School			The Green 3	Corner East Main and Wood Streets	School
M-1294	Middleboro Gazette		late 1980	The Green School			The Green 3	Corner East Main and Wood Street	Kindergarten
M-1295	Brockton Enterprise	Craig Murray	June 19, 1991	The Green School	founded 1856		The Green 3	Corner East Main and Wood Street	Kindergarten
M-1296	Middleboro Gazette		1890	Old Fessenden Blacksmith Shop/Griffith Store			The Green 3	Corner East Main and Plymouth Streets	Smithy and Business
M-1297	Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough		1895	E.W. Fessenden Blacksmith Shop			The Green 3	Corner East Main and Plymouth Streets	Smithy
M-1298	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Abair's Apartments			The Green 3	Corner East Main and Plymouth Streets	Rental Property
M-1299	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		1910	Nemasket Railroad Station			The Green 3	Plympton Street	Station
M-1300	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		1909	Troops on Nemasket Overpass			The Green 3	Plympton Street	1909 War Games
M-1301	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		1909	James Sparrow Home			The Green 3	Plympton Street	Dwelling
M-1302	Betty Connolly	Paul Connolly	1960	Plympton Street Home	1940		The Green 3	Plympton Street	
M-1303	Betty Connolly	Paul Connolly	1960	Plympton Street Home	1940		The Green 3	Plympton Street	Moving Day
M-1304	Betty Connolly	Paul Connolly	1965	Connolly Home			Middleborough Centre 18	Oak Street	Dwelling
M-1305	Clint Clark	Clint Clark	1960	Another Plympton St. Home Being Moved			The Green 3	East Main Street	
M-1306	The Middleborough Antiquarian		c. 1890	The John Bennett Home	1687		The Green 3	Plympton Street	Dwelling
M-1307	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	First Thompsonville School	pre 1850		Thompsonville 6	Thompson Street	
M-1308	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	First Thompsonville School	pre 1850		Thompsonville 6	Thompson Street	
M-1309	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1996	Original Thompsonville School	pre 1850		Thompsonville 6	Thompson Street	
M-1310	Middleboro Gazette		1970	4-H Clubhouse	1854		Thompsonville 6	Thompson Street	
M-1311	Middleboro Gazette		1933	Ritchie House	late 1700		Muttock 4	Plymouth Street	
M-1312	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		1905	Nemasket Hill Cemetery	1662		Muttock 4	Plymouth Street	
M-1313	Leighton & Valentine co.	Postcard	1915	Nemasket Hill	1915		Muttock 4	Plymouth Street	
M-1314	Historical Commission	Janet Griffith	1985	Nemasket Cemetery Entrance	1921		Muttock 4	Plymouth Street	
M-1315	Thomson & Thomson Boston MA		Dec 5, 1915	Early Footbridge			Muttock 4		Cross Nemasket River
M-1316	Thomson & Thomson Boston MA	Postcard	1910	Footbridge			Muttock 4		
M-1317	Bob Gross	Bob Gross	1943	Cemetery Footbridge	1919		Muttock 4		
M-1318	The Middleborough Antiquarian	Lyman Butler	Winter 1944	Footbridge in winter	1919		Muttock 4		
M-1319	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	1987	Footbridge Remains			Muttock 4		River Crossing
M-1320	Middleboro Gazette	Janet Lopes	1987	Nemasket Hill Cemetery Steps	1987		Muttock 4		Staircase
M-1321	Weston's History of Middleborough			Judge Peter Oliver			Muttock 4		
M-1322	Weston's History of Middleborough			Plan of Judge Oliver's Estate and Works			Muttock 4		Site Location
M-1323	The Middleborough Antiquarian	James Maddigan Artist	1775	Judge Oliver's Estate and Works			Muttock 4		A Muttock Sketch
M-1324	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1966	Diarama of Oliver's Iron Works			Muttock 4		
M-1325	The Middleborough Antiquarian			James Bowdoin			Muttock 4		
M-1326	The Middleborough Antiquarian		c. 1875	A Muttock View			Muttock 4		
M-1327	Bank Calendar		1875	Muttock Bridge			Muttock 4	Nemasket Street	Panoramic View
M-1328	The Middleborough Antiquarian			Muttock Bridge			Muttock 4	Nemasket Street	
M-1329	Postcard		pre 1900	Muttock Bridge			Muttock 4	Nemasket Street	
M-1330	Walter Beals Postcard Middleboro	Walter Beals	July 30, 1908	Muttock Bridge	1818		Muttock 4	Nemasket Street	River Crossing
M-1331	Leighton & Valentine co.	Postcard	Dec. 9, 1913	Muttock Bridge			Muttock 4	Nemasket Street	Traverse River
M-1332	Velox Postcard	Postcard	1908	Railroad Trestle behind the Oliver House			Muttock 4		
M-1333	Steve Perchard	Steve Perchard	1994	Muttock Ruins			Muttock 4	off Nemasket Street	Autumn Colors
M-1334	Steve Perchard	Steve Perchard	1994	Muttock Ruins			Muttock 4	off Nemasket Street	Autumn Colors
M-1335	Steve Perchard	Steve Perchard	1994	A Mallard Duck			Muttock 4	off Nemasket Street	Local Wildlife
M-1336	Winslow Family Pictures		1943	Colonel Weston's Muttock Manse	1830		Muttock 4	Nemasket Street	Dwelling
M-1337	Winslow Family Pictures		1943	The Weston House			Muttock 4	Nemasket Street	Dwelling
M-1338	Winslow Family Pictures		1958	The Weston House	c. 1830		Muttock 4	Nemasket Street	Dwelling
M-1339	Winslow Family Pictures		1958	The Weston House	c. 1830		Muttock 4	Nemasket Street	Dwelling

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M-1341	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1972	The Sproat House Doorway	c. 1769		Muttock 4	Plymouth Street	Entrance
M-1342	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1972	Sproat House Fireplace	c. 1769		Muttock 4	Plymouth Street	Heat
M-1343	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1972	Sproat House Staircase	c. 1769		Muttock 4	Plymouth Street	Stairs to Bedroom
M-1344	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1972	Sproat House Staircase	c. 1769		Muttock 4	Plymouth Street	Stairs to Bedroom
M-1345	Postcard		1910	The Sproat House			Muttock 4	Plymouth Street	Dwelling
M-1346	Middleborough Historical Commission	Stereoptic Card	1895	The Muttock School	c. 1815		Muttock 4	Corner Plymouth and Precinct Streets	Education
M-1347	Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough		1912	The Muttock School	c. 1815		Muttock 4	Corner Plymouth and Precinct Streets	Education
M-1348	Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough			John Weston House	c 1734		Warrentown 19	Plymouth Street	
M-1349	The Middleborough Antiquarian	Lyman Butler	1970	Hinckley House	early 1800		Warrentown 19	Plymouth Street	Dwelling
M-1350	Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough	Brady Negative	Feb. 10, 1863	Gen Tom Thumb & Lavinia Warren's Wedding	Feb 10, 1863		Warrentown 19	New York City NY	Fairy Wedding
M-1351		Brady Negative	Feb 10, 1863	Gen Tom Thumb & Lavinia Warren's Wedding			Warrentown 19	New York City NY	Fairy Wedding
M-1352	Middleboro Gazette			Birthplace of Middleborough Lilliputians			Warrentown 19	Plymouth Street	Dwelling
M-1353	The Middleborough Antiquarian			Warren Farmhouse			Warrentown 19	Plymouth Street	Dwelling
M-1354	The Middleborough Antiquarian			The Bump House			Warrentown 19	Corner Plymouth and Summer Streets	Dwelling
M-1355	Mertie Romaine's History of Middleborough			General and Mrs. Tom Thumb Home	c. 1875		Warrentown 19	Plymouth Street	Dwelling
M-1356	Henry A. Dickerman & Son	Postcard	Jan. 1, 1910	General and Mrs. Tom Thumb Home	c. 1875		Warrentown 19	Plymouth Street	Dwelling
M-1357	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1889	A Tom Thumb Coach			Warrentown 19	Plymouth Street	Traveling
M-1358	Middleborough Historical Commission		1969	General Tom Thumb			Warrentown 19		
M-1359	Middleborough Historical Commission		1969	Mrs. Tom Thumb			Warrentown 19		
M-1360				General Tom Thumb and wife			Warrentown 19		
M-1361	Handout			Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thumb			Warrentown 19		
M-1362	Middleboro Gazette	Special Photo		Silver Horse and Carriage			Warrentown 19	Plymouth Street	Ornament Wedding Gift
M-1363	Postcard	Postcard		Count and Countess Magri			Warrentown 19	Corner Plymouth and Summer Streets	
M-1364	Postcard	Postcard		Count Primo Magri			Warrentown 19	Summer Street	At Work
M-1365				Countess Lavinia Magri			Warrentown 19	Summer Street	On the Job
M-1366	The Middleborough Antiquarian			Primo's Pastime			Warrentown 19	Summer Street	Business
M-1367	Sam Pierce			Ruth and Count Magri			Warrentown 19	Summer Street	Posing for Camera
M-1368	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1970s	Eddy House			Eddyville A7	Raven Street	Dwelling
M-1369	Middleboro Gazette		Sept. 25, 1986	Samuel Eddy Home			Eddyville A7	Plympton Street	Dwelling
M-1370	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes		Samuel Eddy Home			Eddyville A7	Plympton Street	Dwelling
M-1371	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	Sept 29, 1988	Joshua Eddy Store			Eddyville A7	Plympton Street	Dwelling
M-1372	Middleboro Gazette	Jane Lopes	Sept 29, 1988	Joshua Eddy Store	mid. 1700's		Eddyville A7	Plympton Street	Dwelling
M-1373	Middleboro Gazette		1996	Eddy House			Eddyville A7	Corner Carmel & Plympton Street	Dwelling
M-1374	History of Middleborough Thomas Weston			Zachariah Eddy			Eddyville A7	Corner Carmel & Plympton Street	
M-1375	H.K. Barnett Postcard	Thomas A. C. Eddy	1969	The Eddy Homestead	1803		Eddyville A7	Corner Plympton & Cedar Streets	House Museum
M-1376	Middleboro Gazette		May 8, 1997	Eddy Homestead Front Parlor			Eddyville A7	Corner Plympton & Cedar Streets	Museum
M-1377	The Middleborough Antiquarian	Jane Lopes	1989	Eddy Homestead Window	1803		Eddyville A7	Corner Plympton & Cedar Streets	House Museum
M-1378	The Middleborough Antiquarian	Jane Lopes	1989	Eddy Homestead Bed	1803		Eddyville A7	Corner Plympton & Cedar Streets	House Museum
M-1379	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1810	Zachariah Eddy Law Office			Eddyville A7	Plympton Street	Former Law office
M-1380	The Middleborough Antiquarian			Zachariah Eddy Law Office			Eddyville A7	Plympton Street	Museum
M-1381	Postcard		1940	Zachariah Eddy Law Office			Eddyville A7	Plympton Street	Museum
M-1382	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1930	Soule Home	1837		Soule Neighborhood 1	Cedar Street	Dwelling
M-1383	The Middleborough Antiquarian		mid 1800	Soule Sawmill	early 1800		Soule Neighborhood 1	Soule Street	Sawmill
M-1384	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1902	The Soule School 1902	early 1800		Soule Neighborhood 1	Winter Street	School Class Picture
M-1385	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1902	The Soule School 1902	early 1800		Soule Neighborhood 1	Winter Street	School Class Picture
M-1386	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1960	Soule Homestead			Soule Neighborhood 1	Soule Street	Farm
M-1387	The Middleborough Antiquarian		1970	Smallpox Cemetery	1777		Soule Neighborhood 1	Corner of Soule and Brook Streets	Cemetery
M-1388	Reggie Washburn Standard Times			Waterville School	1877		Waterville 2	Corner Carmel & Plympton Street	School Closing
M-1389	Walter Thompson	Walter thompson	1996	Former Waterville School	1877		Waterville 2	Corner Carmel & Plympton Street	Dwelling

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M-1390	Joan Tripp			Washburn Home			Waterville 2	Plymouth Street	Dwelling
M-1391	Joan Tripp			Chester Washburn Home			Waterville 2	Plymouth Street	Dwelling
M-1392	Ansco Company Binghamton NY	Postcard		Savery's Pond View			Waterville 2	Plymouth Street	
M-1393	Postcard	Postcard		Mill Building			Waterville 2	Plymouth Street	Mill
M-1394	Ansco Company Binghamton NY		1910	So. Middleborough School	orig 1882		South Middleborough	Wareham St.	Education
M-1395	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1997	Rock Village School	1897		Rock 13	Miller Street	Education
M-1396	Helen Harvey		1910	Highland Street School			Highland Street 12	Highland Street	Education
M-1397	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1998	Wappanucket School			Wappanucket 16	Walnut Street	Education
M-1398	Middleboro Gazette	Clint Clark	1970	Plymouth Street School	1902		Titicut 20	Plymouth Street	Education
M-1399	Walter Thompson	Walter Thompson	1998	Pleasant Street School	1902		Titicut 20	Pleasant Street	Education
M-1400	Postcard			Pratt Free School	1856		Titicut 20	Plymouth Street	Education